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InterDom Internships in the Dominican Republic

In 2005 Global Foundation for Democracy and Development (GFDD) and Fundación Global Democracia y Desarrollo (FUNGLODE) established InterDom Internships in the Dominican Republic, an initiative that has since become the leading internship and research program in the Dominican Republic.

InterDom is a competitive internship, research and academic study program that facilitates professional, academic and cultural exchange between students, universities, scholars, professionals, businesses and non-governmental organizations on a national and international scale. The program provides spaces for personal and professional growth, internationalization and multicultural understanding, while significantly contributing to the development of the nation's employment sector and the advancement of academic research.

InterDom has many programs to fit students' professional and academic interests. Undergraduate, graduate and gap-year students may tailor their program with any combination of internship, research, courses at the Universidad Iberoamericana (UNIBE) and cultural excursions and activities. InterDom provides graduate and gap-year students with personalized opportunities for professional and/or academic advancement through our Professional Semester and InterDom Fellows Programs. During all programs, students have the option of combining internships and research projects with courses and seminars specializing in Culture, Spanish as a Foreign Language, and topics relevant to the region. Classes taught by UNIBE professors during fall, spring and summer semesters offer credits, which can then be transferred to the students' universities of origin.

Through our extensive network of affiliated professionals, we assist students with the development of their academic research projects, coordinating sessions between students and assigned advisors throughout the course of each InterDom semester. Advisors can also help students locate research materials, organize interviews and identify key institutions for their research.

InterDom focuses on students' professional growth, while facilitating opportunities to expand cultural understanding and exploration. Via excursions and social and cultural activities, students interact with key societal actors, learn about local culture and experience the country's natural beauty and cultural wealth.

Student Internships with InteRDom

InteRDom coordinates internships for undergraduate and graduate students with private, public and non-governmental institutions in the areas of: Art, Audiovisual Arts, Business, Communications and Journalism, Education, Engineering, Environmental Management, Human Resources, Hospitality and Tourism, Information and Communications Technology, Law and International Relations, Marketing, Medicine and Health, and Sustainable Development. InteRDom is unique in that it works extensively with students and employers to develop internships that coincide with both the professional and academic interests of the students, and the professional needs of the host organization or corporation.

Upon receiving student applications, InteRDom staff evaluate in detail the interests and capabilities of the students, and match them with the needs of organizations that correspond with their academic and career aspirations. As part of the internship assignment process, InteRDom arranges e-mail and telephone communication between perspective interns and employers to ensure optimal placement.

A month prior to beginning internships, students receive a preliminary contract containing details pertinent to their internships and host institutions (name of project and/or department, general details of project, name of supervisor and his or her contact information, website address, start and end dates, the role of the organization/business as it relates to national development), as well as a pre departure guide containing information concerning cultural orientation and housing and health and medical advice.

During the first week of each InteRDom session, staff members organize orientation meetings to formally introduce interns to their supervisors. During these meetings, program representatives work with interns and employers to further define the role of the intern in the development of target projects. At this time, students and employers also sign Learning Contracts that delineate the responsibility of the student, the host institution and the InteRDom Program in order to guarantee that the internships are beneficial for both the intern and the employer.

In order to ensure that the collaboration between students and host institutions is positive and productive throughout the course of the internship, InteRDom periodically assesses the performance of both interns and organizations. Student attendance and motivation as well as active support from host institutions are evaluated. Constant involvement on the part of InteRDom assures that all parties are aware of one another's expectations and allows for more rewarding internship experiences.

InteRDom works with over 300 institutions in the Dominican Republic to create internship opportunities suitable for international interns. Descriptions of new internships are regularly posted on the Program's website (www.interdominternships.org).

By law, all internships in the Dominican Republic are unpaid, but many of the organizations with which InteRDom work offer students extra incentives such as medical insurance, a meal stipend or transportation to and from work.

Some Organizations Affiliated With InterDom



InterDom Academic Offerings

Through the InterDom Program, undergraduate and graduate students have the opportunity to take a wide variety of academic courses in Spanish at the Universidad Iberoamericana (UNIBE). Students have the option of registering for course offerings in the following disciplines: Art, Business, Communications, Education, Engineering, Environmental Studies, History, Information and Communication Technologies, Law, Medicine and Psychology.

Each semester, InterDom offers a specialized Spanish as a Foreign Language course, and during the Caribbean Summer session and summer semester it offers a unique course tailored to InterDom students on Caribbean History and Culture.

For undergraduate students, enrollment in at least one academic course (and a maximum of 3) is required; for graduate and gap year students it is optional.

InterDom recommends that students solicit the participation of an advisor from their home university to ensure that classes are accepted and credits are transferred properly.

A full course listing is available upon request.

Students who desire to take the DELE (Diploma of Spanish as a Foreign Language) exam can do so in May, August or November, and can be provided with a preparatory course if necessary.

Contemporary Caribbean Culture

The course explores the history and culture of the Spanish-speaking Caribbean. Students examine themes related to colonialism and popular culture and discuss the real and fictitious elements that characterize modern ideas of what constitutes Caribbean culture. Class participants analyze primary source readings and develop command of theories and paradigms used to deconstruct discourse, text and other materials. Instruction focuses on the micro history of the Caribbean; commercial strategies based on concepts of race, identity and gender; and Caribbean mythology, explored through the analysis of songs, short stories and poetry. Class topics are examined within the following theoretical frameworks: deconstructionism, Foucault, textual studies, gender studies, feminism, ethnic theory, studies of race, negritude, Caribbeanist discourse, semiotics and linguistics. **Available only in summer programs.**

Spanish as a Foreign Language

Course instruction is designed to increase competency in the areas of reading, writing, and listening comprehension and oral expression. By the end of the course, students gain the capacity to comprehend spoken Spanish to a greater extent, carry-out conversations on a variety of subjects, and construct simple and complex orations in the present, past and future tenses. Lessons emphasize real life situations and revolve around activities such as debates, role playing, reading and writing assignments, and game-based teaching strategies, which allow students to apply their acquired knowledge of vocabulary and grammatical structure.

HOT Caribbean Seminars

InterDom's HOT Caribbean Seminar series are a feature of its summer academic offering, and deals with a recent topic of great importance on both the Caribbean and international scales. These topics are usually very specific and are not found in the regular course offering of most universities.

These series are given in conjunction with Iberoamerican University (UNIBE) and one other international organization with specialization in the topic, and it is open to Dominican and Haitian national students as well as international students and community leaders. The seminars are usually eight hours in length and are divided into two to four sessions over the course of a month. They are given at FUNGLODE's office headquarters in Santo Domingo.

InterDom's HOT Caribbean Seminars give students the opportunity to debate current "hot" topics with community leaders and experts in the field.

Courses with Dominican Students

During Fall, Spring and Summer Semesters, InterDom students have the ability to take classes with Dominican students. This presents an excellent opportunity for students to further their studies within a Spanish-speaking context, permitting accelerated growth in the area of language acquisition and application.

Requirements to Apply

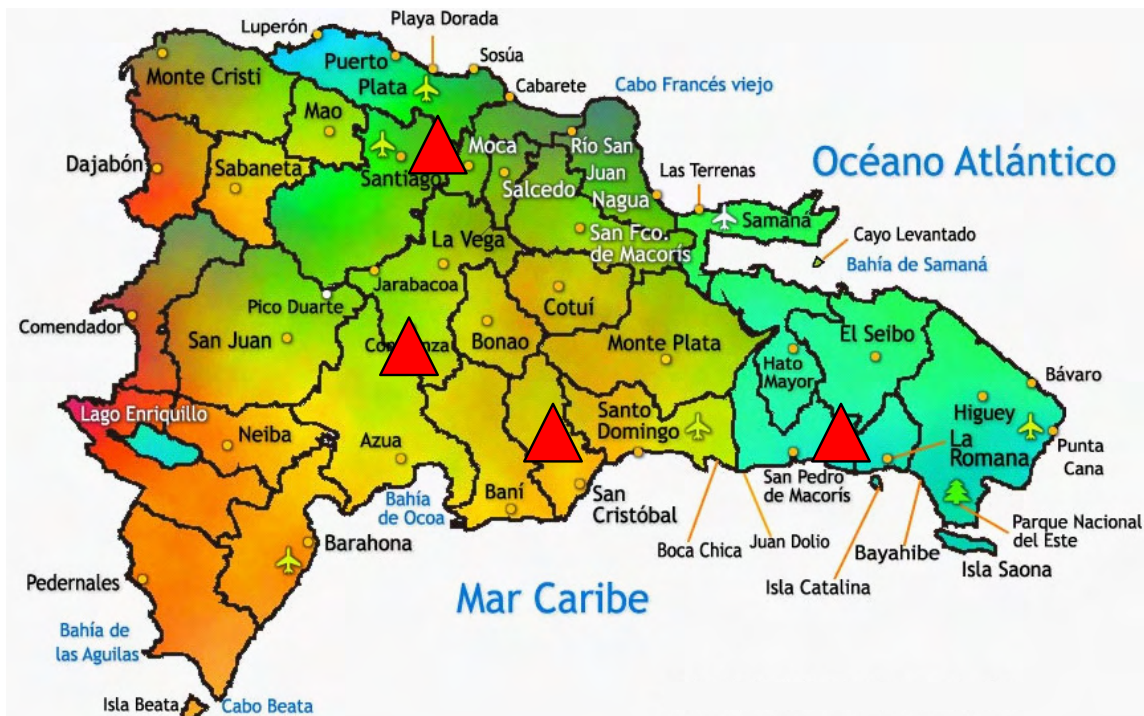
Applicants need to possess a minimal GPA of 2.9, have completed 60% of their academic program, and have taken 3 university-level Spanish courses.

In order to take courses at UNIBE students MUST submit documents by stated deadlines. Admission is not guaranteed if proper documentation is not sent in a timely manner.

Cultural Activities

InteRDom organizes get-togethers and excursions on a regular basis in various locations through the country to expose interns to a greater extent to the culture and ecology of the Dominican Republic.

These gatherings may also provide a prime opportunity for students to get to meet and know the other interns and Dominican students. For some of the excursions and get-togethers interns may bring friends you meet from UNIBE or your internship without paying additional fees.



Excursions



Altos de Chavón and Cueva de la Maravillas: A weekend trip to Altos de Chavón, a small town on the property of the Casa de Campo Resort, built in the 1970's to look like a 16th Century Mediterranean village. It is a cultural and artistic center, with cobblestone streets and quaint shops and restaurants overlooking the Chavón River. From Altos de Chavón you will visit la Cueva de las Maravillas, an 800-square-meter cave about 25 meters below ground that features some of the most intricate indigenous cave drawings in the Caribbean.

Ebano Verde: A trip to the scientific reserve in the highest mountain range in the Dominican Republic to study the Ebano verde, a rare magnolia that exists only in the DR, as well as other rainforest vegetation and wildlife.

Rancho Campeche: You will go on an excursion to Rancho Campeche in San Cristobal, an ecological ranch situated on 200,000 square meters of land outside of the town of Haina. An ecological and cultural treasure, the ranch has many Taino caves located on its premises, as well as recreational activities such as swimming, horseback riding, basketball, volleyball and table games. This trip features a dance workshop, a visit to a local witchdoctor and workshops on Dominican culture and music.

Mirabal Sisters Museum and Centro León: You will visit the home of the Mirabal sisters in Salcedo, dedicated to Patricia, Minerva and María Teresa Mirabal, three sisters who were prominent in the movement against Dominican dictator General Rafael Leonidas Trujillo in the 1950's and the earlier part of 1960. They were murdered by Trujillo's administration in November of 1960. Their deaths sparked an outpouring of support for their revolutionary movement, leading to the assassination of Trujillo in 1961. After touring the museum, you will travel to Santiago to visit Centro León, one of the newest and most comprehensive museums in the Dominican Republic. The museum was opened in 2003 by the Eduardo León Jimenez Foundation, with the goal of promoting interest in Dominican and Caribbean culture. More than a museum, Centro León is a cultural center, featuring exhibits on various art forms and an extensive library of anthropological and visual arts materials.



Get-togethers

InteRDom organizes a variety of social and cultural get-togethers for students including:

Theater trip

Pizza Night

Movie Night

4th of July party (seasonal)

Tour of the Colonial Zone

Botanical Gardens

Festival de Palos (seasonal)



Activities at Fundación Global Democracia y Desarrollo (FUNGLODE)

As an InteRDom intern, you will also have the opportunity to attend most of the conferences and seminars that take place at FUNGLODE. Events featuring prominent national and international speakers are held frequently, and center on a variety of themes such as: democracy, sustainable development, foreign affairs, education, information and communications technology, environmental preservation and management and culture.

Program Options

InterDom offers these program options:

Caribbean Summer

Designed to encourage students to reexamine ideas about the Caribbean, participate in specialized seminars on the culture of the region and improve their Spanish by interacting with Dominican students, as well as with students from around the world.

The program, which begins in early June and runs until the second week in August, is open to undergraduate students with an interest in development and Caribbean culture. This experience involves an 8-week internship in a local organization and is complemented by specialized seminars organized by InterDom with the collaboration of international experts.

In addition, students can include one of these academic courses designed especially for InterDom students:

- A Spanish language immersion program for students who need to strengthen their knowledge of the language.
- The Caribbean Culture option for students interested in getting to know more about the Dominican Republic, its social realities, history and politics as well as its relationship to the rest of the Caribbean islands.

Caribbean Summer Program	
Duration (in weeks)	10
Dates	June– August
Courses Included**	1
Academic Credits	2-4
Spanish Requirement	Basic-Advanced
Fee with Housing	3,480.00
Fee without Housing	2,130.00
Application Deadline	March 31

Academic Semester and InteRDom Work Experience

Students also have the option of spending a semester in the Dominican Republic and transferring credits back to their university with the InteRDom Academic Semester. This program is designed for students interested in acquiring professional experience and putting their Spanish skills into practice by taking university classes with Dominican students. During the academic semester, students can take up to three classes with Dominican students and work part-time in a local organization alongside professionals in their field.

The second Work Experience option places special emphasis on the internship and is recommended for students interested in gaining professional experience. It includes only one university course.

The academic and work semesters are available only to students who are currently enrolled in undergraduate programs and who have intermediate or advanced Spanish capacities. These options include internship and class registration. Each program begins during the first week of January, May and September.

	Academic Semester	Professional Semester
Duration (in weeks)	15	22
Dates	January – April May – August September - December	September – March January - June
Courses Included**	3	1
Academic Credits	6-10	2-4
Spanish Requirement	Intermediate-Advanced	Intermediate-Advanced
Fee with Housing	4,850.00	5,020.00
Fee without Housing	3,050.00	2,620.00
Application Deadline	November 1 February 28 June 30	June 30 November 1

Program for Graduate and Gap-Year Students

There are two program options for students who have already graduated with their bachelor's degree. The first is geared toward Masters and Doctoral (Ph.D.) candidates who wish to develop or participate in a research program for periods of four, six or eight months.

InterDdom offers specialized assistance and support, follow-up and the opportunity for candidates to present their results before an international panel of experts.

The candidates selected for this program will be post-graduate students who have demonstrated skills in certain areas and an above-average capacity for research as well as producing and writing reports. The candidate must be self-motivated, communicative and possess a high level of Spanish, in that the research involves reading specific documentation developed by the United Nations. The final reports should measure the progress made in each area within the framework of Agenda 21, Programme for Further Implementation of Agenda 21, Johannesburg Plan of Implementation, Mauritius Strategy for Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, Marrakesh Process.

The second option is for graduate and gap year students who are interested in gaining professional experience through an internship in a Dominican organization. This program does not require students to take any courses at the university nor to develop research, and includes only a full or almost-full time internship position(s) in a Dominican organization. It also allows for the possibility of working in more than one organization.

Both of these programs, which do not include registration for any university course, begin the first weeks of January, September and June.

Program for Graduate and Gap Year Students			
Duration (in weeks)	12	22	32
Dates	January – April May – August September - December	September – March January - June	September – May January – August
Courses Included**	0	0	0
Academic Credits	4-8	4-8	6-10
Spanish Requirement	Intermediate-Advanced	Intermediate - Advanced	Intermediate-Advanced
Fee with Housing	3,410.00	4,350.00	5,220.00
Fee without Housing	1,610.00	1,950.00	2,220.00
Application Deadline	November 1 February 28 January 30	June 30 November 1	June 30 November 1

Professional Year

Develop an academic project and network with leaders in your field of specialization. This option is for graduate and post-graduate students and includes an internship and 1 or 2 classes in your area of study to be taken at the university with Dominican students.

This program offers an excellent framework of support and follow-up for eight- or twelve- month periods and also allows you to transfer internship credits to your home university.

The professional year offers certain flexibility to those students who are interested in interning for more than one organization or in the preparation of a thesis project. This program begins the first week of September or January.

	Professional Year	
Duration (in weeks)	8	12
Dates	September – May January – August	September – August January - December
Courses Included**	1	2
Academic Credits	6-10	6 to 12
Spanish Requirement	Intermediate-Advanced	Intermediate-Advanced
Fee with Housing	5,820.00	8,200.00
Fee without Housing	2,820.00	3,700.00
Application Deadline	June 30 November 1	June 30 November 1

The cost of program covers:

Application and placement

Week of orientation
 Arrival and departure transfers to/from airport
 Private apartment housing
 Guidance, follow-up and supervision during the stay.
 Excursions and cultural visits
 Access to FUNGLODE's research library and all activities

**Medical Insurance

Personalized academic study program at UNIBE and/or FUNGLODE, in accordance with the field of study/interests.

The student is responsible for:

Meals

Airfare

**Daily transportation from the housing to the internship sites

Other personal expenses.

InterDom Fellows Program

The second option is M.A. students and Ph.D. candidates interested in conducting high-level research in the Dominican Republic on global issues of national concern. The final output of the semester-long period of research will be a report of approximately 15 pages including empirical data. Fellows will realize research in coordination with InterDom staff and other FUNGLODE and GFDD representatives, appointed advisors and their university professors, and exemplary work will have the opportunity to be presented before the United Nations community on behalf of FUNGLODE and GFDD.

Research opportunities are currently available in the following areas:

- Public Health and Development
- Transport
- Waste Management (Solid and Hazardous)
- Sustainable Production and Consumption
- Mining
- Chemicals
- Financing for Development
- Sustainable Agriculture
- Mountains
- Forests
- Biodiversity
- Tourism
- Water

			FUNGLODE Fellows	
Duration (in weeks)	10		12	
Dates	June – August		June – August	September – December January - April
Courses Included**	0		0	
Academic Credits	4-8		4-8	
Spanish Requirement	Intermediate-Advanced		Intermediate-Advanced	
Fee with Housing	2,250.00		3,410.00	
Fee without Housing	1,210.00		1,610.00	
Application Deadline	May 1		April 1	July 1 October 1

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All of the fees are up-to-date as of October 1, 2009, and are subject to change due to variance in exchange rate and other economic fluctuations, but will never change more than 10%. Application fees are not refundable and are due upon the student's acceptance into the program. All students are required to pay in full at least 20 days before travelling by check or money order payable to Global Foundation for Democracy and Development. Please mail your payment to:

780 Third Avenue, 19th Floor
New York, NY 10017

**** Some organizations offer transportation, meals or medical insurance as a benefit to the students. If offered, it will be discounted from the fees.**

About GFDD and FUNGLODE

Global Foundation for Democracy and Development (GFDD) is a non-profit, organization dedicated to promoting collaboration between organizations in the United States and the Dominican Republic with an aim to study, research, enhance public understanding, design public policies, devise strategies, offer capacity building, and foster exchange in the areas crucial for the social, economic and democratic development of the Dominican Republic, Caribbean and Latin America.



GFDD accomplishes its goals through research projects, training programs, academic exchange programs, publications, seminars and conferences, as well as joint US-DR task force efforts and development programs. It encourages intellectual and professional development of Dominican professionals, in the country and abroad, while working to offer viable action plans and solutions to domestic problems for the benefit of Dominicans residing in the Dominican Republic, the United States and Latin America.

GFDD is the US sister organization of Fundación Global Democracia y Desarrollo (FUNGLODE), based in the Dominican Republic. FUNGLODE was created by Dr. Leonel Fernández in the year 2000, at the end of his first presidential mandate. Upon resuming his duties as President of the Dominican Republic in August 2004, Dr. Fernandez became the Honorary President of the institution.

FUNGLODE and GFDD were created as a result of President Fernandez's desire to contribute to the social, economic, and democratic development of his home country and the Region, particularly by promoting international collaboration and exchange in order to advance the level of public debate, inform public opinion, train more qualified human resources, and achieve sounder public policies.

To learn more about GFDD and FUNGLODE, you can visit their websites at: <http://www.globalfoundationdd.org> and <http://www.funglode.org>

How to become involved with InteRDom

- 1) Register your university or department on our webpage: www.interdominternships.org
- 2) InteRDom makes annual visits to universities. Send us an e-mail at students@interdominternships.org, so that we can get to know your department and the aspirations of your students.
- 3) Invite an InteRDom representative to speak with a class or group of students interested in developing initiatives in the Dominican Republic.
- 4) Participate in InteRDom PRO: Professional Externship for Professors and Academics, InteRDom's annual event that brings university faculty and administrators to Santo Domingo to learn more about InteRDom, GFDD, FUNGLODE and to experience a day in the life of an InteRDom intern.
- 5) Subscribe to our publications and order promotional materials. Learn about the experiences of other interns, our specialized seminars and new internship opportunities via InteRDom Press available on our webpage.
- 6) Professors are encouraged to take part in the students' academic and professional developments. Every 3 to 4 weeks, InteRDom provides professors with updates of the students' progress in the form of a journal or report.
- 7) InteRDom offers free access to its webpage, if you are interested, you may add the InteRDom logo and link to our webpage to your institution's website, in order to facilitate students in selecting an internship and academic study abroad program.

We welcome the collaboration of professors, department heads, career services and study abroad professionals!