

# DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

A GVSU FACULTY-LED PROGRAM



## Dominican Republic: Spanish (2020 Program) Open to: Requires a

### TELL ME ABOUT THIS PROGRAM

\*\*\* PLEASE NOTE: The information on this page is for the 2017 program. Program details may be similar, but are subject to change. \*\*\*

**Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic** — This program offers students the opportunity to expand their knowledge of the language and cultures of the Spanish-speaking world while living in the oldest European settlement in the Americas. Santo Domingo is at once a bustling urban center and a relic of the Spanish Caribbean colonial past. Students will experience the rich Dominican culture through excursions to the coastal village of Samaná, in the humpback whale breeding ground of Samaná Bay; Los Haitises National Park, renowned for some of the richest biodiversity in the Caribbean; Santiago de los Caballeros, the second largest city in the Dominican Republic and the economic center of the fertile Cibao Valley; and the gorgeous beaches of Guayacanes, in the east coast, and Sosúa-Cabarete in the north. Cultural activities include dance lessons, museums, archeological sites, and more.

#### Program Highlights:

- Expand knowledge of Spanish Language and Culture
- Participate in service-learning opportunity with a local organization
- Excursions include Samaná, Santiago de los Caballeros, Playa Guayacanes, Sosúa-Cabarete, and more
- Activities include dance lessons, visits to museums, and archaeological sites

### WHEN CAN I GO?

\*\*\* Program expected to run summer 2020\*\*\*

### WHERE WILL I LIVE?

Program participants will stay with host families.

### WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE?

Requires a "C" or better in SPA 322. 2.0 GPA required.

GVSU is happy to extend this opportunity to [non-GVSU students](#).

### 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.

**APPLICATION DEADLINE (2020 Program): February 1, 2020**

**Non-GVSU Students** are welcome to apply. Please view [Non-GVSU Student Information](#)

### WHAT CREDITS WILL I RECEIVE?

Students will register for a total of 6 credits:

**SPA 312:** Latin American Civilization and Culture II (3 credits) AND

**SPA 308:** Spanish Phonetics (3 credits)

These courses fulfill Spanish major requirements.

Independent studies credits are available.

Language of instruction: Spanish

## HOW MUCH DOES THE PROGRAM COST?

The approximate fee for this program is Program Fee: \$3,510.

### Includes

- Round-trip transportation from Grand Rapids
- Accommodation
- Most meals
- Field trips and entrance fees
- All ground transportation

### Other Expenses

- GVSU Tuition - 6 credits (\$3,036)
- Passport (\$140)
- Personal expenses (\$300)
- Additional meals (\$350)
- ISIC card - optional (\$28)

**Total Estimated Cost: TOTAL PROJECTED COST (Program Fee + Other Expenses) = \$7,364**

## FINANCIAL AID

To contact the Financial Aid office, email [finaid@gvsu.edu](mailto:finaid@gvsu.edu) with "Study Abroad" in the Subject line. Include your **G Number** and **Total Projected Cost** of the program in the e-mail.

**Non-GVSU Students:** Non-GVSU students admitted for study abroad are not eligible for Financial Aid from GVSU. Check with your home school's study abroad and financial aid offices for details on applying for financial aid from your home school toward study abroad program costs.

[Financial Aid FAQs](#)

## GRANTS

**FACULTY-LED PROGRAM GRANT: up to \$1,500.** All degree-seeking students who apply to their faculty-led program by the priority deadline are automatically considered for a grant of up to \$1,500 from the Padnos International Center. Students must have a current FAFSA on file to be eligible. No application required.

**James F. and Virginia L. Goode Global Programs Scholarship:** The purpose of the scholarship is to reduce the financial pressure on students and their families and make a Grand Valley education accessible to students from all backgrounds. This need-based scholarship will ensure that financial need does not become a barrier to intellectual and personal growth for students planning to study abroad.

MyScholarships: <https://gvsu.academicworks.com/opportunities/10186>

Visit [www.gvsu.edu/studyabroad/scholarships](http://www.gvsu.edu/studyabroad/scholarships) for additional information on grants and scholarships.

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