

ICA in Curaçao

Travel Writing on a Not-So-Lonely Planet: Ethics, Independence, and Influence

June 4-June 24, 2018



Visit and study on the Caribbean-Dutch island of Curaçao, and explore what it means to be a travel writer in 2018. Curaçao's unique aggregation of politics, tourism, oil, environmentalism, languages, and religions provides a prime opportunity to understand a reporter's ethical responsibilities. The best travel writing offers readers an understanding of a country's culture and history beyond the requisite descriptions of food and sunsets. Explore these issues in depth while you explore Curaçao's culture, history, economy, and beauty.

Eligibility, Prerequisites, and Academic Credit

No prerequisites. Preference will be given to Creative Writing Minors, Professional Writing Minors, and English Majors with the Creative Writing Concentration. This program is open to all students in good academic standing (above a 2.0 GPA). The on-site course will be 4 credits in WRT 272. There will be two required lectures on campus in SP18. On return, FALL 2018, WRT 301 (1 credit) is recommended, but not required.

For application information, please contact:

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Application and Study Abroad Deposit Deadlines

November 6, 2017: Online application & \$50 application fee due

December 1, 2017: \$500 non-refundable deposit is due

February 16, 2018: Final payment and ICA health forms due

Program Costs

The tentative cost of the program is \$5,275. This fee includes lodging, most meals, transportation within Curaçao as well as seminars, entrance fees, and insurance. This price also includes international airfare from the gateway city (TBD) to Curaçao and back to the US gateway city.

Financial Aid

All students are eligible to apply for an OIS ICA scholarship, which is also due November 6, 2017. The scholarship can be found online at abroad.goucher.edu. If you are a Pell Grant recipient and US citizen studying abroad in one country for at least 3 weeks (21 days), you are eligible to apply for the Gilman scholarship where you can be awarded up to \$3,000 in aid for your study abroad. Please contact Jennifer White at OIS during her walk-in office hours (Mon.-Thu. 2:30-4pm) in order for her to help you submit the best possible application by the October 3, 2017 deadline for early summer 2018 notification or by March 6, 2018 for regular summer notification.

Passport and Visa Information

Students are required to have passports for all Goucher programs. Failure to have a passport will prohibit participation in the program.

Estimated Passport Processing Time:

Routine Service: approximately 6-8 weeks from the time of application, including mailing time

Expedited Service: approximately 2-3 weeks from the time of application, including mailing time

Please do not wait until the last minute to submit your passport application! Save yourself the stress, time, and **\$60+ extra costs in expediting** it by applying early at:

http://travel.state.gov/passport/get/get_4855.html

Program Cost Breakdown

Total cost paid to Goucher	\$5,275*
This cost covers the following:	Lodging Most meals Transportation within Curaçao Seminars Entrance fees Insurance INTERNATIONAL AIRFARE

Out-of-Pocket Expenses (not paid to Goucher)	
Meals not covered by ICA	\$300
Passport (new or renewal)	\$110 (for renewals) or \$135 (for new passports)

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***Please note:** Students will need to budget for personal expenses, meals not covered by program, and passport if needed. For this ICA, students are responsible for getting themselves to the point of departure that is later determined by the ICA program leader(s).