COURSE INFORMATION:

Participants in this interdisciplinary study group take courses on Caribbean and Latin American culture and society and courses earn “ALST” credit toward the Colgate degree. Students who wish to have courses approved for credit in an alternative department or program for any purpose must seek pre-approval from the appropriate department. Courses are expected to be similar to courses offered at Colgate and must “fit” a program or department at Colgate. Students are not permitted to take courses in subjects that are not offered at Colgate, such as business, marketing, journalism or communications. Questions about specific courses should be addressed to the registrar’s office.

Students are expected to notify the Colgate registrar’s office of their course selections prior to departure. If changes are required after arrival in the Dominican Republic, the registrar’s office must be notified of these changes via email.

Students are expected to have an intermediate-level competency in the Spanish language to participate in this program. Any student who wishes to continue their study of the language must take a course at a level that is appropriate to their prior experience. Levels are determined by the Colgate registrar’s office in conjunction with faculty in the department of romance languages, and may not necessarily match the level designations of the host university. Therefore it is critical that courses be pre-approved to ensure that credit will be awarded.

Spanish concentrators should note that no more than two courses taken in a given semester may count toward concentration requirements. Certain “ALST” courses have been approved to count toward a Spanish concentration in the past, but it is imperative that discussions regarding concentration credit take place with the chair of the romance languages department prior to enrolling in courses.

A credit-bearing service learning component is a regular part of this study group.

- All participants are expected to take four full-credit (3 or 4 semester hour) courses.
- No credit will be awarded for courses worth 1 or 2 semester hours. Students wishing to enroll in such courses must obtain pre-approval from the study group director, the director of off-campus study and the associate dean of the faculty.