Overview
Princeton in Cuba is the ideal spring study abroad option for students with advanced Spanish and a keen interest in the contemporary culture, political economy, history, and anthropology of Latin America.

For the first time, this program is offered through the Program in Latin American Studies and features two Princeton courses taught by Rubén Gallo, professor of Spanish and Portuguese languages and cultures. These courses, Cuban History, Literature, and Politics since the Revolution and The Urban Landscape of Havana, will use the city of Havana as a teaching resource. Students will also take a seminar on issues in contemporary Cuba, offered by the Center for Demographic Studies at the University of Havana, and two courses selected from offerings in the humanities and social sciences at the University of Havana. The courses offered are fully integrated into the Princeton undergraduate curriculum and will satisfy distributional requirements.

University of Havana
Founded in 1728, the University of Havana is the largest, oldest, and leading academic institution in Cuba. The main campus of UH is on the edge of the historic center of Havana in the Vedado neighborhood. The University is organized into three divisions—Natural Sciences, Humanities, and Social Sciences and Economics—and has total of 15 faculties and 14 research centers. Twenty-five majors are taught at the university and approximately 6,000 degree students are enrolled in regular classes each year. Courses are taught on a semester basis with each period lasting 16 weeks.

The Setting
Havana, the capital of Cuba and a metropolis with 2.2 million residents, is the cultural, educational, and industrial center of the island. Contemporary Havana can be described as three cities in one: Old Havana, Vedado, and the newer suburban districts. Old Havana, with its narrow streets and overhanging balconies, is the traditional center of Havana’s commerce, industry, and entertainment, as well as being a residential area.

Vedado, where the Princeton students will live, is a newer section that has become a rival to Old Havana for commercial activity and nightlife. A third Havana is that of the more affluent residential and industrial districts that spread out mostly to the west of the city.

Academic Program
For the semester, students will take two required courses with Professor Rubén Gallo, The Urban Landscape of Havana and Cuban History, Literature, and Politics Since the Revolution, and a seminar on issues in contemporary Cuba. In addition, students will take two courses at the University of Havana.

IN BRIEF
WEBSITE: http://www.uh.cu/

SEMESTER AVAILABLE: Spring semester

PROGRAM DATES: February to May

ELIGIBILITY: B average for fall and spring semesters of academic year preceding the semester abroad. Must have completed a minimum of Spanish 207.

COURSES: Three required courses and two courses at the University of Havana

HOUSING: Residential guest house

FINANCIAL AID: Students who are approved to study at the University of Havana for Princeton credit may use financial aid to meet expenses. Students must complete a budget form, available from the Undergraduate Financial Aid Office. The budget should include tuition, room, board, travel, books, and personal expenses.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: October 17
Courses will be available from two faculties: History and Philosophy, which offers courses in history, philosophy and sociology, and Arts and Letters, which offers courses in language, literatures, and art.

The Program is open to students from all departments. The Program’s course load includes the 5 listed courses plus any spring-term independent work (if applicable to a student’s concentration).

**Student Life**
The week-long trip to allow students on the program to see Cuba outside of Havana. Princeton students also interact with Cuban students in the courses they take at the University of Havana.

**Housing**
Students live with a roommate in a private, residential guest house close to the University. Breakfast and dinner are provided.

**Application Process**
Students must submit the application for admission to Princeton’s Office of International Programs (36 University Place, Suite 350) by **October 17**. The application consists of general student information, an essay addressing the motivation for studying in Cuba, a transcript, one recommendation letter, and a Language Evaluation Form. The application and Language Evaluation Form can be found on the OIP website: [http://www.princeton.edu/oip/sap/programs/academic_year/princeton_affiliated/cuba/admission](http://www.princeton.edu/oip/sap/programs/academic_year/princeton_affiliated/cuba/admission).

The Princeton Study Abroad Approval Form (available on the Office of International Programs website at [http://www.princeton.edu/oip/sap/process/academicyear/forms/approval](http://www.princeton.edu/oip/sap/process/academicyear/forms/approval)) is due by **November 1** for students applying to be abroad in the spring. The Princeton approval form is reviewed by the Committee on Examination and Standing, which grants final approval to participate in the program. Students who have secured the approval of the Office of International Programs and their department are normally approved by the Committee.