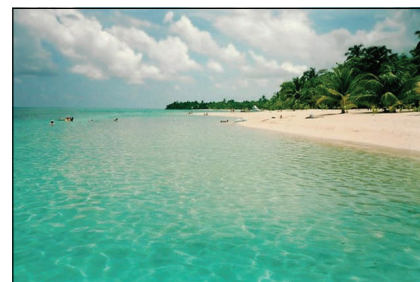


# UF in Honduras - Garifuna Summer Institute

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University of Florida Study Abroad

May 10—June 19, 2009



The Garifuna Summer Institute offers an unique opportunity to acquire proficiency in Garifuna, an endangered Afro-Indigenous and Caribbean language, while studying in La Ceiba, Honduras. This 6-week intensive immersion course will familiarize students with modern Garifuna language and culture through classroom study and excursions to local sites. The Institute is a FLAS -approved program sponsored by the University of Florida Center for Latin American Studies.

## Course Offerings

### LAS 4956 Beginning Garifuna (6 credits)

This course will provide proficiency-based instruction in Garifuna language. Instruction will focus on speaking, reading, writing and listening skills. Students will work with materials developed by the instructor, as well as texts and materials used in bilingual education programs in Honduras and Belize. Class will be conducted in Garifuna. Students are expected to achieve proficiency of ILR 1.5 (ACTFL level 2 - Intermediate High) by the end of the 6-week program.

### LAS 4956/6938 Garifuna Culture (3 credits)

This course will provide an introduction to the history and culture of the Garifuna peoples. Topics will include Garifuna as an endangered language, the Garifuna diaspora, and anthropological and historical perspectives on the Garifuna peoples. Weekly excursions will be made to local Garifuna communities and schools.



## Eligibility

- GPA of 3.0 or greater
- Open to all degree programs and levels
- UF and non-UF students

Non-degree students are also welcome to apply.

**Application Deadline**  
March 16, 2009

**Program Fee: \$3,432 for graduate students  
\$2,766 for undergraduates**

**Program fee includes:** Tuition, course materials, lodging, lunches during the week, international health insurance with emergency medical assistance, and group excursions.

*Round-trip airfare, most meals, personal travel, and personal expenses not included.*

## Contact Information

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## **The Garifuna Language and People**

Garifuna is an Amerindian language of the Carib-Arawak family, dating back to the early 1600s, and spoken by people that are mostly of African and Amerindian descent. The Garifuna language was spoken on St. Vincent Island in the Lesser Antilles before the Garifuna were exiled to Roatán Island, Honduras in 1797. At present the language is primarily spoken in Belize, Guatemala and Honduras. The language is now in peril, but there are still some 200,000 speakers. There is a diaspora community of Garifuna worldwide of approximately 300,000 people.

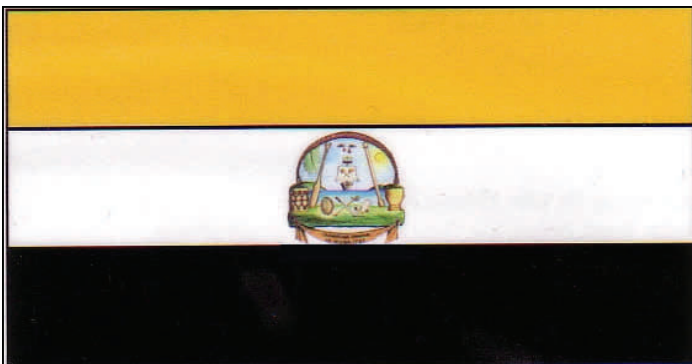
### **Housing and Meals**

Participants will stay in shared apartments in La Ceiba. Apartments have a kitchen and a living room. Lunches during the week will be provided by the program. Participants can prepare their other meals or eat at local restaurants.

### **Program Staff**

**Instructor:** Santiago J. Ruiz holds a Ph.D. in Anthropology from UF. He is a Garifuna heritage speaker who has worked for the Honduran Ministry of Education on bilingual education policy. He previously developed a course in Garifuna language taught at UF. The Garifuna Institute will be based on the original curriculum that he developed.

**Local Program Coordinator:** Sandra Green will coordinate program activities in Honduras. She works for the Honduran Ministry of Education and specializes in outreach to schools and to the Garifuna community.



**Application deadline is March 16, 2009.**

Please apply online at: [www.abroad.ufic.ufl.edu](http://www.abroad.ufic.ufl.edu)

### **Financial Aid**

UF students needing financial aid should apply through UF Student Financial Affairs (SFA). Non-UF students reapplying for financial aid must apply to their home institution.

### **Study Abroad Scholarships**

The application deadline for Summer scholarships administered by the UF International Center is February 5, 2009. Online applications available at: [www.abroad.ufic.ufl.edu](http://www.abroad.ufic.ufl.edu).

### **FLAS Summer Fellowships**

UF and non-UF graduate students who are US citizens or permanent residents may apply for a FLAS fellowship to attend the Institute. The application deadline for UF's FLAS fellowships is **March 2, 2009**. Details can be found at: <http://www.latam.ufl.edu/Funding/>. Other universities may also have FLAS fellowships available.



*The Garifuna Institute would like to recognize the late Andy Palacio for his contribution to the preservation of the Garifuna language and culture. Palacio is known world-wide as the icon of Garifuna music.*

### **Academic Credits**

The Garifuna Institute is a UF sponsored program providing 9 UF credits. With advance approval, credits earned can satisfy major, minor or other university requirements. For non-UF students, transfer credits can be arranged with your home institution.

### **FEES DUE UPON APPLICATION**

A \$250 nonrefundable deposit toward the total cost of the program is required at the time of application. The remaining fees are due no later than 30 days prior to departure.

Students receiving financial aid may defer payment until the disbursement of their financial aid.

#### ***Not included in the program fee:***

Round-trip airfare, most meals, lodging, personal travel, and personal expenses.