

think outside your borders

This intensive two-week course introduces students to the cultural and political landscapes of the Anglophone Caribbean. We will address questions of transnational feminist advocacy, Caribbean feminisms, domestic violence, and reproductive rights in the Anglophone Caribbean.

Through the lens of gender, sexuality, and transnational feminist advocacy, students will learn about the complex cultural and political institutions that are the foundation of these ethnically diverse nation states.

The program will:

- Introduce students to a transnational feminist theoretical framework.
- Explore the terrain of Caribbean activism and feminisms.
- Explore the regional legislative terrain on areas such as domestic violence, and reproductive rights in the Anglophone Caribbean.
- Exploration of how gender is reflected and created through material culture.
- Analyze the personal implications of crossing borders and developing cultural literacy.

No pre-requisites are required.

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HOW TO APPLY

Applications will not be processed or reviewed until they are complete. Please turn in all application materials simultaneously to:

STUDY ABROAD OFFICE

1101 Holzapfel Hall
College Park, MD 20742
P: 301.314.7746 F: 301.314.9135
studyabr@umd.edu
www.umd.edu/studyabroad

- 1 A completed **application** (available at www.umd.edu/studyabroad)
- 2 A sealed official copy of your **transcript** from each college or university from which you earned at least nine credits
- 3 150-300 word **personal statement** about yourself and what attracted you to this course. Please demonstrate how participation in this program contributes to your overall academic planning and goals
- 4 The name, telephone number & email address of a Faculty member or TA who may act as **reference**
- 5 Non-refundable **application fee** - check or money order for \$30 made payable to *University of Maryland*

NOTE: If admitted to the program, a \$270 non-refundable deposit will be automatically charged to the student's UM account or billed to non-UM students. The remainder of the program fee will be charged to the enrolled students' UM accounts in November or billed to non-UM students.

Last day to apply: Wednesday, October 7, 2009

For program and course information, please contact **Dr. Michelle V. Rowley** at mrowley1@umd.edu or 301-405-0981.



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WMST 498S

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The program is divided into two components: instructional and service learning. The learning component will introduce students to the complex aspects of feminist advocacy, and provide undergraduates the opportunity to develop global citizenship practices by contributing to the programmatic agenda of a typically understaffed feminist NGO.

The service learning component of the class will provide students with hands-on experience integrating the material covered in class. Students will be placed with an approved NGO for the duration of the program which will cover one or more of the following themes: Caribbean feminists oral history; Reproductive rights; Labor organizing among domestic workers; Urban violence.

FACULTY DIRECTOR

Michelle V. Rowley, Ph.D. is an Assistant Professor in the Women's Studies Department and has been part of the Caribbean activist community through work with Coalition Against Sexual Harassment (CASH) and Advocates for Sexual and Reproductive Equity (ASPIRE). Her research looks at the work of feminist NGO movements within the Anglophone Caribbean and examines feminist strategies of state engagement on issues such as abortion, sexual harassment and the rights of sexual minorities.

GRADING AND CREDIT

Accepted students will enroll in **WMST 498S: Gender, Sexuality and Globalization: Transnational Feminisms and the Anglophone Caribbean** for three (3) credits.

Students will be expected to: Adhere to the attendance policy and participate in all classroom and cultural activities; Complete a daily reflective cultural journal; Produce a ten-page research essay; Complete no less than 25 hours of assigned internship duties with approved NGOs.

PROGRAM COST

The program fee of \$2,850 includes tuition, lodging, some meals, most in-country transportation, some entry fees, and the \$250 UM Study Abroad Fee. Students are responsible for personal expenses, most meals, some transportation, some entry fees, and international airfare.

The Study Abroad Office will suggest a group flight itinerary that each student is responsible for purchasing. The round-trip airfare from Washington DC to Trinidad in January is estimated at around \$800. You should expect to purchase the ticket for the flight in early November.

SCHOLARSHIPS

The Study Abroad Office offers scholarships for undergraduate UM students to attend winter term programs. These scholarships are awarded based on academic achievement and financial need. The last day to apply is Sept. 23, 2009.

ELIGIBILITY

This course is ideal for students who are interested in women's activism and social change. Students with a 3.0 GPA, who are academically motivated and personally self-directed are invited to apply. Given that admittance to winter programs is competitive and space is limited, early application is advisable. Faculty Directors will decide to admit, waitlist, or not admit students on a rolling basis.

Please be aware that decisions will not be made on a daily basis, so you should expect a delay between when you submit an application and when you receive notification. You may also be asked to interview with the faculty member directing the program or with a study abroad advisor.

