FINANCIAL AND MANAGERIAL ISSUES IN THE UAE: DUBAI AND ABU DHABI

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Spring Break Study Abroad Program
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Program Description
This program will explore the financial, business and economic landscape of Dubai and Abu Dhabi, two of the most successful emirates that make up the United Arab Emirates (UAE). Lectures offered by local experts, company visits, and visits to cultural heritage sites will provide students with an impactful experiential learning opportunity. Students will gain insight into key financial and managerial issues in the UAE within the greater context of Islamic finance and financial institutions.

Dubai has grown in prominence over the past few decades as a relatively young global destination. It is now a global financial, tourism and logistics hub. Bold architectural design (e.g., Burj Khalifa, the tallest building in the world, and Palm Islands, the man-made islands shaped as palm trees) provides a unique identity to this city. Abu Dhabi, the capital city of the UAE, has also made major strides and has become a world-renowned destination. The city is home to the Louvre Abu Dhabi, to a Formula One circuit, and to the Ferrari World among others. The in-country experience will allow students to observe first-hand how visionary leadership, coupled with ample resources, can act as an engine for tremendous growth and prosperity.

Accommodations
Participants will stay in comfortable, double-occupancy 4-star hotels in both Dubai and Abu Dhabi near major economic and cultural heritage sites.

Application Information
The program is open to undergraduate students who meet all academic requirements of the Georgia State University J. Mack Robinson College of Business. Program size is limited and participation is contingent upon acceptance by the Program Director.

Transient Students: please see the Transient Student tab on the How to Apply page on our website: mystudyabroad.gsu.edu/prospective/how-to-apply

International students at Georgia State who hold F-1 visas must contact the Office of International Students and Scholar Services at (404) 413-2070 to discuss possible implications of study abroad for their immigration status.

Application Deadline: October 31, 2016
TENTATIVE PROGRAM ITINERARY

Atlanta, GA

The program will include a few pre-departure meetings, where the coursework and important pre-departure information about health, safety & insurance will be discussed, as well as at least one post-arrival meeting for debriefings.

Dubai, United Arab Emirates

Day 1 - Depart Atlanta
Day 2 - Arrive in Dubai-UAE & Transfer to the hotel
Day 3 - Dubai City - Study Tour
Day 4 - Lecture: Doing Business in UAE & Tour of Al-Jumaira
Day 5 - Lecture & Company Visit: Burj Al-Arab Hotel
Day 6 - Visit to Dubai IFC & Dubai Creek
Day 7 - Visit to the Ports and UPS facility; Burj Khalifa

Course and Credits

Participants who successfully complete the program’s courses will receive 6 semester hours of course credit at Georgia State University. Students can register for FI4410 and IB4410. Students from other institutions should follow their institution’s regulations concerning transfer credits.

Program Cost

The program cost is tentatively set at $4,600 in addition to regular Georgia State University tuition and fees. Program cost may vary at any time according to currency fluctuations and changing travel arrangements. Non-resident/out-of-state students will pay in-state tuition plus a $250 fee in addition to the program cost. For more information on what the program cost does and does not include, please visit: [http://www.studyabroad.gsu.edu/?go=RCBDubai](http://www.studyabroad.gsu.edu/?go=RCBDubai)

Payment Schedule

October 31, 2016: $300 deposit due
November 16, 2016: $700 Payment Due
December 2, 2016: Remaining balance (charged to Panther Pay)
All payments are non-refundable upon receipt

Spring Break Early Decision Discount

The first 9 students who apply and are accepted to the program (paying their $500 applicant fee by October 31, 2016) will receive a $1000 early decision discount. If an applicant misses the early decision discount (application submissions are time-stamped), they will be refunded their deposit within 7 business days should they choose not to participate at the full program price. Note: Transient students are not eligible for this discount.

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