# MARTINIQUE

French Language and Caribbean Culture



J-Term 2014

Enhance your French language skills on a Caribbean island of 400,000 inhabitants, living with a family near the port city of Fort-de-France. Never far from beautiful beaches and rugged tropical forests, you will:

- Eat exotic fruits off of the tree.
- Explore volcanic ruins.
- Kayak in the mangrove.
- Catch the rhythm and colors of Carnaval.

## Identity Matters

#### Credit:

**FREN 241** 

- French major/minor
- GenEd Credit
- Cross cultural credit (C)

#### **Program Cost:**

\$5,200

Includes airfare, lodging, program related transportation, and supplemental study abroad insurance.

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#### **Course Description:**

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 French language classes as well as lectures by specialists on local history, economy, geography, religious practices; on-site learning includes hikes through natural habitats, guided visits to important historical and cultural locales, and encounters with a variety of Martinicans, from schoolchildren to college students to political figures.

### Prerequisite:

French 201, or permission of instructor.

#### **Application Deadline:**

September 30, 2013. A non-refundable deposit of \$50.00 is required with the application. A \$250 non-refundable payment to confirm participation in the course is due within 10 days of notification of acceptance. Maximum 18 students.

