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## Honors College/Office of Study Abroad & Int'l. Experiences Study Abroad Program: Special Topics in Honors

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**Program Name:** UMass Lowell in Havana: Special Topics in Honors - Cultural Immersion in Havana, Cuba

**Program On-site Professor:** Professor Julian Zabalbeascoa, Julian\_Zabalbeascoa@uml.edu

**Program On-site Coordinator:** Academic Programs International (API), apistudyabroad.com

**Program dates:**

- Depart Boston: January 2 for arrival in Miami; Depart to Havana on January 3
- Depart Havana: January 15

**Academic Details:**

- Required Course:
  - Special Topics in Honors: "Cultural Immersion in Cuba", HONR.3200, 3cr, J. Zabalbeascoa
- Optional Course:
  - Special Topics in Honors: "Cuba: Perceptions and Realities", HONR.3200, 3 cr.

*Note: Both courses above satisfy the H3, H4 or H6 requirement for Honors students. Therefore, you have the opportunity of knocking out two Honors requirements during one winter session if you elect to enroll in both courses.*

**Cultural Learning Inclusions** (subject to change):

- Pre-departure & On-site orientation – overview of expectations, safety, local services, on-site contacts and staff
- Welcome and Farewell meal - Celebratory gatherings in Havana
- Walking Tours of Old Havana – A walking tour of the historic part of the city as well the Art Deco of the old city
- Guest Lecturers – Relevant to the course topics, local guest lecturers offered
- Additional cultural activities:
  - Cuban Dance Class - Watch and learn the traditional dances of Cuba
  - Cuban Cooking Class - Hands-on training to prepare a Cuban meal. Students will then enjoy the meal together.
  - Local baseball game
  - Social time with local Cuban students – Time to interact with locals studying English
  - Site visits:
    - Partagas cigar factory
    - Cuban Health Center
    - José Martí Memorial
    - Finca Vigia & walking tour of "Hemingway's Cuba"- The home/museum & areas of Ernest Hemingway
    - Museum of Fine Arts - A museum dedicated to housing Cuban art collections
    - Museum of Guanabacoa - Learn about Afro-Cuban cultures and religions
    - National Literacy Museum – Learn how Cuba has reached a 99.8% literacy rate
    - Local businesses – Learn about the rise in privately-owned businesses

**Student Housing & Board Inclusions:**

- Miami – Double occupancy in hotel on night before depart to Havana & night after return to Miami
- Havana – Double occupancy in Residencia & 2 meals per day, breakfast and dinner.

**Other Inclusions:**

- Round-trip airfare Miami-Havana, Airport Transfers in Miami and in Havana, in-country transportation and entries to itinerary items in Cuba, International Emergency & Accident Insurance & 24-7 on-site support

**Contacts:**

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**Program Costs (in USD):** Costs paid to UMass Lowell consist of the Program Fee Deposit, Program Fee Balance and Tuition/Registration Fee. The Program Fee includes all inclusions listed on page 1 of this document. Costs paid on your own consist of your airline ticket to/from Miami and any personal expenses you elect to have during the program.

1. Non-Refundable Program Fee Deposit	\$500	Due August 1, 2016
2. Final Program Fee Balance	\$3260	Due October 31, 2016
3. UMass Lowell Tuition/Registration	\$1050	Due January 2017

**Payments for Program Costs:**

1. *Non-refundable* Program Fee Deposit is submitted to the Office of Study Abroad & International Experiences by personal check or money order made payable to University of Massachusetts Lowell or by credit card via web link provided by Study Abroad Office.
2. Program Fee balance is paid to the university via check, money order or credit card. Students will receive a formal invoice in August with payment instructions.
3. As of July, 2016, tuition is \$340/credit plus a \$30 registration fee (total \$1050). Please note the university may increase this by September, 2016. Tuition rates can be found at <https://continuinged.uml.edu/general/tuition.cfm> This will be billed to the Student Account mid-January and can be paid online via SiS.

**Out-of-pocket costs:**

- Personal Spending - Students are encouraged to plan for \$500 for personal spending money (lunch daily and free time expenses/needs.)
- Roundtrip airfare from Boston to Miami – As we prefer participants fly as a group, a specific flight itinerary will be provided to students in early September. Do NOT purchase your airline ticket until this information is provided. Purchase will be made by student on their own. Payment is not collected by the university.

**Student Commitment:**

- I am committing to participate in the Special Topics in Honors, Havana Program.
- I understand that my deposit of \$500 is non-refundable
- I understand that if I withdraw after August 31, I may be subject to any charges incurred by the university.
- Course Information:
  - I understand the program requires one, 3 credit UMass Lowell class, “Cultural Immersion in Cuba”, HONR.3200
  - Please mark box with “x” if selecting the additional course option:  
☐ I would like to enroll in the optional 3 credit UMass Lowell course, “Cuba: Perceptions and Realities”, HONR.3200. I understand this will incur additional tuition cost through my student account via SIS.

Print this document and bring it to the Office of Study Abroad, with your Program Fee Deposit & signature below. Your signature below indicates that you have read and understand all noted above:

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(Your signature & date)

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