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 the 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.
Educating to achieve a just, healthy, sustainable and peaceful world, both locally and globally.

ACADEMICS

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

Program fee will be finalized by April 1, 2015. 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 20, 2015 - Application available
• April 20, 2015 - Application deadline ($50 non-refundable application fee)
• May 8, 2015 - Notifications sent
• May 22, 2015 - 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