

Explore Trinidad: African American Experience Abroad

Experience Trinidadian culture through daily interaction with locals and through participation in cultural activities.

COURSES

AFAM 190*	(3 Hours)	African American Experience
AFAM 490	(3 Hours)	African American Seminar
HIST 479	(3 Hours)	Topics in World History
HON 300	(3 Hours)	

* This class fits into Explorations Level of the Colonnade Program under category 2. Social & Behavioral Studies.

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ACCOMMODATIONS

Trinidad: Inn at 87 www.innat87.com

Tobago: Hotel OR Dorms

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Students will not only visit typical sites such as museums, monuments, government institutions, and research centers, but will also experience Trinidadian culture through daily interaction with locals and through their participation in cultural activities organized around Carnival, mask making, and the playing of the steel pan. Most importantly, this experience is a chance for students to appreciate a different culture in a way that is in keeping with the university's mission to promote multiculturalism and global awareness as one of its primary academic functions.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- 1) Develop, among its participants, a general awareness of the main process of cultural development in Caribbean societies by highlighting the factors, problematic, and creative output that has fed the emergence of Caribbean identities;
- 2) To develop a perception of the Caribbean as wider than island nations or linguistic blocs; and
- 3) Stimulate students' interest in Caribbean civilization in comparison to the historical and cultural experiences of African Americans.

PROGRAM DETAILS

LOCATION: *Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago*

ACADEMIC TERM: *Summer 2019: May 14-25, 2019*

ITINERARY *(subject to change) Itinerary will be made available closer to departure.*

The schedule is subject to change due to educational opportunities that may arise unexpectedly, the vagaries of weather, and other factors beyond the control of the course instructors and staff.

May 15th, 2019 - Arrive at the Trinidad and Tobago International airport / Pharmacy, supermarket, downtown tour

May 16th, 2019 - Orientation and tour of campus / History and Culture #1 /Debrief

May 17th, 2019 - Trip to Maracas Beach and North Coast Tour

May 18th, 2019 - History and Culture # 2 / Service Learning

May 19th, 2019 - Gasparce Caves @ 9:00 am/ Ziplining @ Macripe

May 20th, 2019 - Travel to Tobago

May 21st, 2019 - TBD

May 22nd, 2019 - Service Learning / History and Culture #3

May 23rd, 2019 - Visit to Temple in the Sea and Caroni Bird Sanctuary / Pitch Lake

May 24th, 2019 - Steelpan Session / Angostura Factory Tour / Presentations and Farewell Dinner

May 25th, 2019 - Depart for United States

ELIGIBILITY

Student Eligibility - Program leaders may determine stricter eligibility requirements, but at a minimum, all applicants earning credit in a program would meet these requirements:

- Current WKU student eligible to enroll in WKU courses OR students from outside WKU may participate as non-degree seeking student,
- Students must provide a Statement of Interest to professor prior to approval,
- Student must meet with Study Abroad advisor prior to approval,
- Good academic standing as defined in the Undergraduate Catalog or Graduate Catalog,
- For those younger than 18 at time of departure: Must be registered in a WKU course for credit, Must be a part of an established WKU program, and No guarantee of acceptance due to different program design and location.
- No current disciplinary sanctions as verified by the WKU Office of Student Conduct
 - Students who become ineligible to attend the program after applying due to disciplinary sanctions will be subject to standard program cost penalty rates. Students are responsible for notifying the Office of Study Away when they become aware of this ineligibility. For eligibility questions pertaining to disciplinary sanctions, students should contact the WKU Office of Student Conduct.
- Students must complete [Study Abroad & Global Learning application process](#) prior to being registered in this course. All students studying abroad are required to pay \$150 application fee.
- Students must select program on TopNet and pay \$50 deposit to finalize admittance process,
- Student must possess passport book valid for a least six (6) months after return date.
- Students must complete pre-departure orientations,
- Full payment prior to departure, and
- Permission of instructor(s) is required.

If a student completes a program without full payment prior to the departure, the student should receive an incomplete until the obligation is paid. Office of Study Away will inform faculty leaders if a student is in this situation prior to the Study Away term grade deadline.

BASE PACKAGE

Estimated Cost: \$3199

Included in Base Package

- Undergraduate tuition for 3 credit hours
- All lodging accommodations during program in Trinidad and Tobago
- Transport from Trinidad to Tobago
- Round-trip flight from Nashville to Port of Spain, Trinidad
- Entry fees and group excursions in Trinidad and Tobago
- Course-related ground transportation
- International medical insurance

Excluded from Base Package

- Items not explicated list in package.
- Transportation between your departure airport and your home.
- Independent travel (non-program travel).
- Meals, services, and beverages not included on-board or during course-related field programs.
- Personal expenses such as laundry, phone service, and Internet access.
- Tips for guides and drivers not included in program-related activity.
- Travel cancellation/interruption insurance. *Highly recommended.*
- Baggage fees and costs associated with flight changes.
- Visa/immigration fees.
- Airport taxes (payable only in cash locally).

Study Abroad courses are not eligible for employee tuition waivers or discounts.

Final program fee subject to change due to travel arrangements.

Contract of Acceptance subject to change due to adjustment in program or pricing.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

<p>Your TopNet Account will be billed according to the following Payment Schedule:</p> <p>February 1 – Program Fee will be charged to student's TopNet account (minus \$50 non-refundable deposit). Balance must be paid prior to program departure. Students applying after this date will be billed on a rolling basis.</p> <p>* Deposit paid by student directly with a credit card – NOT billed to student account.</p>	<p>Penalty for Withdrawal or Non-payment:</p> <p>After March 1: 25% of program cost billable to students After April 1: 50% of program cost billable to students After April 15: 75% of program cost billable to students After May 1: 100% of program cost billable to students (No refund)</p> <p>If a balance remains after the payment due date, the participant may be dropped from the program. A student may remain in the program by providing an award notification from WKU's Student Financial Assistance that verifies ability to pay the program fee immediately after aid is received.</p>
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The total amount due in your semester invoice may reflect the combined charges for multiple terms (i.e. Fall and Winter or Spring and Summer) and includes program fees for your Faculty-Led Study Abroad program. Please see your TopNet account for a breakdown of amounts due per term. If you have any questions, please email facultyled.abroad@wku.edu.

LOGISTICAL CONSIDERATIONS

- **Passport Requirements** - Each participant must have a passport that includes an expiration date, which is 6 months beyond the last date of the voyage.
- **FAFSA** - In order to qualify for financial aid, student should apply for FAFSA at time of application.
- **Physical Requirements** - There will be a large amount of walking on this study abroad program. Participants need to be prepared to walk several miles a day.

LIABILITY DISCLAIMER

Western Kentucky University and its associates are not responsible for any loss due to theft, personal injury, flight or weather delays, negligence, or default of suppliers, or suppliers changing of itineraries. They and their associates are not responsible for any loss due to travel/flight delays or changes in travel plans due to Acts of Nature or other unforeseen circumstances, nor are we responsible for accidents and medical care. Tour services are furnished by independent contractors who are not agents or servants of Western Kentucky University. Refunds are not available for unused portions of the package.
