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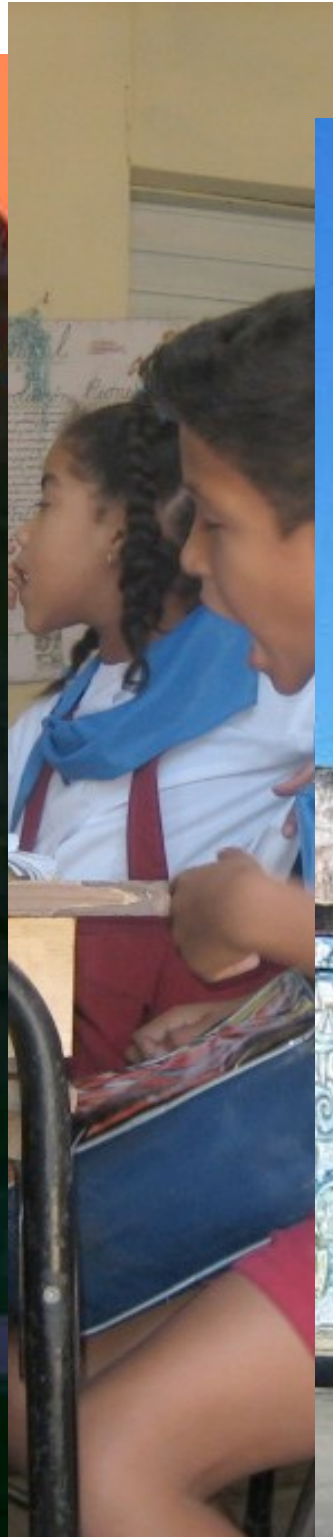


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INTRODUCTION

Congratulations on your acceptance to the Consortium for Advanced Studies Abroad's Divisional Program in Cuba. This semester-length program provides you with an unparalleled opportunity to examine, firsthand, the key political, social, economic and cultural issues affecting this island nation and its Caribbean and Latin American neighbors.



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This handbook will provide you with a wealth of information that will guide you as you prepare to immerse yourself fully into the academic and cultural context of Havana and of greater Cuba. Use it as a resource but don't consider it to be your only guide to Havana and the CASA-Cuba program. Dedicated staffs at each of the CASA member institutions, together with our experienced personnel on-site are fully committed to delivering a program that will challenge you to go beyond your comfort zone, to gain an understanding of the subtle – and sometimes not so subtle – nuances that have come to define Cuba.

As you prepare for your experience abroad, heed the advice provided in the following pages, read up on this fascinating island nation, and allow your mind to be open to discovery. The true value of a lengthy and profound sojourn abroad is that it erases the frontier between cultural awareness and cultural experience. Experience Cuba in a way that no short-term wayfarer could ever imagine.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Consortium for Advanced Studies Abroad is a collaborative initiative involving seven high caliber U.S. universities – Brown, Columbia, Cornell, Dartmouth, Johns Hopkins, Northwestern and the University of Pennsylvania. Each CASA member institution reserves the right to participate in a given CASA Divisional Program. CASA’s Divisional Program in Cuba provides students with a unique opportunity to have direct access to Cuba’s leading institution of higher learning, **The University of Havana**, and to **Casa de Las Américas**, the Cuban government’s premier research institution on Caribbean and Latin American studies, Cuban culture and the arts. CASA-Cuba, the University of Havana and Casa de Las Américas have worked together to



develop a program of study that will challenge you to achieve a critical understanding of the key issues facing Cuba today and enable you to interact with some of the country’s leading academic experts in the social sciences, arts and the humanities. You will immerse yourself in Cuba, taking in credit-bearing lectures from recognized experts in Spanish on key issues facing the country and interacting with peers who share your intellectual curiosity about Cuba’s past, present and future. Your courses will be complemented throughout the semester with special seminars and guest lectures by respected experts from other key research centers, including the **Centro de Estudios Demográficos**, Cuba’s premier research organization focusing on demographic studies and social research, the **Instituto de Estudios de la Economía Cubana** and the **Centro de Investigación de la Cultura Cubana Juan Marinello**. In addition, interested students will be encouraged to carry out focused research projects that will engage them with recognized Cuban experts in given disciplines and connect them with local archives, museums, and key cultural organizations.

Mid-semester, the group will undertake an academic field visit across the island, passing through Guantánamo, Baracoa, Camagüey and Santa Clara, before arriving at Santiago, Cuba’s second largest city. In each city visited, students will be guided by academics who will introduce them not only to the history and architecture of the city but also to its leading intellectuals and artists. Santiago has a distinctly Caribbean and Afro-Cuban

flavor that is evident in its musical traditions, architecture and, for many residents, its religious practices. The city offers a fascinating historical and cultural juxtaposition to Havana.

The program aims to ensure that students will return to the United States with an invigorated sense of inquiry, a better calibrated critical understanding of the complex situation facing Cuba today, and a wealth of newfound knowledge obtained precisely because of their in-country learning experiences.



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Program Staff in Havana

CASA-Cuba Director: Dr. Evelyn Hu-DeHart is Professor of History, and Director of the Center for the Study of Race and Ethnicity in America at Brown University. She has over twenty years of research experience in Latin America and the Caribbean. Dr. Hu-DeHart joined Brown from the University of Colorado at Boulder where she was Chair of the Department of Ethnic Studies and Director of the Center for Studies of Ethnicity and Race in America. She has also taught at the City University of New York system, New York University, Washington University in St. Louis, University of Arizona and University of Michigan. The author of ten books and dozens of articles and book chapters, Dr. Hu DeHart has served as visiting lecturer at universities and research institutes in Mexico, Peru, Cuba, France Hong Kong, Taiwan and China.

Dr. Hu-DeHart is charged with overall responsibility for administering the CASA-Cuba program, including its day-to-day academic and programmatic management, student advising, liaising with CASA's partner institutions in Havana and supervision of local faculty and staff.

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Spring Academic Calendar

- January 17, 2015 Student cohort meets up in Miami, Florida (Arrive at hotel by 3 p.m. as there will be a welcome dinner that evening-hotel to be determined). Students are responsible for making their own domestic flight reservations from their home to Miami, and for transportation to the Hyatt Regency Hotel, Miami. The student will be expected to pay for his/her ticket.
- January 19, 2015 Group departs Miami for Havana, Cuba. Group travel arrangements from Miami to Havana are made by the OIP through a travel agency specializing in travel to Cuba.
- January 21 – 31, 2015 Five day orientation conducted by CASA-Cuba and Casa de las Américas
- January 28, 2015 (Approximate date) CASA classes and University of Havana classes begin
- May 14, 2015 End of classes
- May 16, 2015 Program officially ends; students depart as a group from Havana to Miami. Students are responsible for making their own domestic flight reservations from Miami to their homes. The student will be expected to pay for his/her ticket home.

ACADEMIC OVERVIEW



Upon arrival to Havana, the program begins with a one-week on-site **orientation** geared toward providing students with an

introduction to the city of Havana through both a pre- and post-revolution lens so that students will be prepared to understand basic social, political and cross-cultural elements that will be a part of their everyday lives. Field visits throughout Havana will help students become comfortable navigating their way through their host city. Additional excursions will be structured during the remainder of the semester.

Students will then have an opportunity to enroll in up to four full-time CASA courses delivered to a combined audience of CASA students and Cuban university students at both **Casa de Las Américas** and the CASA program center in Havana, or a combination of CASA courses and select courses offered at the **University of Havana**. CASA-delivered courses will be taught by a group of carefully selected faculty, recognized experts from Casa de Las Américas and faculty from the University of Havana. They will each meet for a total of 60 hours, the equivalent of four semester hours each.

CASA-Delivered Course Overviews

Cuban Public Health: Past and Present

Dr. Enrique Beldarraín Chaple, M.D., Ph.D., is chief of the research department at the Centro Nacional de Información de Ciencias Médicas, and full professor and researcher in the history of public health at the University of Havana Medical School. Dr. Beldarraín Chaple has published five books and 46 articles about the history of medicine and epidemics in Cuba.

In the decades since the success of the 1959 Cuban Revolution, the tiny island has gained a global reputation for its pioneering health system. Although Cuba’s GDP is only a fraction of its northern neighbor’s, the island boasts a lower infant mortality rate than the U.S., and has among the highest life expectancies and doctor-patient ratios in the world. In recent years, Cuba’s “medial internationalists” – medical workers sent overseas to help shore up other countries’ health systems or combat new disease outbreaks – have also gained widespread acclaim. What factors account for the seemingly outsized importance of medicine and public health under the Cuban Revolution? What can the study of public health and medicine tell us about broader themes in Cuban history?

This course is designed to introduce students to the history of public health and medicine in Cuba. Taking a long historical approach, this course explores both the development of medicine in colonial and early post-independence Cuba as well as recent innovations in Cuban medical care and public health systems. Some topics that students will explore include: the relationship between slavery and medicine in colonial Cuba; the nationalist politics of health in republican and revolutionary Cuba; popular medicine and its relationship to biomedical ideas; and Cuba’s controversial yet successful fight against HIV/AIDS.

Cultural History of Cuba

Dr. Ricardo Quiza Moreno, with the assistance of Prof. Gerardo Hernandez. Dr. Quiza Moreno is full professor and researcher at the University of Havana's Casa de Altos Estudios "Fernando Ortiz." He has published a variety of books, articles and essays in Cuba, Colombia, Spain and England, including *El cuento al reves: historia, nacionalismo y poder en Cuba (1902-1930)*, Editorial Unicornio, La Habana, 2003; *Nuevos voces...viejos asuntos. Panorama de la reciente historiografía cubana*, Editorial de Ciencias Sociales, La Habana, 2005, and *Imaginario al ruedo: Cuba y los Estados Unidos en las exposiciones internacionales (1876-1904)* Ediciones Union y Ruth Casa Editorial, La Habana, 20011, which was awarded the Annual Award from the Academy of Sciences and the Annual Research Award for Cultural Research Juan Marinello, both in 2012. He has served as a visiting guest lecturer in the United States, Canada, United Kingdom, Holland and Mexico.

This course examines the moments in the history of Cuba that have been key to its national and cultural formation, focusing on the most important aspects of its history, including its social composition, architecture, religion and popular traditions. The concepts of nation and culture, and the country's notions of identity, idiosyncracies and Cuban identity will be reviewed by the instructors from a variety of perspectives. Beginning with a review of the principal events of the colonial and republican periods and leading up to the Revolution, the course will focus on those elements that have come to define Cuba in the last 20 years, including its economic development, international relations, social changes and generational conflicts. As a complement to the lectures, students will read a variety of carefully selected Spanish texts, observe audiovisual offerings, observe "in situ" locations of historical and patrimonial importance, visit museums and exchange ideas with specialists on these topics. Field visits associated with the course include the cities of Baracoa, Guantanamo, Santiago de Cuba, Trinidad, Cienfuegos, Santa Clara and Mantanzas.

Gender, Race and Inequalities in Cuba: Visions from Cuban Scholars

Professor Marta Núñez Sarmiento, Ph.D. with the assistance of Roberto Zurbano Torres. Dr. Núñez Sarmiento is a professor of sociology and a researcher at the Center for Studies of International Migrations (CEMI) at the University of Havana. Her research has concentrated on transition projects for Cuba; women and employment in Cuba; gender studies in Cuba, images of women in Cuban and foreign mass media. At the University of Havana, she teaches courses related to methodology and methods of sociological research, gender studies and contemporary Cuba. She has served as a consultant for several agencies of the United Nations (1988-2003), for the Association of Caribbean States (1999) and for several NGOs. She is one of the founders of the Cuban Federation of Women.

For more than half a century scholars, journalists and artists from all over the world and basically from the United States have intensely explored Cuba, and their

visions have been widely spread by the “mainstream media”. But although Cuban social scientists living in the island have produced their studies while experiencing and being part of the transformations that started in 1959, their works have been scarcely published outside of Cuba.

This program summarizes recent studies produced by Cuban scholars on three of the most relevant challenges to eliminate discrimination in society: gender, race, and inequalities. Although the works refer to historical events explaining the evolution of the present situation in each of these topics, they will basically focus on case studies elaborated since the crisis and reforms of the 90’s in Cuba – following the disappearance of the Soviet Union and the Eastern European socialist countries as well as the strengthening of the US embargo/blockade on Cuba.

21st Century Latin American Literatures

Susana Haug is Professor of Literature, Faculty of Arts and Letters, University of Havana. She is the recipient of a number of important literary awards and her work has been included in diverse anthologies of contemporary literature in Cuba, Spain, Brazil and Mexico. She contributes frequently to Cuban and foreign journals and magazines and her work has been translated into Italian, French and Portuguese.

The Latin American “boom” resulted in an unprecedented revolution in Spanish language literature. The eyes of the world turned to a production of novels and stories by a group of authors who began publishing in the 1960s and constituted (and may continue to constitute) the literary version of “Greenwich mean time.” In this course, we will explore the directions taken by Latin American literature after the boom and focus on the literary production of younger authors, particularly those who began publishing in the the 21st century. We will explore their many themes, esthetics, continuities and disruptions.

University of Havana Courses

Students can choose from courses in literature, the arts, Afro-Caribbean studies and music at the University of Havana’s **Faculty of Arts and Letters** or courses in Cuban history, philosophy and religion, political sociology and Latin American thought through its **Faculty of Philosophy and History**. University of Havana courses usually vary in length from 45 to 65 contact hours.

Final determinations of semester course load and credit transfer policies are made by the CASA home institutions for their respective students. Keep in mind that, in order to grant departmental credit for a course, some home university departments may require that you show the syllabi, reading lists and your notes and papers when you return from Havana.

Academic Standards

All course instruction will be conducted in Spanish, and students will be expected to attend classes regularly, participate in group discussion and keep up with all assignments and required readings. Evaluations and assessment will be based on a combination of written assignments, oral presentations, exams, and class projects.

Co-curricular and Extra-curricular Activities

In addition to the Santiago field trip, CASA will, over the course of the term, organize a variety of special topic-based lectures, exhibitions, recitals, readings and local field visits that expose students to the tremendous cultural mosaic of Cuba. Topics may include Cuban music, gastronomy, religion, race and ethnicity, sports, and politics and will capitalize on CASA's extended network of contacts throughout Havana. For



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interested students, extracurricular activities may include community-based volunteer opportunities. Additionally, students will be able to find dance and music instructors easily and will have the city of Havana's free and low cost concert and performance repertoire at their disposition.

Each semester, the program will provide students with access to major cultural events that will take place in and around Havana.

PREPARING FOR YOUR DEPARTURE

Passport

You must have a passport valid for at least six months from your date of entry to Cuba. If you do not currently have a passport you should start this process **as soon as possible**. The process can take two weeks to a month depending on which procedure you follow. You are now able to download printable passport applications from the internet as well as consult general Passport Services information at http://travel.state.gov/passport/passport_1738.html

To get your passport you'll need:

- a) a passport application

- b) proof of citizenship, e.g. a birth certificate
- c) two identical passport photos
- d) the passport fee \$140 (please verify with the post office)

Remember: Your passport is the most important document you have when outside the United States. Know where it is at all times. When you receive your passport, make several copies of the front pages and keep the copies separate from your baggage. You should leave a copy of your passport with your parents at home. Once in a foreign country, keep your copies in a safe place, and ask your program to keep a copy on hand. This will facilitate replacement if your passport is lost or stolen. **Do NOT pack your passport in your luggage as you will be required to show it when you check-in for your flight to Cuba and on your return, and in Cuba to customs and immigration authorities (both entering and exiting).**



Student Visa to Cuba

On your behalf, CASA and Casa de las Américas will coordinate with the Cuban Interests Section in Washington, DC to obtain the necessary student visa for you.

Vaccinations

None are required for Cuba; however, we recommend that you visit the CDC website for suggested vaccinations.

Group Meeting in Miami and Group Departure to Havana

Students are responsible for making their own domestic travel arrangements from their home to Miami, Florida. Plan to arrive in Miami **no later than 3:00pm, Saturday, January 17th, 2015**. The program will formally begin with a welcome dinner the evening of, Saturday, January 17th at the Hyatt Regency Hotel. Upon arriving in Miami, you should make your way to the Hyatt Regency Hotel. The CASA program will cover the cost of hotel accommodation for the nights of January 17th and 18th, and all meals and excursions related to the program, in Miami.

In Miami, students will be expected to stay with the program group until departure to Cuba on Monday, January 19th. In addition to the welcome dinner the evening of January 17th, other pre-orientation activities will take place the following day. **On Monday, January 19th, students will depart Miami for Havana as a group, accompanied by CASA-Cuba's Academic Director, Evelyn Hu-Dehart.**

CASA is in charge of making group travel arrangements through a travel agency that, for years, has specialized in travel to Cuba. ****The corresponding cost from Miami to Havana will be billed by CASA to each student's home university which will, in turn, bill its students. This cost is usually estimated at \$1000.00.**

Baggage- General Estimates Only – Costs are Subject to Change

Gulfstream charges \$25 per suitcase. The first 44 lbs in that suitcase are included; after that it is an additional \$2 per pound. The baggage may not weigh over 70lbs. Carry-on is free HOWEVER the weight of the carry-on is ADDED to the weight of the first suitcase. Maximum weight for carry-on is 20 lbs – if it weighs more than 20 lbs., it will be considered checked baggage. Cameras and laptops can be removed from the carry-on so they are not included in the weight. Costs change without notice. Make sure to carry plenty of funds when leaving Miami and Havana (at the end of the program) to pay for your luggage.

Additional suitcases are \$20 each PLUS a \$2 charge per pound. In other words, a second suitcase weighing 25 lbs will cost the \$20 suitcase fee, PLUS \$50 for each pound for a total of \$75.

Past students have recommended bringing whatever you need as you may have a difficult time finding toiletries, medicines and other items—it is worth the extra cost of baggage.

Group Return to Miami from Havana

The program officially ends on **Saturday, May 16th, 2015. Students will return to Miami from Havana as a group on that day.** Please wait to make travel arrangements to return home from Miami until after the return travel time has been confirmed. **It would be wise to schedule a connecting flight from Miami as late as possible on May 16th. Perhaps a flight to your home leaving Miami after 8:00 PM. The flight from Havana to Miami can be slightly unpredictable with respect to its departure time from Cuba, and it is wise to select an evening flight from Miami to your home.**

Please note: Once you are back in Miami, all hotels, food, and other travel accommodations are the responsibility of the student and are not reimbursed CASA.

What can be Brought Back from Cuba

Current U.S. government policy provides that if U.S. travelers return from Cuba with Cuban origin goods, such goods, with the exception of informational materials, may be seized at Customs' discretion. There are no limits on the import or export of informational materials. Such materials are statutorily exempt from regulation under the embargo and such items as books, films, tapes and CDs may be transported freely. However, blank tapes and CDs are not considered informational materials and may be seized.

STUDENT HOUSING IN HAVANA

Students will share living accommodations in one of two residences: The Casa de Las Americas guest residence and an additional modern guest residence located just across the street contracted by CASA. Both are safe, clean and secure residences located in the

Vedado district, within walking distance to Casa de Las Americas and the University of Havana. Students will share ample bedrooms that are air conditioned, with modern toilets and showers, and will be provided with breakfast and dinner each day. Dinner will be taken in the Casa de Las Americas guest residence. Washing machines are located on the premises of both residences. Bottled water will be provided.



Students will be required to sign a written code of conduct for use of the residence and, as part of the on-site orientation, will be provided with clear instructions as to the importance of adhering to Cuban cultural and societal norms and to strictly abide by any and all Cuban policies governing their conduct as visitors to Cuba. **Under no circumstances will students be granted permission for independent housing.**

* We recommend you budget approximately \$5.00 to \$10.00/day for mid-day meals taken outside of the guest residence.

HEALTH RELATED ISSUES

Students will not be permitted to participate in the program without valid U.S. health insurance. Students will either need to demonstrate that they have health insurance independently or purchase continuing coverage through their home university. If you are currently covered by a plan through your home university, you may be provided the option to continue this coverage while abroad. If not, you will need to present evidence of coverage to your home CASA institution before you travel abroad. Check with your study abroad office for additional details.

Additional Emergency Travel Assistance Coverage through CASA

All students participating on the program will also be automatically covered by a supplementary travel assistance plan administered by *International SOS*, whose services range from telephone advice and referrals to full-scale evacuation by private air ambulance. *International SOS* has more than 3,500 professionals in 24-hour alarm

centers, international clinics and remote-site medical facilities across five continents. Cuba is serviced by *International SOS*.

Cuba's health system is run by the government, and there are virtually no private facilities. Generally, the standard of medical care in Cuba is good, although the quality of medical facilities and availability of medical supplies may vary throughout the island. Relative to other parts of the country, a higher standard of care is available in Havana, especially at the Hospital Hermanos Amejeiras and Hospital Cira García. This latter facility caters principally to foreigners and is significantly better-equipped than others on the island. English-speaking doctors practice at this hospital.

IMPORTANT! If a health concern arises during the program, **your first point of contact should be your CASA Center Director, Evelyn Hu-DeHart**. She will work with colleagues on the ground to assist you. All health-related matters will be reported to your respective home university.

Prescription Medications

If you require prescription medication, you should bring a supply with you to last the entire time that you will be abroad. Although many medications are available worldwide, they are not always identical in strength or composition to what you take at home. Bring an adequate supply of medications in your carry-on luggage, in their original containers, along with a letter from your doctor explaining the dosage, why the medication has been prescribed, and why you are traveling with a large quantity. Hospital Cira García in Havana has a pharmacy with basic medications and imported drugs. International or very specialized drugs may be difficult to obtain. Since brand names vary, know the generic (chemical) names of your medications.

MONEY MATTERS

The Cuban peso is the official currency. The Convertible Peso (CUC, acronym in Spanish) equals the U.S. dollar and comprises the same strength inside the national territory. Since November 8, 2004, only CUC are accepted as payments for goods and services. It is possible to exchange any currency, even U.S. dollars, in convertible pesos (CUC) at airports, banks and hotels, and re-exchange them when leaving the country. In the main towns, there are Casas de Cambio (CADECA S.A.) for the exchange of hard currency in Cuban pesos and convertible pesos (CUC).



Euros, Canadian dollars, British pounds sterling or Swiss francs can be exchanged for convertible pesos and there is no service charge. US dollars can be exchanged for convertible pesos, **but a service charge of 10 percent will be levied.**

American Express travelers' checks are accepted at major Casas de Cambio. **Make sure to bring the receipts issued by the bank that gave you the checks and sign the checks very carefully.** Traveler checks are

a safe alternative to carrying cash but may incur up to a 10% surcharge. Here's the bottom line: the safest and most cost effective way to bring money to Cuba is to use American Express travelers' checks in dollars, second to that is to bring cash in Euros, but that will depend on what happens to the Euro and the dollar in the coming months. ***Please check with the Resident Coordinator before departure about money matters as exchange rates and charges are variable and fluctuating.***

There are ATMs in Cuba, particularly in the larger cities, **but they will not accept any U.S. issued credit cards.** Visa, MasterCard, Access, Diners and Banamex are generally accepted but they must not be drawn on a U.S. bank. American Express credit cards are not accepted.

OTHER HELPFUL TIPS

Cell phones

Cell phones operated by U.S. operators cannot be used in Cuba. It is possible to rent cell phones. Cell phones can be rented from CUBACEL. If your cell phone is compatible with the American standard (TDMA) - either dual or digital - you can use it with no difficulty in Cuba. You only need to activate it at the rate of \$3 US per day. You can also rent a cell phone in Cuba via CUBACEL. You can call the United States with your cell phone. For more information, see

<http://www.cubalinda.com/English/MoreforYou/CellPhones.asp>.



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Postal Service

Postal service between the U.S. and Cuba frequently takes six weeks or more, so you should not count on this as a means to communicate effectively with stateside family and friends.

Electricity

In general, you should not have trouble using small electrical appliances brought from the U.S. (hairdryer, electric razor, etc.) as the standard electric current in Cuba is the same as in the U.S.

Laptop Use

It is strongly recommended that you bring a laptop with you as you will need for completing course requirements. Be advised that if you have a Mac computer, it will be very difficult to have it repaired if necessary. Also, internet access will be limited. The Casa de Las Americas guest residence will have wifi but keep in mind that, even in the best of circumstances, wifi connection in Cuba is sporadic and, oftentimes, slow. We encourage you to check to see that your account is current and learn to access it before you depart the U.S. It is the best way to communicate with academic advisors, friends and family. More information about email use in Cuba will be provided to students shortly before departure and on-site. You will not be able to access some internet sites restricted on the island, including Skype. *We recommend opening a gmail account before departing for Cuba and having your messages forwarded to this account. We also recommend downloading the video application for gmail before arrival.*

Shopping

Under revised U.S. travel restrictions as of June 30, 2004, persons authorized to travel to Cuba are **no longer** permitted to purchase merchandise in Cuba and return with it to the U.S. You cannot buy cigars, liquor or handicrafts, for instance. The only exceptions are “informational materials” for your own use. These include books, periodicals, paintings, sculpture, records, tapes, CDs, films, video cassettes, photographs, posters, etchings, lithographs, microfilm, microfiche and other informational materials. These purchases must be made with Convertible Cuban Pesos (CUC).



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What to Bring

Students should plan to bring the following personal items:

- 1) Toiletries: (toothbrush, toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, face wash, razors)

- 2) Rain gear (it rains a lot!)
- 3) Fall weather jacket and 1-2 sweaters (it will eventually get cold!)
- 4) Swim suits!
- 5) Common pain medication, or prescription medication
- 6) Contraceptives

**(linens will be provided to students)*

Also, students completing GLISPs should collect their reading materials before-hand and bring them as library access and printing facilities are *extremely* limited.

For female students traveling to Cuba:

Women will be able to find any feminine hygiene products they need, but will most likely prefer their US brands and should stock up. It is also recommended that female travelers should bring with them the makeup products they plan to use and any face wash or creams.



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SUGGESTED READING BEFORE YOU TRAVEL:

Franc, Marc. *Cuban Revelations: Behind the Scenes in Havana*. University Press of Florida, 2013

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