BRAZIL
GLOBAL PUBLIC HEALTH SEMINAR IN SALVADOR, BRAZIL

Maymester Study Abroad Program: May 6–29, 2016

THE PROGRAM
The program will provide an educational and cultural opportunity for 15-20 graduate students interested in global public health research with a focus on public health across the lifespan and public health research and practice as conducted in Salvador, Brazil. The aim is to prepare our students to be informed and exposed to public health issues from a global perspective. Students will gain invaluable knowledge and skills that will augment their academic preparation here at Georgia State University. The program will include: in-class instruction, weekly public health field trips in the city of Salvador, cross cultural lectures, and an applied research project as well as language instruction and homestays. Students will also participate in two weekend excursions in the state of Bahia. The program objectives are to develop coursework around global epidemiology focused on the social epidemiology of health disparities; epidemiology across the life span; epidemiology, health information systems, and universal health care; and foster analytic tools and approaches to public health research, with instruction coming from professors at Georgia State University and the Institute of Collective Health at the Federal University of Bahia (ISC) as well as through the Associação Cultural Brasil-Estados Unidos (ACBEU).

ACCOMMODATIONS
Students will participate in a homestay with a Brazilian family located near ACBEU. Through an application and matching process, students will be paired with families which have been carefully selected by the professional ACBEU staff. Living with a family will offer students the opportunity to learn about Brazilian customs, culture, and cuisine as well as have the chance to interact daily using and improving their language skills. The homes are located within close proximity of the ACBEU and ISC campuses and include scheduled meals, a private room and laundry services.

ACCOUTENT ITINERARY

- Travel to and from Salvador, the capital of Bahia
- Weekend excursions to Lenços and a day-long trip to Praia do Forte in the state of Bahia
- Cultural immersion through homestays with Brazilian families
- Interaction with faculty and students from the Institute of Collective Health at the Federal University of Bahia
- Hands-on field experiences in public health research and practice
- Portuguese language courses
- Cultural excursions and lectures examining the history and heritage of Salvador, Bahia, Brazil

APPLICATION DEADLINE: DECEMBER 15, 2015

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DISABILITY ACCOMMODATION
Students with documented disabilities who may need accommodations during their study abroad experience should discuss these needs with the Program Director and the Office of Disability Services at the time of application.

ELIGIBILITY
Students must be enrolled in graduate courses. Students from all disciplines are welcome to participate in the course especially given that we will focus on chronic disease, infectious disease, health disparities and social determinants of health all of which can be applicable across disciplines. Program size is limited and participation is contingent upon acceptance by the Program Director.

CREDITS AND COURSES
Participants who successfully complete the program’s course will receive 3 semester hours of course credit at Georgia State University. Students from other institutions should follow their institution’s regulations concerning transfer credits.

APPLICATION INFORMATION
Students interested in applying should find this program’s listing at mystudyabroad.gsu.edu and begin an online application. Transient Students: please see the Transients Student section under the Explore & Apply tab.

International Students at Georgia State who hold F-1 visas must contact the Office of International Student and Scholar Services at 404-413-2070 to discuss the possible implications of study abroad for their immigration status.

COST
Program cost may vary at any time according to currency fluctuations and changing travel arrangements. The estimated program cost is $4550.00, PLUS regular Georgia State University tuition and fees. Students should also be prepared to pay any associated cost with the application for a new passport or renewal of a passport if applicable. There is also a cost for a visa which is currently set at $100. Non-resident/out-of-state students will pay in-state tuition plus a $250 fee in addition to the program cost.

Because program size is limited, early application is strongly advised. Individual interviews may be scheduled with students upon receipt of application.

Program Cost Includes
- Round-trip airfare
- Hotel stay first night of arrival
- Homestay with three meals per day, laundry and private room
- Weekend and cultural excursions
- Health/Evacuation/Repatriation insurance

Program Cost Does Not Include
- Georgia State tuition and fees
- Public transportation in Salvador
- Passport and Visa fees
- Personal expenses and excess baggage charges

PAYMENT SCHEDULE
December 15, 2015: $500 Deposit with application
March 15, 2016: $2050 First payment
April 15, 2016: $2000 Remaining balance
All payments are non-refundable upon receipt

Program Deposit Payments: Participants will pay program deposits by logging into PAWS. Please contact your Program Director to confirm that a Program Deposit Account has been established for this purpose before you attempt to make a payment in PAWS.

Program Payments and Remaining Program Balance: Other than the initial program deposit, all program payments—along with the remaining program balance—will be billed directly to your student account. Please refer to the Academic/Registration calendar for the tuition and fees deadline.

FUNDING AND SCHOLARSHIPS
The first 10 students to complete an application and pay their study abroad fees in full will receive a $1,000 scholarship towards the trip. Additionally Georgia State University students are eligible to apply for the IEF Study Abroad Scholarship/Georgia State University Foundation Scholarship and may be eligible to apply for the Global Experience Scholarship. Visit mystudyabroad.gsu.edu and select the Scholarships & Financial Aid tab or call the Study Abroad Programs office at (404) 413-2529 for more information.