SUMMER IN CUBA 2012
Havana and Beyond: Language, Culture and Society
Dates: May 26th – June 23rd 2012
APPLICATION DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 17th, 2012

After an 8-year hiatus, summer study abroad in Cuba with Tulane University is back! Offered through the Cuban and Caribbean Studies Institute of the Stone Center for Latin American Studies, our 4-week program offers the unique opportunity to earn 6 hours of academic credit while exploring the sights and sounds of a nation and people that remain obscured behind political rhetoric and misinformation. Recent economic changes on the island have provoked a series of social and cultural transformations that have left Cubans and the entire world wondering what could be next for the island and the Revolution. Do not miss the chance to witness some of these challenges and triumphs firsthand. While centered in Havana, weekend field trips to historic sites and cities such as Playa Larga, Matanzas, Trinidad and Cienfuegos will enrich the experience and provide a more vivid picture of the island and its diverse population.

Courses
Tulane’s summer program is locally sponsored and supported by the University of Havana and its affiliate the Centro de Estudios Hemisféricos de los Estados Unidos (CEHSEU). Students will enroll in two courses to earn 6 hours of Tulane academic credit. While LAST 3130 is required for all participants, students may choose between the other two options according to their academic needs, language ability and personal interests.

- **LAST 3130 Society and Culture: Cuba.** Team-taught in English by the directors of the program, Professors Ana López and Carolina Caballero, this course will explore current trends and issues in Cuban culture and society through readings, films and lectures. The course includes a series of talks by prominent Cuban intellectuals and local field trips to important political and cultural sights throughout Havana.

- **SPAN 3130/4130: Survey of Contemporary Cuban Literature.** Offered in Spanish through the Facultad de Artes y Letras at the University of Havana, this course gives students a panoramic view of the major authors, texts, themes and styles found in contemporary Cuban literature.

- **TBA History of Cuba: The Evolution of Cuban Nationalism.** This course, taught in English by instructors from the Centro de Estudios Hemisféricos y los Estados Unidos (CEHSEU) provides the students with an overview of contemporary Cuban history in order to trace the formation of Cuba’s national identity and its effects on the island’s complex reality and current affairs.

Housing
Students will stay at the Asociacion Nacional de Agricultores Pequenos (ANAP). Each shared room is equipped with private bathroom and A/C. Breakfast and dinner are provided on site. In the heart of the tree-lined neighborhood of el Vedado, the residence is conveniently located to local transportation, cultural venues, the Malecón, several restaurants and Internet access.
Costs
Cost of the program is $5200.00. The price includes corresponding credits at Tulane, shared room and 2 meals a day at the ANAP, medical insurance, specialized tours and outings. Airfare, visa and incidental costs are not included in the program cost.

Participants should expect to pay approximately $500-600 for the visa and airfare round-trip to Havana, Cuba on the group flight. Please keep in mind that you will also be responsible for the round-trip flight from your home-city to the airport from which the group flight will be departing. Students participating in the program should expect to bring additional money to cover entertainment and other incidental costs.

Application
Undergraduate students wishing to apply must be in good academic standing and have at least a cumulative grade point average of 2.5. In addition to a complete application form and a copy of the front page of a valid passport, each participant must secure two (2) letters of recommendation, and submit a current official transcript with the application. Please note that non-Tulane students are welcome to apply.

Completed applications (including application form, photocopy of passport, current transcript, two letters of recommendation, and the housing form) and a $300.00 non-refundable deposit are due no later than 5:00 p.m. on February 17, 2012 in the Stone Center for Latin American Studies (100 Jones Hall, Tulane University.) The final payment may be made by MasterCard, Visa, check, or money order. Checks should be made payable to Tulane University and submitted directly to Natalia Porto at the Stone Center. The balance of the program costs is due upon acceptance into the program.

Students at Tulane seeking student loans to cover costs of this program should contact the Financial Aid office as soon as possible. Please be sure to indicate that you are seeking a loan for a SUMMER PROGRAM. Please note that all students who will be receiving Financial Aid are still individually responsible for submitting a payment for the full program price directly to Natalia Porto at the Stone Center. Please remember that the cost of the program does not include airfare, visa or incidentals.

You can now cover part of your cost through a TULASO Scholarship for Summer Programs. Look for more info on our website!

Passport
All students should have a valid passport BEFORE applying to the program. For information on applying for a passport (U.S. citizens), please visit the U.S. State Department web site at http://travel.state.gov/passport/passport_1738.html U.S. citizens cannot enter Cuba without a visa.

Non-U.S. citizens should check the Cuban Interest Section in Washington, DC about entry and visa requirements and with Tulane’s Center for International Students and Scholars for information regarding re-entry to the United States.

For more information, please contact Natalia Porto at:
Stone Center for Latin American Studies
Tulane University, New Orleans, LA 70118-5698
504-862-8629 / EMAIL: nporto@tulane.edu
or Visit International Programs at http://stonecenter.tulane.edu
APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION
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A. All application materials must be submitted directly to the following address no later than 5:00 p.m. on February 17th, 2012.

Stone Center for Latin American Studies
100 Jones Hall, Tulane University
New Orleans, LA 70118
TEL 504 862-8629
FAX 504 865-6719
EMAIL nporto@tulane.edu

B. Please review the checklist before submitting your application for the program and initial and sign the following:

Enclosed are the following documents:

_____ Completed Application Form (including Statement of Purpose)
_____ Recommendation Forms (2 needed – can be emailed to Natalia Porto: nporto@tulane.edu)
_____ Photocopy of the front/picture page of valid passport
_____ Current Official Academic Transcript
_____ Application Fee of $300.00 (check or money order payable to Tulane University)

________ (please initial) I understand that it is my responsibility to ensure the delivery of all application materials in order for my application to be considered. I also understand that the application fee of $300 is non-refundable and is due upon submission of the completed application. I understand that I must pay the program balance upon acceptance into the program. (Please note that all students who will be receiving Financial Aid are still individually responsible for submitting a payment for the full program price directly to Natalia Porto at the Stone Center. The indication of an available balance in a student’s Accounts Receivable balance will not be sufficient; the student must still produce a check/money order/credit card payment for the full amount due to the program upon acceptance.)

APPLICANT SIGNATURE: ______________________________________________
PRINT NAME: __________________________________________________________
DATE: _______________________________
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PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name (last, first): _______________________________ Date of Birth: ________________
Banner Number (or SSN for non-Tulane students): ________________________________
Passport Number: ________________ Passport Expiration Date: ________________
Issuing Country of Passport: _______________________________________________________

Current Mailing Address: _________________________________________________________
City: ____________________________ State: ________ Zip: __________________________
Current Phone Number: ___________________________ Valid Until: ________________
Current Email Address: ___________________________ Valid Until: ________________

Parent/Guardian Name: _____________________________________________________________
Mailing Address: ________________________________________________________________
City: ____________________________ State: ________ Zip: __________________________
Phone Number: ______________________ Fax or Email: ______________________________

If your parent/guardian is a Tulane employee, will you be paying for the program through the
Tulane Tuition Waiver Program? Not applicable Yes No

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

If you are a Tulane student, with which school are you affiliated? ______________________
If not a Tulane student, which university do you attend? ________________________________
What is your cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) as of the Fall 2011 semester? _______
(if you are not on a 4.0 scale, please provide an explanation of the system at your school)

What is (are) your major(s)? _____________________________________________________
What is (are) your minor(s)? _____________________________________________________
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What academic year are you in? How many semesters do you have left to graduate?

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Have you previously studied Spanish? yes no
If yes, please elaborate on number of Spanish courses taken and at which level.

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Have you previously participated in a study abroad program? yes no
If yes, please identify the program name, country, and date of participation.

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How did you hear about our program?

____________________________________

Please provide the names of the two people submitting letters of recommendation:
1. ________________________________________________________________
2. ________________________________________________________________

If you go on a program, please let us know what classes you intend to take:
1. ______LAST 3130 Society and Culture: Cuba________________________
2. ________________________________________________________________
Statement of Purpose:
Please describe, in one paragraph, why you are applying to this program. Be sure to include your interest in studying in Cuba and the topics presented in the course work.
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STUDENT APPLICANT: This form must be completed by the person recommending you for this program. Please write your name and social security number in the space provided below before giving this form to the person filling it out. The completed form should be placed in a sealed envelope and delivered together with your application or you can ask your recommender to send it directly to Natalia Porto at the Stone Center (100 Jones Hall) by February 17, 2012.

Student Name: _____________________________________________________
Banner Number (or SSN for non-Tulane students): __________________________

REFERENCE PERSON: Please place the completed form in an envelope, sign it across the seal and return either to the applicant or Natalia Porto at the Stone Center for Latin American Studies, Jones Hall, Tulane University, New Orleans, LA 70118. If you are Tulane Faculty and Staff, you can email your recommendation for admission to Natalia Porto at nporto@tulane.edu. (This recommendation will remain confidential and will be used by the program staff only in its procedures relative to admission to the Tulane Summer in Cuba program).

Please address the following:

• How long and in what capacity have you known the applicant?
• What are the applicant’s qualifications for this particular program?
• Please comment on attributes such as motivation, adaptability, intellect, and maturity.
• If possible, please comment on applicant’s scholarship and preparation in topics related to Cuba or the Caribbean.
• Please sign and date the form.
• Please give your full name and title/position.

Please feel free to use the space provided or attach your comments to this form.
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