PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Experience the cultural hybridity of this former French colony—once the lucrative (and exploitative) site of sugarcane production, now a full-fledged department of France proud of its heritage, but still struggling to assert its political autonomy. Classroom curriculum includes the study of French language through locally produced texts—the popular press, poetry, a novel, and films, as well as lectures by specialists on local history, economy, geography, religious traditions; on-site learning includes hikes through natural habitats, guided visits to important historical locales, and encounters with a variety of Martiniquais, not least through a home stay with a local family.
ACADEMICS

• FREN 241 (C) -- 4 credits
  Prerequisite: FREN 102

Program fee will be finalized by April 1, 2017. Check the Wang Center/Study Away Website for final pricing.

Fees generally include the following (check website for more details):
  • Airfare
  • Lodging
  • Study tours
  • Foreign travel insurance
  • Some meals

Participants in this program may apply for a Global Scholar Award. Please contact the Wang Center for additional information and the application.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

• February 8, 2017 - Application available
• April 15, 2017 - Application deadline ($50 non-refundable application fee)
• May 5, 2017 - Notifications sent
• May 26, 2017 - Confirmation deadline ($300 confirmation deposit)

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NOTE: with the approval of the instructor, this course can also provide substitution credit for French majors and French minors toward FREN 201, 202, 301, 302, 310, or 404

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS*

• The Sugarcane House: the economy of sugar and rum production and the history of slavery in Martinique
• Banana Museum: history and economics of banana cultivation in Martinique; varieties of bananas grown there
• Center for the Discovery of Earth Sciences: varieties of volcanoes and the eruption of Mt. Pelée in 1902
• Hikes: Caravelle Peninsula, Mt. Pelée, Grand’Rivière
• Génipa Bay by kayak: ecology of the mangrove
• Beaches: Anse Couleuvre, Le Carbet, Anse Noire, Grand’Rivière, Les Salines.

*May be subject to change