

North Central College D-Term 2017 Study Abroad

NOVEMBER 27- DECEMBER 10, 2017

# DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

## Baseball & Life in the Dominican Republic

Dr. Jason A. Rice, assistant professor of sport management



### Itinerary:

**Fall term 2017:** Pre-departure sessions (TBA)

**Monday, Nov. 27:** Travel from Chicago O'Hare to Santo Domingo, then welcome walking tour and dinner

**Tuesday, Nov. 28:** UNIBE Campus Tour and Presentations, MLB Office Presentation

**Wednesday, Nov. 29:** Santo Domingo full day educational tour

**Thursday, Nov. 30:** State Office of Sport, Physical Education & Recreation, ESPN Deportes Radio Dominican Republic, U.S. Consulate U.S. AID Office, and Quisqueya Stadium tour

**Friday, Dec. 1:** La Javilla Baseball Youth Program, Travel to Boca Chica Beach Hotel

**Saturday, Dec. 2:** Jarabacoa White Water Rafting Experience & Coffee Farm Visit

**Sunday, Dec. 3:** Free day

**Monday, Dec. 4:** New York Mets Academy, Presentation at hotel about government and social inequalities

**Tuesday, Dec. 5:** MLB Latino Baseball Museum & Hall of Fame, visit Dominican Baseball League Team staff

**Wednesday, Dec. 6:** National Olympic Committee Headquarters, visit with Volleyball and Basketball NGB Offices

**Thursday, Dec. 7:** Service learning/community outreach project 1

**Friday, Dec. 8:** Service learning/community outreach project 2

**Saturday, Dec. 9:** Free day, Farewell dinner

**Sunday, Dec. 10:** Depart Santo Domingo for Chicago O'Hare



Course details subject to change.

## **The Course** (GLS 160-D1: Study Abroad in Dominican Republic)

This course introduces students to the cultural, social, historical and economic impacts of baseball on Dominican society, focusing on the challenges and opportunities posed by the globalization of the sport. Historically the Dominican Republic has been a consistent source of talent for Major League Baseball (MLB), producing more players per capita than any country in the world, including the United States. At present, Major League Baseball scouts are very active in the Dominican Republic, and all 30 MLB clubs run academies designed to produce baseball talent. The overall economic impact of the MLB is estimated at US \$76 million per annum, yielding 2000 jobs. Most of this economic impact affects the areas where MLB clubs operate their academies. Scheduled activities will allow students to discover Dominican culture within and beyond the influence of baseball. In addition to attending class sessions and guest lectures, students will visit many sites, including MLB baseball academies, local professional and amateur clubs, and training facilities. Students will also attend baseball games--where they will meet with players, scouts, trainers, agents, and managers--and engage in service learning projects in orphanages where they can interact with Dominican youth.

### **Enrollment Instructions**

To enroll in GLS 160-D1, Study Abroad in Dominican Republic, students are required to:

- Meet with the faculty leader(s).
- Confer with their academic advisors.
- Complete a green "Add a Course/Instructor Consent" form and have it signed by the appropriate faculty leader.

- Bring the consent form to the Center for Global Education, Abe House, 48 E. Jefferson Ave., and fill out a brief application.
- Pay \$400 nonrefundable airfare deposit by April 13, 2017.

### **Registration Procedure: March 1-April 13, 2017**

Beginning March 1, the Center for Global Education will enroll each student as each deposit is received, March 1-April 13. After April 13, students will be placed on a waiting list and notified if spaces become available. Students with the highest number of credits earned at the College will be given first priority. Final registration will appear in the student's Merlin account.

### **Contact Information**

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### **Initial Deposit due April 13, 2017**

### **Scholarships: Deadline March 10, 2017**

A limited number of scholarships (up to \$1,000) will be awarded to selected sophomores, juniors and seniors with 3.0 or better GPA and demonstrable financial need. Applications are available in the Center for Global Education and must be submitted by March 10, 2017.

## **Statement of Conditions**

### **1. Estimated cost and minimum number of participants:**

\$3,500-\$3,850 based on a minimum of 15 registered students. The course will not be offered for less than 10 students. The price includes:

- Airfare: estimated \$600-800
- Program fee, including land expenses and some meals: estimated \$2,900-\$3,050

### **2. Accommodation and meals:** Twin accommodations in three-star hotel, breakfast included; some other meals included.

### **3. Payment schedule:**

- \$400 nonrefundable airfare deposit due April 13, 2017.
- Balance of the airfare due no later than September 15, 2017, according to payment schedule determined by the faculty leaders; most deposits will be due during the summer.
- \$500 nonrefundable program fee deposit due October 13, 2017.
- Program fee balance is billed to the student's account in late November as part of the invoice for winter term 2018.
- In addition to these airfare and program fees, tuition for this course will be billed as part of each student's winter 2018 invoice.

### **4. Cancellation and refund policy:**

- Refund schedules for airfares depend on individual airlines; faculty leaders will inform all participants of the relevant deadlines and policies.
- If the student participant drops the course before November 1, 2017, 50 percent of the remaining balance of the program fee will be refunded.
- If the student participant drops the course after November 1, 2017, 100 percent of the program fee is forfeited.

### **5. Exclusions:** The following items are NOT included in the fees listed above:

- Meals other than those included in the itinerary
- Optional entertainment and excursions
- Excess baggage charges
- Personal items, including telephone calls, laundry fees, room service
- Departure taxes (except U.S.)
- Passport fees (there will be a \$10 visa fee)
- Vaccines

### **6. Other matters:**

- **Proof of a valid passport is due May 19, 2017: EITHER a color copy of the photo ID and signature pages of a passport valid through June 20, 2018, OR a receipt from applying for your passport.**
- All North Central College students are covered under a secondary insurance policy (EIIA) and will be given emergency information and telephone contacts by the lead professor.
- Every student participant is required to abide by College policies as outlined in the North Central College Student Handbook and by the rules listed on the course syllabus. If, in the judgment of a faculty member leading the course, a student has violated the course rules or College policy as stated in the Student Handbook, the student may be sent home at his or her own expense. In such circumstances, a student's parents may also be notified and additional disciplinary action may be taken by the College upon a student's return to the United States.
- All courses include required pre-departure sessions on campus and at least one follow-up session in January 2018 upon return.
- Final course assignments are due as specified on each course syllabus but no later than week 4 of winter term 2018.