

# **Caribbean Regional Development: The Dominican Republic Experience**

## **Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic**

**Study Abroad Program, Michigan State University  
In collaboration with PUCMM and SAS, Dominican Republic**

**4 May 2008 – 25 May 2008**

### **PROPOSED SCHEDULE**

#### **WEEK 1**

**Sunday, May 4: Departure Detroit - Arrival Santo Domingo  
Housing Hotel Europa, Santo Domingo**

<b>Monday, May 5</b>	<b>Orientation, 9:00AM Walking tour of Colonial Zone, 10:00AM – 12:00 Noon Lunch, bus tour of Santo Domingo, Noon – 5:00 PM</b>
<b>Tuesday, May 6</b>	<b>Guest Lecture 9:00 AM – 11:00AM “Dominican history and culture” (Lynne Guitar) Classes 11:00AM – 1:00 PM</b>
<b>Wednesday, May 7</b>	<b>Classes: 9:00AM – 1:00PM 2:30PM: Visit Museo del Hombre Dominicano, Botanical Garden</b>
<b>Thursday, May 8</b>	<b>Classes: 9:00AM – 1:00PM 2:30PM: Visit Columbus lighthouse/museum, Los Tres Ojos National Park</b>
<b>Friday, May 9</b>	<b>Field Excursion North Coast, Puerto Plata, Sosúa, Cabarete, Overnight at Cabarete</b>
<b>Saturday, May 10</b>	<b>Continuation of north coast excursion, overnight at Las Terrenas</b>
<b>Sunday, May 11</b>	<b>Visit waterfalls (Salto del Limón) Return to Santo Domingo</b>

**NOTE: Classes at conference room of Hotel Europa. Depending on circumstances, locations and program activities may change. Breakfast included at hotel.**

**WEEK 2**

<b>Monday, May 12</b>	<b>Guest lecture: 9:00AM – 11:00PM “Tourism in the DR” (DR speaker) Classes: 11:00AM – 1:00 PM 2:30PM: Visit Secretaria de Turismo</b>
<b>Tuesday, May 13</b>	<b>Classes: 9:00AM – 1:00PM</b>
<b>Wednesday, May 14</b>	<b>Classes: 9:00AM – 1:00PM Afternoon: Briefing, U.S. Embassy</b>
<b>Thursday, May 15</b>	<b>Classes: 9:00AM – 1:00PM</b>
<b>Friday, May 16</b>	<b>Field Excursion Northeastern and Eastern DR, National Park Los Haitises, overnight at Punta Cana</b>
<b>Saturday, May 17</b>	<b>Field Excursion Eastern DR (continued) Punta Cana resort, overnight at Punta Cana</b>
<b>Sunday, May 18</b>	<b>Return to Santo Domingo, stops at Altos de Chavón, La Romana, and San Pedro de Macoris</b>

**WEEK 3**

<b>Monday, May 19</b>	<b>Guest lecture: 9:00AM – 11:00PM “Economic Development in the DR” (DR speaker) Classes: 11:00AM – 1:00PM 2:30 PM: Visit maquila plant, Free Trade Zone, rum factory</b>
<b>Tuesday, May 20</b>	<b>Classes: 9:00AM – 1:00PM</b>
<b>Wednesday, May 21</b>	<b>Classes: 9:00AM – 1:00PM. At 2:00 PM We are leaving Santo Domingo to visit the province Sanchez Ramirez, Capital Cotui, in there we will visit ITEC University, it’s a public university and he base is agriculture, after the visit at the university we will visit the dam’ Hatillo (presa). Tha water they use to wet all the Central Cibao rice in the Sanchez Ramirez Province. We will spend the night in the city Villa la Mata, Cotui, there we will have dinner and music and swimming pool.</b>
<b>Thursday, May 22</b>	<b>At 9:00 AM we will visit the public school and then there, we will participate in SAS’s English Program for 30 minutes at the public school. At 11:00 AM we will visit the rice field with an agronomist, to explain every thing about the rice plantation, At 12:00 PM we will visit the rice factory At 1:00 PM Lunch and to Santo Domingo</b>

	<p><b>Excursion to interior. OPTION 1: Visit Santiago, agricultural fields along the way, Pontifica Universidad Católica Madre y Maestra, Centro Cultural León Jiménez.</b></p> <p><b>OPTION 2: Severino to propose trip to smaller town with visits to surrounding agro industries</b></p>
<b>Friday, May 23</b>	<p><b>Classes: wrap up lecture, student presentations</b></p> <p><b>9:00AM – 1:00PM</b></p>
<b>Saturday, May 24</b>	<p><b>FINAL EXAM: 10:00AM – 12:00 Noon</b></p> <p><b>Farewell Party, afternoon</b></p>

**Sunday, May 25: Departure Santo Domingo - Arrival Detroit**