

**UWT in Cuba  
Spring Break 2004**

**APPLICATION**  
please print clearly

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

UW Student # (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

email address: \_\_\_\_\_ birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security #: \_\_\_\_\_ current phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Which UW campus do you study at? \_\_\_\_\_

Program/Concentration/Major: \_\_\_\_\_

Expect to graduate (Month/year): \_\_\_\_\_

Current Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Address (if different) \_\_\_\_\_

Passport #: \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Note: If you do not have a passport, you should apply for one immediately. You cannot travel to Cuba without one. It may take up to 8 weeks for your passport to be processed.**

Name/Address/Phone numbers of a person we can contact while you are abroad:

How do you plan to finance the costs of the program?

Will you be relying on student financial aid? (Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_)

Will you be purchasing UW student insurance? (Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_)

(If not, you must provide proof of your own insurance; a xerox of a current coverage card or document will suffice. You must provide this proof with your application, and you must take it with you to Cuba.)

When did you first enroll at the University of Washington?

List all universities and colleges that you have attended (starting with the most recent)

University/College	Location	Dates Attended	Degree
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List prior study abroad, travel, or experience living abroad with cities, countries, and dates.

List languages you speak and understand, other than English, and your level of competence.

What courses have you taken that you think have prepared you for this trip to Cuba? (explain why)

List the names of the two academic references who are willing to provide a recommendation for you.

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Position \_\_\_\_\_  
telephone \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_
2. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Position \_\_\_\_\_  
telephone \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_

## SHORT ESSAY

Please write and attach a 250-300 word essay in which you address the following questions:

1. Why have you applied for this particular study abroad program? What do you hope to gain from it?
2. What is your particular interest in Cuba?
3. How flexible and open are you when dealing with the unfamiliar and the unknown? What experiences have you had that have made you realize you're able to cope with foreign situations and strange surroundings?
4. What qualities do you have that make you a good choice for this program?

### **Participant Agreement, Acknowledgement of Risk and Consent for Treatment**

The purpose of this program is to examine the contemporary culture of Cuba through extensive fieldwork in the streets, museums, monuments and cultural institutions of Cienfuegos, a provincial city in the south of Cuba, and Havana, the nation's capital. This agreement and acknowledgment is entered into by the undersigned as a condition of participating in the UWT in Cuba program to be held in Cuba between March 21-29, 2004

Itinerary: Depart via Vancouver B.C. Canada March 21 for arrival in Cuba on March 22. Return to Vancouver B.C. Canada on March 29. The program fee includes the cost of airfare but only on the condition that all participants travel together on the designated dates and flights. No alternate dates or flights are available.

Travel to Cuba is part of the course requirements for the UWT Cuba program.

I further acknowledge that my part of this activity entails, but is not limited to, the following conditions, circumstances and risks.

1. Arrangements for travel to and from Vancouver B.C., Canada, is my responsibility.
2. Passport, visa and other documents that are required to travel to Cuba are my responsibility and I will pay any costs associated with them.
3. I understand that my luggage is restricted to 44 lbs. and that any additional weight will result in a charge that I will have to pay in cash at the airport.
4. I understand that there are airport departure fees (approximately \$20 each way) and I will be asked to pay these fees in cash.
5. I will carry enough funds to cover my personal expenses on the trip, as well as any unforeseen expenses that might arise.
6. While in Havana, two meals a day will be at my own expense.
7. Any travel in Cuba that is not part of the scheduled group activities will be at my own expense, including the cost of taxis.
8. In all circumstances associated with this travel and visit, I understand that I am responsible for my own personal safety and security.

I further acknowledge the I am responsible for:

1. conducting myself in a professional manner at all times during the trip
2. gaining the greatest educational benefit from my travel and visit

The University of Washington, Tacoma, cannot be held responsible for personal illness or injury, nor make any representation as to the availability or level of medical facilities abroad. Participants are responsible for their own health, travel, luggage, and personal property insurance. Participants are required to have insurance coverage (available to University students through a private carrier if they do not already have it.) As with any study away from campus, participants may encounter unexpected risks. These risks include but are not limited to sickness, exposure to disease, political upheaval, accident, the forces of nature, travel dangers on the ground or sea, inherent bodily injury or death as a result of a plane, rail, boat or bus accident, bodily injury or death as a result of a motor vehicle accident, bodily injury or death as the result of an accident at the lodging facilities in Cienfuegos and Havana, and property loss and damage. I agree to assume such risks. Apart from the academic content of this course, the University of Washington acts only as an agent for suppliers and contractors providing services for this course. The University is not responsible for acts of third parties which cause injury, death, or property loss or damage, nor is it responsible for travel disruptions beyond its control. Participants assume all the risks involved and agree to hold the University of Washington and its employees harmless for all liability that may arise in connection with the participation in the activities that are part of this course. The University further reserves the right to deny participation in this course to any person who fails to make payments or comply with requirements within the specified time or whose presence could constitute a hazard. The University prohibits the use or trade of illicit substances. Participants who are found under the influence of, or in possession of, illegal substances will not be allowed to continue with the group.

I acknowledge that I am engaging in the trip for my own personal benefit and I represent that I am physically capable, with or without reasonable accommodation, of undertaking this activity. Should I require emergency medical treatment as a result of accident or illness during the trip and be unable to consent to such treatment at the time, I hereby consent to emergency medical treatment. I am aware that the University of Washington does not provide health and accident insurance for field trips and that I will be financially responsible for any bill incurred. I acknowledge the University of Washington, Tacoma, is not responsible for acts of third parties which cause injury, death, property loss or damage. I further acknowledge that the University of Washington is not responsible for travel or accommodations disruptions beyond its control, and makes no representation as to the availability of level of medical facilities at any of the destinations on the itinerary. I agree not to claim against the University of Washington for injuries, damages or losses other than those arising from the negligent acts of omissions of the University of Washington, its employees, students and agents in the course and scope of their University-imposed duties.

I understand that participation in the Cuba program could make unusual demands on my health, including, but not limited to, walking several miles per day, exposure to extreme temperatures and intense sunlight, travel in crowded public transport, as well as change of diet and symptoms of jet-lag, and the stress of being in unfamiliar surroundings. I represent that I am able to complete the program without endangering my own health or that of others. In conducting academic programs and exchanges abroad, the University of Washington makes reasonable efforts to protect the welfare and safety of the participants. However, the University does not assume responsibility for damage to loss of property, personal illness or injury, or death of a participant while in this program. We require each applicant to sign the following statement as an indication that this position is understood and accepted. By signing this, I understand that the Student Conduct Code of the University of Washington applies to all program participants.

I have read the application and understand the conditions under which the program will be operated, including those which apply to payment and refund conditions.

“We hereby release the University of Washington and its officers and agents from any and all claims and causes of action for damage to or loss of property, personal illness or death arising out of my travel or activity conducted by or under the control of the University of Washington.”

\_\_\_\_\_  
Participant’s signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
date

\_\_\_\_\_  
print name clearly

\_\_\_\_\_  
emergency contact person

\_\_\_\_\_  
emergency contact phone

**HAVE YOU INCLUDED?**

- \_\_\_\_\_ your completed application form, including the acknowledgement of risk form, signed in the appropriate places
- \_\_\_\_\_ your short essay, attached to the application form
- \_\_\_\_\_ your transcripts
- \_\_\_\_\_ proof of insurance
- \_\_\_\_\_ your check for \$200 as a deposit
- \_\_\_\_\_ your passport number

Send your completed application and \$200 check to:  
UWT Cuba Program  
Finance and Administration, Box 358431  
University of Washington, Tacoma  
1900 Commerce St.  
Tacoma WA 98402