

This program will not be offered again during your college career!



DEAF FREEDOM CARIBBEAN 2020

Punta Cana, Dominican Republic



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You've learned ASL and now it's time to dive in and use it! The third Deaf Freedom experience in history will happen in the Dominican Republic at the Paradisus Punta Cana Resort and you will want to be there. The tables will be turned as you will become the minority, as a person who is not Deaf. Everything will be expressed in ASL and you will not use your voice the entire trip!

CREDITS

ASL401: ASL Immersion 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 or ASL 203 Medical Sign, *ASL250: Advanced Fingerspelling and Numbers (*Or permission from the instructor). A Minimum of B- (80%) average in ASL 250 and ASL 201 or ASL 203 is required to declare a minor in ASL.

TRAVEL TO/FROM U.S. AIRPORT

The group departure will be from Pittsburgh Airport. Transportation to/from the airport will not be provided. However, if you would rather depart from an airport closer to your home, please provide the airport information on the application (on back) and arrangements will be made in order for everyone to arrive at the destination approximately the same time (additional costs may apply).

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.

COST

The program fee is \$3,000 plus tuition. The fee includes:

- Airfare & airport transfers in the Dominican Republic
- food & beverages (including three meals per day, plus snacks)
- daily activities program
- daily entertainment and shows (with PDT Interpreters)
- nine on-site restaurants offer complete meals
- five swimming pools
- Mangrove Forest with ecological park
- entertainment program including Merengue dance classes, aerobics, aqua-aerobics, beach volleyball, archery, climbing wall, batting cage, table-football, ping-pong, darts, chess, and table games
- four flood-lit tennis courts and three paddle tennis courts
- non-motorized water sports including kayaks, windsurfing, catamaran, snorkeling and pedal boats
- in-room fridge restocked daily with soft drinks and water
- all hotel taxes, gratuities and service charges
- unlimited golf at Cocotal Golf Course (mandatory cart fee not included)
- scheduled sign language interpreting service provided by Passages Deaf Travel

PLEASE NOTE: This is an academic course full of non-stop good, old fashion fun with late nights and early mornings. Therefore, students are prohibited from consuming alcohol at any time.

Not included: tuition for ASL 401

A \$300 non-refundable deposit must accompany the application (on back) by June 1st. The total is due December 1, 2019. See withdrawal policy on back.



SIGN LANGUAGE IMMERSION

Return completed application to the Office for Study Abroad (205 Scotus Hall) along with a copy of your passport, an unofficial transcript, and a \$300 deposit made payable to Saint Francis University. The online travel forms (link will be emailed) must be completed before acceptance to the program is considered, (students will be notified if they are denied acceptance). Please see requirements to study abroad listed below.

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

Home Address: _____
street city/town state zip

Email address: _____ Cell Phone: _____

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

Airport Information (all flights, regardless of which airport, will be arranged for the students to assure flight times coincide.)

I will travel with the group out of whichever airport is used: yes no (if no, list preferred airport below)

I prefer to travel though this airport: _____

PLEASE NOTE: TRANSPORTATION TO/FROM THE U.S. AIRPORT IS NOT PROVIDED.

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

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Phone: (_____) _____ Email: _____

Requirements to Study Abroad

At the time of application students must have a 2.7 GPA for the semester-long program or a 2.5 GPA for any of the short-term programs (anything lower requires approval from the program director). Passing grades (C or better) in key subject areas may also be required. Students must have successfully completed at least one semester, and preferably one year, at Saint Francis University before studying abroad. Students must demonstrate emotional stability and maturity and indicate the ability to lead a responsible and healthy life abroad as a representative of the U.S. and Saint Francis University. Students must submit the application and all travel forms to the Office for Study Abroad (see application process below) before acceptance into any study abroad program will be considered. Previous health, academic, or disciplinary problems, may influence the decision.

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 (Scotus 205) 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.

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

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.

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 based 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.