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**SUMMER VACATION 2012**

**La Sabana University, Colombia**  
**Latin American Studies**  
***Business, International Relations and Culture programs***

**Program dates: January 23 – February 17, 2012**

**Application deadline: September 11<sup>th</sup> 2011**

**Overview**

La Sabana University is offering its partner institutions the opportunity for undergraduate students to undertake short-term courses in January/ February and July/ August 2012. Students from various disciplines are able to choose from a wide range of academic courses taught in English. The four week program is designed to give students the opportunity to learn from a Latin American perspective while providing a cultural experience from one of Latin America's most diverse countries.

**Program description**

The La Sabana Summer Program is aimed at undergraduate students from varying disciplines. Programs will appeal to students studying business, economics, international relations, politics, international studies, anthropology, sociology or cultural studies. Students can chose from one of three Academic programs and will undertake a number of courses within each program.

Academic programs on offer for January 2012:

- Colombian & Latin American Business and Economics
- International Relations from a Latin American Perspective
- Latin American Culture & Society

**Student Profile**

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**Student Numbers**

A maximum of 10 Macquarie students can participate in the course.

**Outcome**

- Students will complete over 32hrs of academic content over the four week program at La Sabana University, as well as 15hrs of Spanish language.
- Students should receive academic credit towards their home institution degree, on approval from their home institution

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- Students will acquire a cultural understanding of Colombia and Latin America, as well as meeting other students from La Sabana's partner institutions from around the world.
- Students will complete programs not available at their home institution.

### **Timing and Duration of Program**

Program dates are to be confirmed.

### **Assignment and Assessment**

Students will be required to complete an assessment for each of the individual courses undertaken. Assessment may vary depending on the course and may include research papers, oral presentations, class participation, etc.

### **Credit**

- Students participating in the course will be enrolled into the unit INTS103.
- All students must be enrolled for this credit, and standard tuition fees (HECS or full fee) for the enrollment are payable to Macquarie.
- The cost of enrolment at Macquarie is not included in the logistics fee.
- Students cannot enroll themselves into the unit until they have been accepted into the program and a waiver has been entered.
- The results will be recorded as "satisfactory" or "fail" and, provided they pass, will not affect their GPA.

### **Selection Criteria**

- Students must be enrolled in a relevant Macquarie University degree award program at the time of application and also at the time of travel
- Students must have a satisfactory level of academic achievement with a Macquarie University GPA of 2.5 or higher. In exceptional circumstances, students with a GPA of 2.0 - 2.5 may be considered for short term programs only on the advice of the Head of The Department of International Studies. Students should in the first instance contact Carolina Rodriguez [carolina.rodriguez@mq.edu.au](mailto:carolina.rodriguez@mq.edu.au) to outline their case for consideration.
- Students must receive credit points towards their MQ degree for their participation in this program
- Students' eligibility will be assessed according to the guidelines in the Student Mobility Policy. [http://www.international.mq.edu.au/goingabroad/important/student\\_exchange](http://www.international.mq.edu.au/goingabroad/important/student_exchange)
- Students will be selected to participate in the program based on academic merit, references and personal statement
- Students enrolled in a Certificate in Languages only are not eligible for travel grants
- Students enrolled in non award programs are not eligible to participate in the short term programs

*Language students in their first year may participate in an in-country unit without having fulfilled*

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*the 18cp requirement on the following conditions:*

- They are enrolled in a Bachelor degree program at Macquarie
- They are enrolled in both Semester 1 and Semester 2 units for their chosen language
- They obtain a recommendation from the Department of International Studies
- The short program in which they are participating is one that has been specifically designed for students going between 1st and 2nd semester language units
- The program offered is specifically established for a group of students who do not comply with the regular policy. If this is the case, it will be made clear in the documentation about the program.

### **Mobility Scholarships**

Mobility Scholarships from Macquarie International are intended to assist students in participating in student mobility programs. While the grants will assist in meeting program expenses, they are not intended to cover all costs and cannot be processed on demand. Grants are processed after the pre-departure session, and so applicants may need to be able to meet the costs of the program independently of the travel grant, where a grant cannot be processed in time for travel.

- Eligible students participating in the program will receive a Macquarie mobility scholarship of \$ 2,000
- You do NOT need to apply for the scholarship separately. Those accepted into the program will be assessed automatically.

### **OS – Help**

In the event that you should require additional financial assistance, the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) has announced the provision of loans to assist Australian students undertake some of their study towards their undergraduate degree overseas. The scheme is known as OS-HELP.

See further information on this link

[http://www.international.mq.edu.au/goingabroad/process/accepted\\_exchange](http://www.international.mq.edu.au/goingabroad/process/accepted_exchange)

### **Accommodation**

Accommodation is arranged by La Sabana University and students will be placed in homestay accommodation in Bogotá. Families are selected carefully assuring friendly, comfortable, clean and a safe service. Accommodation is in safe districts and close to public transport service.

Homestay accommodation is with local Colombian families and includes daily breakfast and dinner and laundry once a week. Students will have a single room and some may include internet service and television.

### **Cost**

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The Logistics Fee for this program is estimated to be **\$1,800**. We expect final fees to be confirmed by the end of September.

This fee includes:

- Home-stay accommodation in Bogota. Includes: individual bedroom, breakfast, dinner and laundry service once a week or washer available on site.
- Airport pick-up
- Four classes taught in English about Latin American topics
- Welcome lunch @ La Sabana University
- Four activities which can include: City tour of Bogota, Visit to Guatavita Lagoon, Trip to the Salt Cathedral at Zipaquirá, Tarde de Tejo afternoon (a traditional Colombian game), Chiva Tour, Monserrate
- 24hr Spanish language program
- Overnight trip to Villa de Leyva, including shared accommodation and transport.
- Transport to and from activities, guides and entrance fees
- Farewell dinner at the famous Andres Carne de Res Restaurant (excluding beverages)

Macquarie International will provide:

- Travel insurance
- Pre-departure session
- Lonely planet guide - Colombia

### **Additional costs**

Students should expect to also pay the following amounts:

1. \$110 Macquarie short term program application fee. For more information on this fee please visit <http://www.international.mq.edu.au/goingabroad/shortterm/costs>
2. Tuition fee for the Residential unit at Macquarie
3. Airfares: Students are required to arrange airfares independently and plan to arrive in Bogota at least one day before the starting date of the course.
4. Transportation: transportation from and to the university. Public transportation in Bogota and Chia is very cheap; the fare is approximately US\$1 one way from Bogota to La Sabana University. Students must take 2 buses from Bogota to La Sabana or one bus from Chia to the University.
5. Meals: lunch at La Sabana University cost around US\$3. Menu dishes cost from US\$4 to US\$9.
6. Entertainment: Bogotá offers a great variety of options for going out and students should take into account expenses for weekend activities.
7. Additional field trips: Additional weekend activities may be offered to students through La Sabana University which would be at the student's expense.
8. Cost of enrolment at Macquarie: students must be enrolled in an exchange unit at Macquarie, for which they have an appropriate approval from a Macquarie Exemptions Officer; standard enrolment fees will apply for this unit

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### **How to Pay Relevant Fees**

Application Fees (110 AUD) and Logistics fees can be paid in two ways:

#### **In person**

EFTPOS and Credit Card payments can be made, in person, at the MiShop on Level 1 of building E3A. Please note that except in exceptional circumstances, it is not possible to make cash payments.

#### **Online**

Go to <http://www.international.mq.edu.au/mishop>

Select "Events for Exchange students" on the left-hand menu. Then, select the International Exchange Program Application Fee and add it to your cart to pay online.

Further application on the logistic fees payment process will be sent by email to successful candidates.

### **How to Apply**

The application form is online at:

<https://www.international.mq.edu.au/goingabroad/>

You will be asked for:

- Your application type ("Student Exchange")
- Your personal details
- Your passport details
- Emergency contact details
- Your current study details
- Your university preferences and the units you hope to study at those universities
- A supporting statement, i.e., why do you want to go on exchange and what qualities do you think you have that will make you a good choice for the exchange program?
- Contact details for two referees

Remember to click the 'Submit' button to submit your application. It should take around 20 – 30 minutes to complete the application. You can log out and log back in to finish it at a later date if necessary, but please remember to submit it by the deadline.

### **Evaluation**

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Students will be required to complete an online evaluation for Macquarie International. Students may also be required to undertake evaluations from La Sabana.

### **Deadline**

Student applications are due to Macquarie International by the **11<sup>th</sup> September, 2011.**

### **Notes for International Students**

International students must still comply with Australian visa conditions for class attendance and pass rates whilst overseas – general requirements for international students, as dictated by the ESOS Act, must still be met.

For more information please visit

[http://www.immi.gov.au/business-services/education-providers/third\\_country\\_exchanges.htm](http://www.immi.gov.au/business-services/education-providers/third_country_exchanges.htm)

International students are permitted to travel home before and/or after their program.

### **Further Information**

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