

STUDY ABROAD IN TRINIDAD

WITH MORGAN STATE UNIVERSITY AND
MARYLAND'S COMMUNITY COLLEGES

JUNE 11-20, 2023

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PSYCHOLOGY, BUSINESS & HEALTH



Join faculty from Morgan State University and Maryland's community colleges to study abroad on the island of Trinidad with a focus on mental health and business. With its richly diverse culture and society and vibrant economy, Trinidad is an ideal setting for multi-disciplinary study. You will spend time at the government's Ministries of Health and Finance and will travel across Trinidad to explore the public health implications and economic facets of its history, ecology, higher education, tourism and more as you experience island life for yourself.

PROGRAM INCLUSIONS

The estimated program cost of \$2,420 includes:

- Round trip airfare between Baltimore-Washington International (BWI) Airport & Trinidad
- 8 full days & 9 nights in Trinidad
- Excursions per the enclosed itinerary
- Ground transportation in Trinidad
- Basic travel & emergency health insurance with CFAR

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EDUCATION ABROAD
FOR U.S. STUDENTS



ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must be at least age 18 and be ready to complete an interview with one of the program's faculty leaders. Applicants should also be students in good academic and disciplinary standing.

Participants in any major are eligible to apply for this program.

ACADEMICS

Participants will complete assignments with the program's the faculty leaders to qualify for a study abroad credential on their college transcript.

OPTIONAL: Students may wish to register for a summer 2023 academic course associated with this study abroad program. Courses incorporate some content related to Trinidad. You may choose from these course options:

- **Business 293:** Special Topics in Business (3 credits) [online]
- **Psychology 105:** Cross-Cultural Psychology (3 credits) [online]
- **Health 101:** Health & Wellness (3 credits) [online]

Program acceptance letters will include instructions for course registration.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Seats are limited on this program.

Online applications are due no later than January 10, 2023. Interviews with applicants will be conducted in-person or virtually throughout fall and winter.

After January 10, applications will be adjudicated by a statewide committee of community college faculty and staff. Participants will be notified of admissions decisions in the second half of January 2023.

PAYMENTS

The full cost of this program is approximately \$2,420, with tentative due dates as follows:

- **Half by February 6, 2023**
(NOTE: Add \$300 to this payment if you requested and are approved for a single room, which will be indicated in the program acceptance letter.)
- **The remainder by mid-April**

Admitted students will receive detailed payment instructions in their program acceptance letter.



SCHOLARSHIPS

A limited number of partial scholarships may be available to support students in need. To be considered for an award, complete the *Scholarship* portion of the attached application.

LODGING & MEALS

The program includes accommodations in shared rooms for nine nights at a bed & breakfast in Trinidad.

A limited number of single rooms may be available for an extra fee of \$300. Indicate on the application if you wish to be considered for a single room. Single room assignment is not guaranteed.

Daily breakfasts are provided at the accommodations.

The program cost does not include other meals. Participants are recommended to budget up to \$400 for lunches and dinners, based on individual preferences.

BUDGETING

The program cost of approx. \$2,420 does not include the following items. Please budget for these items separately:

- Lunches and dinners
- Tuition and fees if you opt to register for an associated course
- Personal, health-related, and free time expenses

INSURANCE

This program includes basic travel and emergency medical insurance coverage for the duration of the time abroad.

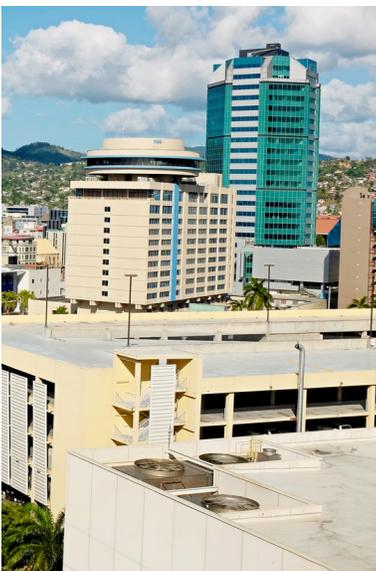
After February 6, 2023, refunds for this program for any reason are not guaranteed. The insurance policy includes a cancel-for-any-reason rider via which participants may submit a claim for up to a 75% recovery of program payments made to date.

If you would like additional insurance – for example, to cover personal health needs or to have expanded cancellation coverage – you may wish to purchase upgraded travel insurance coverage from a reputable travel agency.

Contact your study abroad office to request a copy of this program's insurance plan document.

REFUNDS

Refunds after February 6, 2023 are not guaranteed and will depend on recoverable funds available as of the date that the participant notifies the program in writing of intent to withdraw. The refund request process will be described in program acceptance letters.



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Throughout the program, participants will debrief with faculty leaders and with each other to discuss their experiences and discoveries and to actively engage in the learning process.

Sunday, June 11

Depart from BWI airport in the morning. Arrive in Trinidad in the early afternoon. Check in to accommodations at Norma's or Shalom's Bed & Breakfast.

Monday, June 12

Explore Trinidad & Tobago's significant Amerindian history at the huge indoor and outdoor Chaguaramas Military History & Aerospace Museum, housed on a former US military base.

Tuesday, June 13

Discover firsthand Trinidad's incredible ecology and biodiversity. First visit Pitch Lake and Pitch Lake Museum, which contains the world's largest natural deposit of asphalt and is at the center of Trinidad's major asphalt industry. Then explore Pointe-a-Pierre Wildfowl Trust, a wetland habitat that is home to endangered birds - and located on the compound of a major petro-chemical & oil refinery. Enjoy dinner at The Cross, a famous food strip.

Wednesday, June 14

Explore the nation's natural & cultural heritage National Museum & Art Gallery of Trinidad & Tobago. Later today, experience a lesson on steelpan drums, an instrument with African roots that was invented in Trinidad.

Thursday, June 15

Visit the Ministry of Health - North Central Regional Health Facility & Eric Williams Medical Science Complex to examine health disparities in the Caribbean. Then tour the University of the West Indies and enjoy lunch at the university cafeteria. Later in the day, explore the Eric Williams Memorial Collection at the University of the West Indies, St. Augustine Library.

Friday, June 16

Discover the history of Trinidad & Tobago's currency at the country's Ministry of Finance (Central Bank) and spend time examining the financial resources housed in its Money Museum. Then experience the Magnificent Seven Tour, which explores historic buildings that tell the story of Trinidad's rich Caribbean and South American cultural heritage. Later in the day, learn about the cultural, social, and economic impact of Trinidad's major annual carnival event and experience a carnival costume-making workshop.

Saturday, June 17

Extend yesterday's learning about the significance of the carnival through a visit to the National Carnival Commission, the organization that manages the event's finance, commerce, international trade, and social impact. Then take part in an in-depth discussion of behavioral change, mental health and human development in Trinidad & Tobago.

Sunday, June 18

Experience coastal ecology at Trinidad's breathtaking Maracas Beach and Lookout Point followed by lunch at Maracas Bay. Enjoy free time in the area for souvenir shopping and dinner. Spend the evening at Matura Bay for a special opportunity to watch as endangered leatherback sea turtles, the world's largest living sea turtles, engage in nesting on the beach -- one of the top three sites worldwide for this experience.

Monday, June 19 &

On Sunday and Monday, delve into additional components of Trinidadian culture and society particularly as they relate to mental health and to the local economy, this time with a focus on Trinidad's East Indian heritage. Activities may include an East Indian Heritage Tour and a visit to Dattatreya Yoga Center and Hanuman Murti, the Indian Caribbean Museum, the Temple in the Sea, and/or the Exchange Village Mud Madir. On Monday afternoon, depart Trinidad to return to BWI Airport.

Tuesday, June 20

Daily excursions are subject to change, and the order of activities may be switched or substituted as needed based on availability.

STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM ACKNOWLEDGMENT: TRINIDAD

**SUBMIT SIGNED ACKNOWLEDGMENT PAGE AND ASK ANY QUESTIONS TO
YOUR COLLEGE'S STUDY ABROAD COORDINATOR:**

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[Click here for application: https://forms.office.com/r/XDKwdxUtNk](https://forms.office.com/r/XDKwdxUtNk)

ELIGIBILITY TO APPLY FOR FACULTY-LED STUDY ABROAD

At the time of application,

- Be in good academic and disciplinary standing at your college.
- Be at least age 18.
- Be ready to complete an interview with a program faculty leader.

STUDY ABROAD POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

PAYMENTS

- Before the required deadlines, participants must pay for the program in full. Participants who do not make payments on time may be dropped from the program and will not be able to re-enroll.
- Program payments are nonrefundable.
- Payments must be made in accordance with the instructions in participants' program acceptance letter.
- Participants are responsible for budgeting and for ensuring that they will have access to sufficient funds to cover their needs for the duration of the study abroad program.

AMOUNT

Approximately \$1,210 (exact sum TBA).

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PAYMENT DUE

By February 6, 2023

By mid-April 2023

REFUND AND WITHDRAWAL POLICY

- Program payments are nonrefundable.
- If payments have been made or encumbered on a participant's behalf at the time of a withdrawal, the participant is obligated to pay the amount encumbered or paid unless and until the third party reimburses the college or releases the college from the financial obligation.
- Program insurance policies include limited cancellation coverage under certain circumstances. Participants are responsible for requesting and reviewing program insurance coverage to ascertain whether it meets their needs and may purchase additional insurance coverage independently if they wish to. If a participant wishes to cancel participation in study abroad for any reason after the published payment deadline -- or if the program is canceled due to events outside the providing institutions' control -- the participant may pursue a claim with the program's insurance policy per applicable cancellation provisions. Refunds are not guaranteed.

ACADEMICS

- Study abroad programs are academic in nature and participants must expect to invest time and effort in this program's learning activities.
- Participants will complete assignments per the faculty leaders' written directive.
- Attendance at all scheduled program activities is required, both at home and abroad. Participants are expected to be punctual at all scheduled activities. Lateness and absences may result in suspension or expulsion.
- Participants will participate in up to three required orientations for the program during the spring 2023 semester, and participants will also participate one post-travel meeting (dates to be announced).
- Student participants must satisfactorily complete assigned academic work to receive the study abroad transcript credential.

CONDUCT

- While studying abroad, participants are expected to abide by all applicable laws and by their college's and Morgan State University's rules and policies, including the student code of conduct.
- Participants are advised not to go out alone. If during free time student participants wish to leave the group, they are advised to tell a faculty leader where they are going and when they plan to return.
- The leaders have the right and responsibility to dismiss from the program any participant if the program leaders deem such action to be in the best interest of the group. In such instances, no refund or credit will be awarded to the member so dismissed. Breaches of local law will be reported to law enforcement agencies.
- All facilities reserved for the group are to be used solely by members of the group.
- Participants are financially responsible for any damages to accommodations or facilities used on the program.

PASSPORT

- All participants must have a valid US passport.
- If you do not have a US passport, or if your passport expires **before December 2023**, you must apply for a new passport or a renewal **NOW** at your local library or post office. Passport processing may take several months.

TRAVEL

- Participants will (1) ensure that their current passport will be valid for at least six months after the travel dates OR (2) apply for a passport or passport renewal sufficiently in advance of departure (US citizens: see travel.state.gov). Because of current delays in passport processing, participants are advised to handle any needed passport updates immediately.
- Participants are responsible for obtaining their required travel documents in a timely way and for keeping them secure. If a travel document is lost, the participant is responsible for any costs associated with resulting flight or program changes.
- Participants will travel on the designated group flight.
- Participants will provide the study abroad office with a copy of their passport in a timely way after admission and will also submit required paperwork for Morgan State University and any other entities for program administration.
- If not a US citizen or permanent resident, participants must research and comply with their destination's and any transit country's entry requirements for citizens of their home country. Students who are not US citizens should also meet with their college's International Student Services office (or equivalent) to discuss their plan to participate in study abroad.

HEALTH

- Participants should consult with a healthcare provider who specializes in travel medicine at least several months before departure regarding potential health-related needs for Trinidad & Tobago. Prior to the appointment, participants should carefully read the Center for Disease Control's websites for travelers to Trinidad & Tobago. It is the participant's responsibility to fulfill any required medical-related processes on time before traveling abroad.
- Participants should prepare for significant walking and should bring comfortable shoes for walking on uneven terrain as well as a sturdy umbrella and malaria precautions. Consult with a travel medicine specialist for further recommendations.
- Participants may be required to complete health-related and other paperwork prior to departure.
- Participants who require special accommodations should make their needs known to their study abroad coordinator in a timely way. Otherwise, it may delay their participation in study abroad until reasonable accommodations/adjustments can be determined. Laws abroad regarding access for those with physical disabilities may differ from laws in the US and there is no guarantee that all individual needs and circumstances can be met.
- If a participant becomes ill or injured, s/he should notify the program leader(s) immediately.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

By my signature, I acknowledge that I have carefully read and I understand the policies and procedures found in this document as well as those at my college's and Morgan State University's websites governing participation in study abroad, and I agree to abide by them. I certify that the information I provided in this application and in any accompanying materials is complete and correct.

My college, its director(s) and its instructor(s) accept no responsibility in whole or in part for any delays, delayed departure or arrival; loss, damage, or injury to any person or property; or mechanical defect or failure of any nature, howsoever caused; or for any substitution of hotels. Program costs are quoted based on information current at the time of printing and are subject to changes therein at or before the time of final payment. No revision of the printed program or its included features is anticipated; however, the right is reserved to make any changes that may become necessary with or without notice and with the mutual understanding that any additional expenses will be paid by the individual. The right is reserved to reject applications and to dismiss any person as a member of the program at any time.

I further agree that the college may withdraw me from the program and send me home at any time during the program at my expense if the college determines that my continued participation in the program will adversely affect my health, safety or welfare, or the health, safety, welfare or enjoyment of the program by others. I agree further that a decision to withdraw me from the program is final and that I am not entitled to any refund.

I understand that programs or components of programs must sometimes be cancelled for reasons outside the college's control. In these situations, the college will determine what refunds, if any, are due to participants.

In the event of an emergency situation where I am unable to express my own medical care decisions, I hereby authorize faculty, staff, designated agents, and/or an attending physician to seek emergency treatment on my behalf if, in their opinion, emergency treatment is necessary to safeguard my health. I acknowledge and agree that nothing in this release shall be understood as creating any obligation or duty on the part of the college to obtain medical care on my behalf. I agree to pay for any charges for emergency medical treatment that are not covered by my personal health insurance, and release the college and its agents from any liability or actions.

I acknowledge that I am voluntarily participating in this study abroad program. I acknowledge that I am aware that there are risks associated with travel, and that my participation in study abroad may expose me to risks of bodily or other personal injury or damage to property. The college and its study abroad office take reasonable steps to provide information and guidance, but I understand that the college cannot guarantee my safety and I assume full responsibility for all risks associated with my participation in study abroad. I agree to release, indemnify, and hold harmless the college and its study abroad office, and college's officers, agents, employees, and representatives from and against any claim which I, the participant, my parents or guardian or any other person may have for any losses, damages or injuries arising out of or in connection with my participation in study abroad.

PARTICIPANT NAME (printed)

PARTICIPANT SIGNATURE

DATE