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## Montgomery College REGISTRATION FOR THE CUBA PROGRAM

Note: Submit this **registration application** by email attachment to [Greg.Malveaux@montgomerycollege.edu](mailto:Greg.Malveaux@montgomerycollege.edu) with Montgomery College **prior to or by October 1.** With this application submission, **also** provide a **photocopy of your Passport** page with your image. After you have provided these items, expect an email notification with a link to register online with our partnering travel agency, ISA; registering with ISA will take 5 minutes, and requires a \$200 deposit (credit card payment) that will go toward your program payment. Carefully review the program itinerary, its conditions, and withdrawal policy.

**University:** Montgomery College

**Program Title:** Cuba: A Cultural Introduction

**Program Location:** Cuba

**Dates:** January 7 – January 15, 2017

**Price:** \$3,319 (based on 20 paid participants), plus \$40 orientation registration fee

**Application Deadline:** Prior to, or by October 1, you must submit this application by email attachment to [Greg.Malveaux@montgomerycollege.edu](mailto:Greg.Malveaux@montgomerycollege.edu) with Montgomery College; after, you will receive further instruction, by email, on how to register with ISA.

### Please provide the following information:

Full name that appears on your Passport: \_\_\_\_\_

Nickname (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

Gender (male or female): \_\_\_\_\_

Status (i.e. MC student, faculty, staff; alumni): \_\_\_\_\_

Passport number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address (frequently checked): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (cell/home/work): \_\_\_\_\_

### What's Included in the Program:

- International Airfare from Washington Dulles International Airport to Havana
- Group airport pick-up and drop-off at José Martí International Airport in Havana
- On-site orientation
- Group welcome and farewell dinners
- Fourteen academic visits and guest lectures
- Participant housing in shared rooms at a hotel in Havana (breakfast included each day)
- Excursion to Las Terrazas (Day trip)



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- Excursion to Matanzas (1 night)
- Guided tours and entrance fees
- Health insurance
- Academic Visa

#### Not Included

- Any applicable exit fees
- Passport
- Individual transportation within the host city (taxis, buses)
- Personal spending money (activities, toiletries, snacks, etc.)

#### Academic Information:

-This program is merged with AELW 940: American English Language IV with Professor David Lott

-You may participate in the Cuba program without enrolling in AELW 940, but you must enroll in orientation sessions (3 total), which is a \$40 fee; additional information on orientation sessions and enrollment will be provided after registration is complete.

#### For more information or an application, contact:

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*Information is subject to change.*

Additionally, for your own awareness and safety, this information is provided:

## Mosquito-borne Illnesses

Serious illnesses can be transmitted through mosquito bites. Dengue, Chikungunya, and Zika are three such viruses. The symptoms of these diseases can vary, but typically include fever, joint & muscle pain, and headache. There are no vaccines to protect against Dengue, Chikungunya, and Zika, whereas travelers can be vaccinated against some other mosquito transmitted illnesses. The most important step you can take to avoid contracting these or other mosquito-borne illnesses is protecting yourself against mosquito bites. Tips for doing so include wearing and regularly reapplying insect repellent, wearing long sleeved shirts and long pants when possible, and avoiding standing water. See the CDC's complete list of prevention measures for more information: <http://www.cdc.gov/Features/stopmosquitoes/index.html>

Zika virus has been linked to an increase in cases of children born with microcephaly, a neurological birth defect. There is also growing evidence of a link between Zika virus infection and "Guillain-Barré syndrome", a rare sickness of the nervous system that can cause muscle weakness, problems with coordination, fatigue, and sometimes temporary paralysis. Cases of sexual transmission of Zika virus have also been noted.



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On January 15, 2016, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) issued a travel alert to identify countries where Zika virus is prevalent and urged female travelers who are pregnant to consider postponing travel to any area where Zika virus transmission is ongoing. As the list of countries affected by Zika virus is likely to change, female travelers who are pregnant or trying to become pregnant should consult the CDC website regularly for the most up to date information and consult their health care professional as necessary regarding travel. <http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/notices/>

Students who experience symptoms of any mosquito-borne illness should speak immediately with the on-site staff and take all necessary steps to prevent additional mosquito bites to avoid spreading the disease. If you plan to travel throughout Central or South America while abroad, you should consult the country specific information on the CDC website to stay current on health information in that country and to see if you should take any extra precautions before traveling. See the following links for more information on each of these diseases.

Dengue - <http://www.cdc.gov/dengue>

Chikungunya - <http://www.cdc.gov/chikungunya>

Zika - <http://www.cdc.gov/zika/index.html>