ENCUENTRO DOMINICANO

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Encuentro Dominicano is a semester-long academic living-learning program that integrates community-based learning with traditional coursework in a cross-cultural immersion context. Encuentro Dominicano reflects the Mission of the University, especially its call for participation in the tradition of the Society of Jesus and its integrating vision of the world. As such, it fosters commitment to a faith that promotes justice, service to others, appreciation of ethnic and cultural diversity, stimulation of creative and critical thinking, and provision of ethical perspectives for dealing with an increasingly complex world.

The program is housed in the CESI Center, a self-contained facility that provides health services and pastoral care in and around Santiago, a city of over 850,000 inhabitants in the north of the Dominican Republic. Students may take 12 to 18 credits in coursework, including: EDP 362 Dominican Republic in Context and EDP 461 The Crucified People of Today, for a combination of six credits in the history, sociology, politics, economics and faith traditions of the Dominican Republic and the Caribbean, and six credits in Spanish at a level commensurate with their prior language training. EDP 461 The Crucified People of Today employs service-learning pedagogy, with the possibility for internships and cultural immersion in local communities. Ample opportunity is provided for guided reflection on all that students experience during their time in the Dominican Republic.

Online applications for Encuentro Dominicano, Creighton's signature semester-long study abroad program, can be completed through the Global Engagement Office. Encuentro Dominicano students may also enroll in additional courses offered by Creighton faculty visiting the program.

Courses

EDP 261. Dominican Republic in Context. 3 credits.
A study of the history, sociology and politics of the Dominican Republic and the Caribbean. Classroom work is integrated with service-learning and cultural immersion in a context of ethical analyses and reflection. Included in this 3-hour course is course work combined with a service requirement and a seminar. CO: EDP 461.

EDP 362. Dominican Republic in Context. 3 credits.

EDP 461. The Crucified People of Today. 3 credits.
A multi-disciplinary study of social justice issues pertaining to people experiencing material poverty. This course will combine Theological beliefs to make meaning out of the injustices in our world, with Economics views that address sustainable development ideas to eradicate extreme poverty. Classroom work is integrated with service-learning and cultural immersion in a context of ethical analyses and reflection. CO: EDP 261. P: One Magis Core Critical Issues in Human Inquiry course.