

2018
Spring Break



SIGN LANGUAGE IMMERSION

Montego Bay, Jamaica



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MARCH 1 – 7, 2018

Through the Jamaican Christian School for the Deaf in Montego Bay, Jamaica, Saint Francis University (SFU) students will have a unique sign language immersion experience. SFU students will have the opportunity to: observe classroom experiences; be taught lessons by the JCSD students; support teachers as needed; participate in a variety of activities and games with the JCSD students; truly embrace the Jamaican Deaf Culture by turning off their voices for an entire week; and to grow their skills by constantly using JSL during the day and ASL during the evening with native language users.

CREDITS

ASL450: ASL Mission Experience (3 credits) *Offered during both the Spring and Summer semesters*

COURSE DESCRIPTION: A six week on-line course that includes an off campus summer ASL immersion experience. Pre-requisites: Courses*- ASL112: Beginning ASL I & II, ASL201: Intermediate ASL I, ASL202: Intermediate ASL II , *ASL250: Advanced Fingerspelling and Numbers (*Or permission from the instructor) *A Minimum of B- (80%) average in ASL 250 and ASL 201 is required to declare a minor in ASL.*

COST

The program fee is approximately \$1,500 plus tuition. The program fee includes air transportation and room/board. A \$250 non-refundable deposit must accompany the application (on back) by Sept.14th. The total is due Dec.3rd. Please see withdrawal policy on back.

CELL PHONES/LAPTOPS

Electronics should be left at home. “Unplugging” for the week will enable students to truly embrace the experience and keep their voices off. Students may give an email address to the Office for Study Abroad. Contacts will be emailed upon arrival.

MEALS

Students will receive two meals a day upon arrival and before departure from Jamaica. Meals will be in accordance with local cuisine and will not be the typical American cuisine that students are used to in order to truly embrace the culture.

TRAVEL TO/FROM AIRPORT

Students must have their own ride to and from the Pittsburgh Airport.

ADDITIONAL FORMS

Jamaican Christian School for the Deaf requires a release form. This form will be collected by the Office for Study Abroad along with the standard Saint Francis University travel forms. Students are required to obtain a Pennsylvania Child Abuse Clearance and submit it by Dec. 3rd.

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SIGN LANGUAGE MISSION TRIP

Return completed application to the Office for Study Abroad (15 Francis Hall) along with the \$250 non refundable deposit (checks made payable to Saint Francis University) and a copy of your passport. To finalize the application process you will need to complete the following forms: *General Waiver, Academic Recommendation, Medical History, Physician's Release and Insurance Form*. These forms are available at Office for Study Abroad. Note: Previous health, academic, or disciplinary problems may influence your ability to participate in this program.

Name: _____ male female Student ID # _____ Date of Birth: _____

Home Address: _____
street city/town state zip

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Passport Number: _____ Date PP Issued: _____ Date PP Expires: _____

Major: _____ Cumulative QPA: _____ Fr. So. Jr. Sr.

Professional License (if applicable): _____

I want to participate in international service because: _____

Are there any special skills that you hope you can use on this mission trip? _____

I speak Spanish (check one): not at all a little basic conversation fluently

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION (We will notify this person via email upon your arrival.)

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Phone: (_____) _____ Email: _____

Citizenship Status

Reporting your legal resident status is mandatory. Please check where appropriate.

U.S. Citizen Non-Resident Alien U.S. Resident Permit (Green Card) I have an F-1 student visa I will require an F-1 student visa.

Study Abroad Withdrawal Policy

Withdrawal from any Saint Francis University study or service abroad program must be made in writing and delivered to the Office for Study Abroad in person (Schwab 214) or certified mailed (Saint Francis University, Office for Study Abroad, P.O. Box 600, Loretto, PA 15940). The date in which the withdrawal is received at the Office for Study Abroad will determine the amount of refund.

If you withdraw or are withdrawn from your study abroad program you will receive a refund minus: non-refundable application fee, any non-recoverable portion of the airfare, any non-recoverable program costs such as housing payments and deposits, excursion pre-payments, etc. (The closer the program is to the start date, the less recoverable costs will be available). Student withdrawals are not accepted after the start of a program.

If you withdraw from the study abroad program, it is also your responsibility to withdraw from your study abroad courses.

Withdrawals from a study abroad program due to lack of passport and/or visa are held to the same withdrawal policies.

Agreement and Waiver

I certify that the information on this application is correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that on becoming a student in this program, I shall be subject to all rules, regulations, and requirements as to conduct, academic, and financial policies of Saint Francis University, and the national and local ordinances of the country of which I am studying. I understand that Saint Francis University reserves the right to require the withdrawal of any student on account of unsatisfactory work or behavior.

Saint Francis University and its affiliated institutions, in making arrangements for the program, act only as agents. Neither Saint Francis University, its Trustees, nor any of its employees, nor any other persons, parties, organizations, or agencies collaborating with them, is or shall be responsible or liable for injury, loss, damage, deviation, delay, or curtailment, however caused, or the consequences thereof which may occur during any of the travel or program.

Any misrepresentation on the part of the applicant is cause for non-acceptance, cancellation of acceptance, or dismissal from school if subsequently discovered.

Your signature below indicates your understanding and acceptance of the **Study Abroad Withdrawal Policy** and your acceptance of the **Agreement and Waiver** statement.

_____ name _____ date