

Syllabus / Appendices

Chapter 7: This Isn't What I Expected in Cuba: Challenging the Imaginative Geographies of Students through Study Abroad by James Chaney

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Appendices

Appendix 7.1: Program Itinerary June 5 – 17, 2018

Date & Location	Morning Activities	Afternoon/Evening Activities
Tuesday – June 5 Ft. Lauderdale to Havana	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet at Ft. Lauderdale Airport to check in/receive visa for flight to Havana – program begins 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrive at Jose Marti International Airport in Havana • Meet host families • Tour Vedado Neighborhood and welcome dinner
Wednesday – June 6 Havana	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet at Coco taxi station • Tour of Old Havana – on foot and by bus with Cuban architect/urban planner, overview of the growth and development of the city 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Afternoon – late lunch in state-run restaurant • Evening – debrief and free time.
Thursday – June 7 Havana	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take public transportation to Museum of the Revolution. Lecture on Revolution 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Afternoon – excursion to Hemmingway's countryside residence. • Evening – return to Havana and tour El Hotel National • Debrief and free time
Friday – June 8 Havana	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visit to U.S. Embassy • Lunch with host families or on your own 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Afternoon – pool party at country home, salsa lessons, lecture on Cuba's healthcare system from local medical doctor • Evening – debrief in Havana and free time

Saturday – June 9 Havana	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lecture on Cuban educational system, service activity (renovating public school) with community members from Proyecto Espiral. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Afternoon – debrief • Evening – optional cultural activity (modern dance or other musical performance) and/or free time
Sunday – June 10 Viñales	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Depart for Viñales • Visit Soroa waterfall, Las Terrazas bioreserve, and botanical garden 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Afternoon – meet host families and tour organic farm • Evening – dinner at organic farm and debrief
Monday – June 11 Viñales	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hike through karst topography of Viñales and lecture on physical geography • Debrief during lunch 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Afternoon/Evening – visit to tobacco farm and have dinner with family
Tuesday – June 12 Trinidad	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Depart for Trinidad • Stop at Playa Girón (Bay of Pigs) to visit museum and have lunch 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Afternoon – arrive in Trinidad, meet host families in Trinidad • Debrief
Wednesday – June 13 Trinidad	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walking tour of colonial Trinidad, accompanied by city historian. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Afternoon – visit to sugar mill and colonial plantation • Optional snorkeling in Trinidad • Debrief in Historical town plaza
Thursday – June 14 Santa Clara	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Depart for Santa Clara • Lunch at Laguna de Guanaroca and lecture on Mangroves 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Afternoon – Che Memorial, visit with Cuban official to explain Cuban political system • Evening – debrief and meet host families
Friday – June 15 Varadero	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Depart for Varadero. • Walking tour of the Varadero tourist complex 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Afternoon/Evening – meet host families and free time
Saturday – June 16 Havana	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Free time in Varadero, • Return to Havana, tour of Soviet-style housing community (Alamar) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Afternoon – Lunch with Cuban family in Alamar apartment • Meet with members of CDRs

		(Committees in Defense of the Revolution) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evening – debrief and Farewell dinner in Sancho Panza restaurant
Sunday – June 17 Havana to Ft. Lauderdale	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Depart for Jose Marti International Airport in Havana – program ends 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrive at Ft. Lauderdale Airport.

Appendix 7.2: Assignment Instructions for Participation Participation

Each student will be evaluated on their level of participation and engagement during the program. That is, students will be expected to participate in all outings and activities while in Cuba. Missing excursions or service-learning activities will result in a lower participation grade.

Appendix 7.3: Assignment Instructions for Research Essay Research Essay

Each student will focus on a particular topic during the course and work one-on-one with one of us to produce a short 5–6-page essay. The essay should describe a particular challenge facing cotemporary Cuba, lay out the historical context, analyze recent developments, and discuss the many implications. This essay should draw on supplemental readings and research.

Appendix 7.4: Assignment Instructions for Journal Journal

Students are expected to maintain a study abroad journal recording notes, ideas, commentary, insights, observations, etc. We will have informal debriefing meetings almost daily to discuss insights, reflections, and interpretations.