Casa de las Americas

Cornell in Cuba

Casa's political & economic spheres have long been subjects of interest and debate providing fertile ground for exciting academic inquiry—you are guaranteed to learn things you could not find anywhere else in the world.

- Experience Cuba first-hand both in & outside the classroom
- Join a research group to study marine proteases or bat & moth communication
- Study the humanities and social sciences alongside local students
- Explore Havana—founded nearly 500 years ago, a strategic center of the Spanish colonial empire, and now a sprawling metropolis—a mix of European, Latin, and American influences.

CASA Cuba

The Consortium for Advanced Studies in Cuba provides students with an unparalleled opportunity to examine firsthand the key political, social, economic, and cultural issues affecting this island nation and its Caribbean and Latin American neighbors. In addition to the academic program, the Cuba study center will arrange special topics-based lectures, exhibitions, recitals, and local field visits to expose students to the tremendous cultural mosaic of the country.

Cornell in Cuba Research Program

Cornell partners with the Research Group in Bioacoustics and Neuroethology Lab and the Center for Protein Research to offer students the opportunity to engage in 4-7 credits of research in microbiology or neuroscience. Students take an intermediate or advanced Spanish language course and area studies course through a partner organization, API, in conjunction with the University of Havana.

Orientation & Excursions

Both programs begin in Miami where students gather prior to the group flight to Havana. The orientation helps students understand basic social, political, and cross-cultural elements that inform everyday life in the city. Visits to different parts of Havana orient students to the city’s geography. Additional excursions beyond the city are integrated into each program’s academic calendar.

Academics - CASA Consortium

Students will have an opportunity to enroll in up to four courses taught in Spanish:

- Combination of courses offered through the Cuba study center and direct-enrollment courses through the University of Havana (Students in A&S must take two university courses)
- Courses offered at the Cuba study center will be delivered by a group of carefully selected faculty, recognized experts from Casa de las Americas and the University of Havana. Individual courses will meet for 60 hours per semester.

University of Havana Courses

Students can choose from courses in literature, the arts, Afro-Caribbean studies and music at the University of Havana’s Faculty of Arts and Letters, or courses in Cuban history, philosophy and religion, political sociology, and Latin American thought through the Faculty of Philosophy and History.