

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

A GVSU FACULTY-LED PROGRAM



Dominican Republic: Graduate Education Open to: All graduate students.

TELL ME ABOUT THIS PROGRAM

Santiago, Dominican Republic — This program is designed to give graduate students in the College of Education (COE) an opportunity to learn about social and cultural differences and apply their learning to systems of education in the U.S. while visiting the Dominican Republic. The EDF 672 Social and Cultural Foundations of Education course is one of two courses (EDF 671 & ED 672) that graduate students are required to take in the COE Foundations unit. EDF 672 will be offered as a study abroad section in the Dominican Republic. Students will enroll for the spring 2014 session at GVSU and spend two of those six weeks in the Dominican Republic. Three pre-departure meetings will take place while in the U.S. For distance students, these meetings will be available via Skype. Additionally, a web-enhanced component will be available for students to complete some course work prior to leaving for the Dominican Republic. Program excursions include trips to Centro Leon Museum, the capital Santo Domingo, local cultural excursions, and Sosua beach. An emphasis on higher education will be included in the curriculum. Students will visit two very different universities in Santo Domingo and in Santiago. They will learn about the structure, organization, and student experiences (school persistence) in both the private and public university system in Dominican Republic.

Program Highlights:

- Learn about structure, organization, and Dominican student experiences in public and private schools
- Visit public and private universities
- Meet with Dominican grassroots community organizers and educational activists
- Participate in a service learning opportunity (optional)
- Program excursions include trips to Centro Leon Museum, the capital Santo Domingo, local cultural excursions, a museum of Dominican/Haitian relations, and Sosua beach

[Dominican Republic Graduate Education Flickr Cultural Information](#)

WHEN CAN I GO?

May 17- 29, 2018 (2 weeks)

WHERE WILL I LIVE?

Program participants will live with host families. Host families will provide three meals per day and laundry services. All students will have private rooms.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE?

This program is open to all graduate students with a minimum GPA of 3.0. Spanish language ability is not 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 to begin your online application.

APPLICATION DEADLINE (2018 Program): **February 1, 2018**

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 3 credits:

EDF 699: Dominican Republic: Independed Study (3 credits) **OR**

EDF 672: Social and Cultural Foundations of Education* (3 credits)

*This course is one of the two education Foundation courses from which all College of Education graduate level students must choose

Language of Instruction: English

HOW MUCH DOES THE PROGRAM COST?

The approximate fee for this program is Program Fee: \$3,000.

Includes

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

Other Expenses

- GVSU Tuition - 3 credits (\$1,956)
- Passport (\$140)
- Personal expenses (\$100)
- ISIC card - optional (\$28)
- Additional Meals (\$40)

Total Estimated Cost: TOTAL PROJECTED COST (Program Fee + Other Expenses) = \$5,264

FINANCIAL AID

To contact the Financial Aid office, email 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.

GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIPS: Students with Graduate Assistantships (or other programs that offer tuition waivers/discounts) should check with their supervisor to see if they can apply that benefit to this program.

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.

Visit www.gvsu.edu/studyabroad/scholarships for additional information on grants and scholarships.

WHO CAN TELL ME MORE?

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