PROGRAM COST
The program fee of $2495 includes round-trip airfare from Boston to Havana, Cuban academic visa, one tuition credit, lodging in single or shared rooms with breakfast and two dinners, guest lectures and classes at Centro de Estudios Martianos, and all organized activity transportation within Cuba.
An on-site resident director will serve as an emergency contact. The director will orient students upon arrival.
Not included: Lunches, most dinners, and personal expenses.

ADMISSIONS
The curriculum is designed for students who are highly motivated, both academically and personally, and who are seeking to actively engage in the challenges of a new learning environment.
An interview will be scheduled upon receipt of a completed application.

PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS
Travelling can be physically demanding. Students should bring good walking shoes and expect to walk every day. Havana is a pedestrian city.
No special vaccinations are required. If you have allergies or health concerns, please indicate this on your application.

APPLICATION
Applications are available from the Dept. of Language and Literature, North 204 (Ext.4453) and from Christine Esperson, North 232 (Ext.4551.) The program application and deposit are due by late December.

Credits from this trip can be counted in the student's financial aid calculations for spring semester. The one credit could increase the amount of a student's Federal Pell Grant if, for example, it moves the student from part-time to full-time status. Please see Mary Jenkins (Ext.4695) in the Financial Aid Office for advice.

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INTRODUCTION
This 10 day, one-credit (SPN126) immersion program combines classroom work, extracurricular excursions, and guest lectures. The three principal aims of the experience are to continue language learning in an intensive format, familiarize students with the culture of Cuba that has been romanticized in the American psyche, and strengthen students’ cross-cultural knowledge and sensibility in such a way that their work on campus takes on new meaning.

PROGRAM
The program is designed for students and faculty with an interest in learning Spanish and who have a great interest in Cuban culture. Students will attend small-group classes designed for international students. Classes and lectures will run from 9 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Afternoons will be dedicated to excursions, visits to museums, monuments, a Cuban cooking class, and a Cuban dance presentation. Class work will include Spanish language and/or study of the culture and civilization of Cuba.

A more detailed itinerary is available upon request.

SPN126-CREDITS
This one-credit course will count as an elective. Although there is no prerequisite, the program is designed for language students. Classwork and instruction are in Spanish and English.

INSTITUTE
Students can learn more about the Jose Marti Center at: http://www.ecured.cu/index.php/Centro_de_Estudio_s_Martianos.

ACCOMMODATIONS
Students will stay in a hotel in single or shared rooms. Daily breakfast is included.

INSTITUTE
Photos by Christine Esperson

WEATHER
Early spring offers a mild, humid, and sunny climate; March temperatures range from 75 to 85 degrees Fahrenheit. The tropical breeze makes the weather comfortable.

FACULTY DIRECTOR
Prof. Christine Esperson will lead the tour. She has taught Spanish for 27 years and has led trips all over the world. This is her third trip to Cuba, and, having grown up on the sister island of Puerto Rico, she has a unique connection and understanding of the people and culture there.

Program Orientation
Students will meet with Prof. Esperson in early February for orientation and a detailed overview of the language classes and cultural excursions in Cuba.