Consortium for Advanced Studies Abroad (CASA) Program in Cuba

Based in Havana, the Consortium of Advanced Studies (CASA) program in Cuba provides students with an unparalleled opportunity to examine firsthand the key political, social, economic and cultural issues affecting this island nation and its Caribbean and Latin American neighbors. One of the longest running socialist experiments in history, Cuba is at a critical crossroad. Its political and economic spheres have long been subjects of interest and debate providing fertile ground for exciting academic inquiry.

At A Glance

Program Dates: Fall semester (late August – mid-December) or spring semester (late January – mid-May)

Language of Instruction: Spanish

Housing: Shared rooms carefully selected

Eligibility: Open to Brown undergraduate students and students from other CASA member schools. Applications are encouraged and open to visiting students outside of the CASA consortium.

Requirements: Students must be in good academic standing and have completed Advanced Spanish II/HISP 0600 (sixth semester college-level Spanish language), or the equivalent. Applicants must also demonstrate an interest in Cuban and Caribbean issues as indicated, preferably by coursework pertaining to the region.

Courses

Students enroll in up to four courses taught in Spanish through Casa de las américas or in a combination of courses offered through Casa de las américas and up to two direct enrollment courses through the University of Havana.

Program Highlights

+ An independent field trip facilitates student research.
+ A week-long trip to rural eastern Cuba.
+ Numerous extracurricular and cultural activities.
+ Non-credit Internship and volunteer opportunities.

Host Institutions

Casa de las américas, known as “Casa,” is the Cuban government’s premier cultural institution. Since its founding in 1959, Casa has focused on Caribbean and Latin American studies, Cuban culture and the arts. Founded in 1728, the University of Havana is the oldest university in Cuba. With a student enrollment of approximately 14,000, the University of Havana has three divisions (Humanities, Natural Science and Social Sciences and Economics), 15 faculties and 14 research centers.

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The CASA Cuba program is offered by the Consortium for Advanced Studies Abroad (CASA), which is comprised of 11 leading research universities in the U.S. and abroad.

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