

# JAMAICA

A GVSU FACULTY LED PROGRAM



## JAMAICAN CULTURE & EDUCATION

SPRING 2012

OPEN TO STUDENTS PURSUING A MASTERS IN EDUCATION  
AND UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT INTERESTED IN A CAREER IN STUDENT AFFAIRS

### TELL ME ABOUT THIS PROGRAM

This Program is designed to take graduate students in the College Student Affairs Leadership program as well as graduate students in the Adult & Higher Education program to the University of the West Indies (UWI) in Mona, Jamaica. Students will spend a majority of the time at the University's Mona campus and at least two other branches (Montego Bay and Kingston) in the 14-campus system, learning about international higher education, especially in a multi-country regional campus.

The trip will also include visits to Seaford Town Technical College and the College of Agriculture and Science Education. Students will be exposed to the Caribbean higher educational system, people and culture, economic climate, history, and the struggles of a developing country. Students will be immersed in service learning experiences benefiting a Jamaican educational institution, and will be challenged to reflect on this experience as well the trip as a whole.

### WHEN CAN I GO?

This program will take place during the spring semester of 2012. The program orientation will begin on the GVSU campus four weeks pre-departure. Tentative program dates for travel to Jamaica are set for May 5 - May 20.

### WHERE WILL I LIVE?

Program participants will reside at Taino Cove resort in St. Elizabeth, and in the residence halls of the University of West Indies in Mona with students and staff.

### WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE?

Eligibility to enroll in EDG 601. Minimum cumulative GPA 3.0 (graduates) 2.5 (undergraduates). Undergraduate students who are interested in a career in student affairs may be considered. A successful application and two letters of recommendation must be submitted by the deadline of **February 1, 2012**.

## WHAT CREDITS WILL I RECEIVE?

Students will register for a total of 3 credits:

**EDH 601: Jamaican Culture and Education**  
*Three credits*



## HOW MUCH DOES THIS PROGRAM COST?

The approximate fee for this program is \$2,919\*

### Program Fee Includes:

- Round trip transportation from Grand Rapids
- Housing
- Most meals
- Field trips
- All ground transportation
- UWI faculty lectures

### Additional Costs:

- GVSU Graduate tuition (3 credits—\$1,948)
- International Student ID (\$30)
- Passport/photos (\$140)
- Personal expenses (\$140)
- Additional meals (\$126)

**Total Projected Cost:** \$2,919 (program fee) + \$1,948 (additional costs) = \$4,867\*

\*Fee subject to adjustments based on actual exchange rates and international airfare.

## FINANCIAL AID

Many types of financial aid such as loans, grants, and scholarships, are available to GVSU students and can be used for meeting the cost of this program. All GVSU students in good academic standing are eligible to apply for loans. Early application for financial aid is strongly recommended. Please note that graduate students must enroll for at least 4.5 credits during the spring/summer semester to be eligible for federal student aid.

## GRANTS

GVSU offers grants to be used specifically for faculty-led programs. These grants, which are approximately \$500, are based on financial need only; academic or other criteria are not taken into consideration. All degree-seeking students accepted into a GVSU faculty-led program are automatically considered for the grant if they have a current FAFSA on file in the Financial Aid Office. No application required.

## HOW DO I APPLY?

To apply for this program, log on to [www.gvsu.edu/studyabroad](http://www.gvsu.edu/studyabroad) to begin your online application. Completed applications must be submitted by **February 1, 2012**.

## WHO CAN TELL ME MORE?

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