CET COLOMBIA

STUDY RACE, IDENTITY, & ETHNICITY IN CALI

Spring, Fall 2020
My Spanish has improved extensively, allowing me not only to feel more confident speaking in interpersonal interactions, but also giving me the specific skill set necessary for discussing racism and injustice—which will serve me in my future academic pursuits as a Latin American history major.

— Anonymous final evaluation, Spring 2019
AT CET COLOMBIA, YOU...

**FOCUS ON RACE, IDENTITY, & ETHNICITY.** CET Colombia is based in Cali, a city with the second largest population of people of African descent in South America. You explore the sociopolitical, economic, and artistic conceptions of the African diaspora in Colombia through coursework, interaction with local roommates, and co-curricular activities that take learning beyond the classroom.

**ENJOY CITY, COUNTRY, & COAST.** Colombia has gorgeous beaches beloved by tourists, sprawling cities, pristine mountain ranges, and small towns with incredible history. CET helps you see Colombia’s many sides through a week-long Traveling Seminar to Palenque and Cartagena, a long weekend trip to the San Cipriano nature reserve, and excursions throughout Cali.

**LIVE WITH LOCAL STUDENTS.** Living with a local roommate means that as soon as you step off the plane, you’re part of a network of Colombian students who are ready to show you around Cali. Taste the best *aborrójado* (battered and fried plantains stuffed with cheese), dance at Afro-Colombian music festivals, and explore the historic city center with your new friends.

**BACKED BY HOWARD UNIVERSITY**

This program was inspired by Howard University faculty, but you don’t need to be a Howard student to attend. Students from all schools are welcome to apply.
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I am grateful for the opportunity to pair what we have been learning in the classroom to the real lives, roles, and experiences of Afro-Colombians in the country.

— Anonymous student evaluation, Spring 2019

ACADEMICS IN THE SPRING OR FALL

You take one core course, a two-week Spanish intensive course, and build the rest of your curriculum with electives according to your Spanish level to meet the total 15 to 18 recommended credits.

INTENSIVE SPANISH LANGUAGE (PRE-SEMESTER)
45 hours. 3 credits.
➢ You start the semester with a two-week intensive Spanish course.

RACE, IDENTITY, & ETHNICITY
Taught in English and Spanish. 45 hours. 3 credits.
➢ Core course taken by all students.

SPANISH LANGUAGE: SEMESTER
45 hours. 3 credits.
➢ Continuing Spanish learning for beginners.

CET ELECTIVES
45 hours each. 3 credits each.
➢ Environmental Conflicts & Ethnic Groups in Colombia
➢ Crime & Justice
➢ Cultures of Afro-Descendants in Colombia (Taught in Spanish)
➢ Reclaiming Blackness: Social & Political Movements in Colombia (Taught in Spanish)

DIRECT-ENROLL ELECTIVES
Taught in Spanish. Hours and credits vary.
➢ For intermediate and advanced learners.
➢ Taken at Universidad Autónoma de Occidente.
The roommates are amazing—I love them as people, as mentors, and as Colombian citizens. They are so willing to engage with us, explain things, and just be great friends.

— Anonymous final evaluation, Spring 2019
YOU GET TO LIVE WITH A LOCAL ROOMMATE.
CET programs feature local roommates for a reason. They help you improve your Spanish, give you the inside scoop on the best local restaurants, and help you explore local media, from books to TV to music. They can help you make friends, give advice on local culture, and explore the city and the history that surrounds it.

WE GET YOU THE PRE-DEPARTURE SUPPORT YOU NEED.
Going overseas, especially for the first time, requires synching up a lot of moving parts. We make the process simple and straightforward. Our online system takes you through preparations one step at a time, and our Student Services staff are available for questions big and small from the moment you begin an application until the plane takes off.

OUR DOORS ARE OPEN TO ALL IDENTITIES & BACKGROUNDS.
Worried about how your identity might impact your study abroad experience? We seek and encourage the participation of students from diverse backgrounds. Have particular housing, mobility, or special learning needs? We work with you to make sure that you choose a destination that can meet your particular requirements. You can even find diversity and inclusion information for each program on our website at www.cetacademicprograms.com/diversity-inclusion.

CET PROGRAMS CHANGE MORE THAN JUST YOUR SEMESTER.
Maybe a fluent sentence confidently rolls off your tongue after weeks of struggling in class. Maybe a class assignment inspires you to change your major. Maybe a late-night chat with your roommate gets you re-reading a book you haven’t picked up in years. At a CET program, it’s not just about what you learn while abroad. It’s about seeing where that learning takes you once you’re back home.

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ADMISSIONS, TRANSCRIPTS & HOST UNIVERSITY

CET partners with Universidad del Valle (Univalle) and Universidad Autónoma de Occidente (UAO) in Colombia. Your transcript for all courses taken will come from the University of Minnesota, CET’s school of record. CET’s admission requirements include an online application form, a transcript, a faculty recommendation, and a recommendation from your study abroad office. Other materials, including a valid passport, will be required upon admission. For more information, visit, www.cetacademicprograms.com/college-study-abroad.

WHO IS CET?

CET Academic Programs is a study abroad organization that has been developing and operating innovative educational programs abroad since 1982. Originally “China Educational Tours,” CET began operations in Beijing, later expanding to other locations around the world. Today, CET offers a varied portfolio of semester, summer, and customized programs around the world for college, high school, pre-college, and gap year students.

CET is known for strong academics, professional program management, a nimble and collaborative approach to partnerships, and supportive student services. Through elements such as field-based course components, internships, and housing with local roommates, CET strives to integrate students into the local community and facilitate lasting relationships with hosts. As an environmentally conscientious organization, CET aims to adopt sustainable measures across its operations. And through its commitment to inclusion, CET seeks and encourages the participation of students from diverse backgrounds, ensuring a welcoming, hospitable program environment that promotes student learning.
CET SCHOLARSHIPS

We are committed to increasing access to study abroad. We offer over $400,000 in scholarship awards each year, and awards are intended to alleviate student financial burden.

WHAT WE OFFER

NEED-BASED SCHOLARSHIP: For students with demonstrated financial need, priority given to students eligible for Pell Grants. Awards range from $500 to $1,500.

DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION SCHOLARSHIP: For first-generation college students and students from minority groups. Priority given to students who also demonstrate financial need. Two awards of $2,000 each are given in fall and spring; two awards of $1,500 are given in summer.

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIP: For students with a GPA of 3.5 or higher. Two awards of $1,500 each are given in fall and spring; two awards of $1000 are given in summer.

For deadlines and more information, visit www.cetacademicprograms.com/college-study-abroad/scholarships.

CET & FUND FOR EDUCATION ABROAD

CET is a Fund for Education Abroad (FEA) Access Partner. FEA provides grants and scholarships to US students who are traditionally underrepresented in education abroad. CET applicants are eligible to apply for CET Access Partner scholarships through FEA. Awards can range from up to $1,250 for summer programs, up to $5,000 for semester programs, and up to $10,000 for academic year programs.

APPLICATION TIMELINES

SPRING 2020:

➤ Application Opens: 7/1/19
➤ Application Closes: 9/10/19

SUMMER AND FALL 2020, AND ACADEMIC YEAR 2020-2021:

➤ Application Opens: 11/22/19
➤ Application Closes: 1/17/20

Apply online at www.fundforeducationabroad.org.

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