

Education and Ecotourism in the Dominican Republic

Informational Meeting: Tuesday, November, 6.00 pm, Price Hall 2001*



Come to an interest meeting to learn about a class and service learning trip to the Dominican Republic!

This 3-credit UNIV 349 course involves a weekly meeting and some preparatory work during the spring semester 2019 and a two week service trip to Angostura in the Dominican Republic in May. Through Education First, we are collaborating with a local NGO to identify development challenges that will effectively use the range of engineering, science, social science, and business skills of our Clarkson faculty and students.

In 2015, during our first service learning trip to Angostura, we worked on the environmental assessment of USAID cook stoves recently implemented, and in our follow up trip in 2017, we used GPS to map ecotourism resources and serviced computer infrastructure in the local school.

Pre-Tour

During the spring semester, 2019, we will be working in teams on a project focused on the development of the community's ecotourism enterprise. We may also identify other projects according to the ecological needs of the community and the interests of the class over the coming months.

Service Tour

The 14-day study tour (tentatively scheduled for May 14-May 27) is organized by Education First and is customized exclusively for Clarkson University. Cost is estimated at about \$3,200 depending upon the number of participants.

Tentative Schedule:

- Day 1: fly to Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic and tour of colonial city
- Day 2: introduction to community and service projects
- Day 3-7: work on service learning projects
- Day 8: field trip to Ebano Verde Science Reserve
- Day 9-12: work on service learning projects
- Day 13: beach excursion: surfing lessons and snorkeling at Cabarete
- Day 14: return via Santa Domingo

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* If you are interested in this class and service project but cannot make the meeting, please contact one of us

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