

The Cuban Revolution



**Winterim 2012-2013:
Approx. January 6-January 20, 2013**

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: This course examines the causes for and impacts of the Cuban Revolution, which culminated in the overthrow of the U.S.-backed dictatorship of Fulgencio Batista on January 1, 1959. Since that date, a small group of revolutionaries, foremost amongst them the Castro brothers – Fidel and Raúl – have ruled the island.

For decades all but closed off to U.S. tourists, Cuba's borders are gradually opening to groups like ours. We will be based in the capital city, Havana, which is renowned for the beauty of its sea wall, colonial architecture, and still-running 1950s autos but whose residents are embracing modernity at a breathless pace. This is your opportunity to leave media stereotypes of Cuba behind and to see its fascinating transition first-hand. We will enjoy scheduled cultural events, group meals, organized excursions, and ample time for personal exploration, such as sightseeing, shopping, dining, and interacting with local residents. "The Cuban Revolution" will help to bring today's Cuba alive for each of us.

COST: \$3595-4095 includes airfare (Chicago to/from Havana), room and board, three UWSP undergraduate credits, health/travel insurance, visas, local transportation, entrance fees, and guided tours. Plan your budget to cover your personal spending money and the cost of transportation to/from Chicago. Out-of-state residents will be assessed an additional \$250 tuition fee; Minnesota residents qualify for reciprocity and pay a small fee.

CREDITS: HISTORY 396: Regional History through Study Abroad: The Cuban Revolution, GDR:HU4
Pending approval, the course will fulfill the Writing Emphasis (WE) GDR.

ELIGIBILITY: Open to all university students in good standing as well as other community members willing to enroll as full auditors. No previous knowledge of Cuban history or Spanish language is required. Students of History, International Studies, Political Science, and Foreign Languages are particularly encouraged to enroll. Participants are expected to attend all meetings, lectures, and other scheduled activities before, during, and after the study tour.

APPLICATION & ENROLLMENT: To ensure your spot, please apply early. Print your application on-line or stop in the UWSP International Programs office to pick up an application. Return the form to International Programs with a \$250 deposit—if you are not accepted to the program, this money will be returned to you. This trip must have 20 students enrolled in order to meet the estimated cost figures. Applications are processed in the order they are received. **Application deadline is May 15, 2012.** In some cases there may be positions available after the deadline—contact International Programs.

WITHDRAWAL: Up to ten weeks before the start of the program, all fees except \$250 may be refunded for withdrawal. After that time, airline and housing cancellation charges may be assessed. If the program must be canceled, all fees will be refunded. Because exchange rates and airline prices fluctuate, UWSP International Programs reserves the right to cancel, surcharge, or alter the program.

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