

## **Boston University Spring Break Course to Cuba 2020**

College of Fine Arts, College of Arts and Sciences, and  
African American Studies Program

### **Experiencing Cuba: History, Culture and Politics**

**CAS AA 306, CFA MH 563, 1 credit**

Led by Professor Michael Birenbaum Quintero

March 7-14, 2020

Havana, Cuba

#### Required Readings:

Luciano, J., H. Rodriguez Pastor, and Minority Rights Group. "Afro-Latin Americans Today: No Longer Invisible." (1995). "Cuba," eds. Gayle McGarrity and Osvaldo Cárdenas. PP. 1-20.

Manuel, Peter, Kenneth Bilby, and Michael Largey. *Caribbean currents: Caribbean music from rumba to reggae*. Temple University Press, 2012. PP. 21-45.

#### Course of Study

##### **Saturday, March 7:**

04:19 pm Arrive to Jose Marti International Airport, Havana, Cuba

07:00 pm Welcome Dinner and Meet Hosts

09:00 pm Concert, Patio de Egrem

##### **Sunday, March 8:**

**BREAKFAST IN THE CASAS**

09:00 am Guided Tour of Bellas Artes Museum

12:00 pm Lunch

01:30 pm Callejón Hamel Musical and Cultural Space

06:00 pm Dinner at the Casas

07:00 pm Evening Conversation and Film Screening with Afro-Cuban Filmmaker

##### **Monday, March 9:**

**BREAKFAST IN THE CASAS**

09:00 am Old City Walking Tour

11:00 am Lecture: Art Historian

12:00 pm Lunch

02:00 pm Visit: Artist Studios

04:00 pm Optional Cultural Activities

- 06:00 pm Dinner at the Casas
- 07:00 pm Evening Salsa Dance Class with Host Family and Salsa Concert, Casa de La Música, Miramar

**Tuesday, March 10:**

**BREAKFAST IN THE CASAS**

- 09:00 am Visit Casa de África and Meet Afro-Cuban Religious Specialist
- 11:00 am Lunch
- 12:30 pm Visit Architectural Site Instituto Superior de Arte and Artist Studios
- 02:00 pm Lecture: Cuban Popular Music
- 04:00 pm Optional Cultural Activities
- 06:00 pm Dinner at the Casas
- 07:30 pm Optional Cultural Activities

**Wednesday, March 11:**

**BREAKFAST IN THE CASAS**

- 09:00 am Afro-Cuban Religious Dance and Drumming Class
- 11:00 am Lunch
- 12:30 pm Lecture by Professor Michael Birenbaum Quintero: Afro-Cuban and African-American Musical Exchange
- 2:00 pm Shopping / Free Time / Baseball Game. Students are also welcome to arrange interviews or meetings related to their own projects
- 06:00 pm Dinner at the Casas
- 07:30 pm Evening Artist Talk

**Thursday, March 12:**

**BREAKFAST IN THE CASAS**

- 09:00 am Meeting with Cuban Functionaries on U.S.-Cuba Relations
- 11:00 am Lunch
- 12:30 pm Tour Museum of the Cuban Revolution
- 02:00 pm Visit to a Cuban Health Clinic
- 04:00 pm Optional Cultural Activities
- 06:00 pm Dinner at the Casas
- 07:30 pm Evening, Visit Contemporary Art and Performance Space Fábrica Cubana de Arte

**Friday, March 13:**

**BREAKFAST IN THE CASAS**

- 09:00 am Lecture on the Current Situation of Afro-Cubans
- 10:30 am Tour of Underground and Graffiti Art with Hip Hop Journalist and Skater/Graffiti Artist
- 12:00 pm Visit to Cuban Rap Agency, Discussion with Hip Hop Artists and Afro-Cuban Intellectuals
- 01:30 pm Visit Organic Farm-to-Table Restaurant
- 03:00 pm Optional Cultural Activities
- 06:00 pm Farewell dinner and Musical Group

**Sunday, March 14:**

BREAKFAST IN THE CASAS

09:30 am Shopping/Free Time

03:00 pm Arrive at Jose Marti International Airport for Flight to Boston, MA, USA

05:30 pm Flight to Boston, MA, USA