

UF in Nicaragua Grassroots Development

Summer
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University of Florida Study Abroad



The University of Florida offers a six week course in grassroots development and Nicaraguan culture. Beginning in the capital city of Managua the traveling course moves to rural communities and urban communities in various locations throughout the country.



Application Deadline:
March 6, 2009

2009 Program fee: TBA

Program fee includes: Tuition for 6 credits, room and board, several excursions, development and cultural instruction, opportunities for hands-on involvement in grassroots development projects, on-site orientation, international health insurance and medical emergency assistance.

Round-trip airfare is not included.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Home-stays with Nicaraguan Families
- Opportunity for participant observation in grassroots development projects among some of the most socio-economically marginalized communities in the western hemisphere.
- Daily presentations by Nicaraguan community leaders and academics
- Excursions to pacific coast, organic coffee farm, volcanic cloud forest, and mountain eco-lodge
- Integration with Nicaraguan university students

COURSE OFFERINGS

Courses taught by UF Faculty - UF GPA credit

- IDH 3931: NGOs, Social Movements, and Grassroots Development (3 UF GPA credits)
- IDH 3931: Culture of Nicaragua (3 UF GPA credits)

Eligibility: Students who

- ⇒ have a 3.0 or better GPA on a 4.0 scale
- ⇒ have an interest in non-profit organizations and grassroots development
- ⇒ know enough Spanish to attempt conversation with Nicaraguans in their native language (no academic language requirements).

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Student Financial Aid Advisor:
See your assigned financial aid advisor.

UF in Nicaragua

The UF in Nicaragua program was established to provide students with an opportunity to study the dynamics of transnational non-governmental assisted community development efforts in socio-economically marginalized communities, as well as various aspects of Nicaraguan history and culture. The experience includes exposure to three different non-governmental organizations' practices of grassroots development in a variety of communities on the Western side of the country. North American students will be joined by Nicaraguan students who will travel and live with them, providing a more complete immersion experience. This program will appeal particularly to students of anthropology, sociology, geography, political science, history, non-profit management, and social entrepreneurship.



Financial Aid

University of Florida students needing financial aid should apply through UF Student Financial Affairs (SFA). Non-UF students needing financial aid must apply to their home institutions.

Housing

The program offers dormitory or guest house housing for five of the six weeks and home-stays with families for one week. All meals are included in the program cost.



Academic Credits

This is a UF program, taught by UF faculty, UF GPA credits taken can satisfy major, minor and university requirements with prior approval.

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 their financial aid disperses.

Not Included in the program fees:

Round-trip airfare and personal expenses.

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Applications considered on space-available basis, so please apply early.

Please apply online at: www.abroad.ufic.ufl.edu.
For more information visit www.uf-in-nica.org.