

# DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

A GVSU FACULTY-LED PROGRAM



## Dominican Republic: Language, Culture & Society

Open to: All majors

### TELL ME ABOUT THIS PROGRAM

Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic — This program offers students the opportunity to expand their knowledge of the language and cultures of the Spanish-speaking world while living in the oldest European settlement in the Americas. Santo Domingo is at once a bustling urban center and a relic of the Spanish Caribbean colonial past. Students will experience the rich Dominican culture through excursions to the coastal village of Samaná, in the humpback whale breeding ground of Samaná Bay; Los Haitises National Park, renowned for some of the richest biodiversity in the Caribbean; Santiago de los Caballeros, the second largest city in the Dominican Republic and the economic center of the fertile Cibao Valley; and the gorgeous beaches of Guayacanes, in the east coast, and Sosúa-Cabarete in the north. Cultural activities include dance lessons, museums, archeological sites, and more.

[Dominican Republic Language and Culture Flickr](#)  
[Cultural Information](#)

### WHEN CAN I GO?

May 1 - June 12, 2015 (6 weeks)

### WHERE WILL I LIVE?

Students will stay with host families in Santo Domingo.

### WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE?

This program is open to all majors, but does require a “C” or better in SPA 322 and a minimum 2.5 GPA. GVSU is happy to extend this opportunity to [non-GVSU students](#).

### HOW DO I APPLY?

To apply for this program, log on to [www.gvsu.edu/studyabroad](http://www.gvsu.edu/studyabroad) to begin your online application. The deadline for the 2015 program has passed. The 2016 program application will be available Fall 2015.

**APPLICATION DEADLINE** (2016 Program): **February 1, 2016**

**Non-GVSU Students** are welcome to apply. Please view [Non-GVSU Student Information](#)

### WHAT CREDITS WILL I RECEIVE?

Students will register for a total of 6 credits:

**SPA 312: Latin American Civilization and Culture II** (3 credits)

**SPA 300: Reading and Telling Stories** (3 credits)

### HOW MUCH DOES THE PROGRAM COST?

The approximate fee for this program is Program Fee: \$4,190.

### Includes

- Round-trip transportation from Grand Rapids
- Accommodation
- Most meals
- Field trips and entrance fees
- All ground transportation

### Other Expenses

- GVSU Tuition (\$2,876)
- Additional meals (\$350)
- Personal expenses (\$300)
- Passport (\$140)
- ISIC card (Optional) (\$28)

**Total Estimated Cost: TOTAL PROJECTED COST (Program Fee + Other Expenses) = \$7,884**

### FINANCIAL AID

To contact the Financial Aid office, email [finaid@gvsu.edu](mailto:finaid@gvsu.edu) with “**Study Abroad**” in the Subject line. Include your **G Number** and **Total Projected Cost** of the program in the e-mail.

**Non-GVSU Students:** Non-GVSU students admitted for study abroad are not eligible for Financial Aid from GVSU. Check with your home school's study abroad and financial aid offices for details on applying for financial aid from your home school toward study abroad program costs.

[Financial Aid FAQs](#)

### GRANTS

**FACULTY-LED PROGRAM GRANT: Up to \$1,500.** All degree-seeking students who apply to their faculty-led program by the priority deadline are automatically considered for a grant of up to \$1,500 from the Padnos International Center. Students must have a current FAFSA on file to be eligible. No application required.

Visit [www.gvsu.edu/studyabroad/scholarships](http://www.gvsu.edu/studyabroad/scholarships) for additional information on grants and scholarships.

### WHO CAN TELL ME MORE?

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