Application and Other Essential Information about PG/LAS 399: Cuba, From Revolution to Evolution (Latin America Travel Seminar)

**What:** A one-unit fall semester academic course followed by a 10-12 day travel seminar to Cuba, led by Don Share (Politics and Government) and John Lear (History).

**Prerequisites:** Applicants who have taken PG 102, LAS 100, and relevant courses focused entirely on Latin America will be given priority. Spanish skills are appreciated but not required.

**When:** The fall 2015 course meets Tuesdays from 3:30-6:30 p.m. Travel to Cuba will be approximately January 5 to January 17, 2016.

**Cost:** Students will be responsible for approximately $2000 to $2500 of the total trip cost. Lodging, transportation, and most meals will be provided. Students should plan on bringing extra funds for purchase and other activities undertaken on their own.

**How to Apply:** All application materials can be found on-line at:

www.pugetsound.edu/cubaseminar

Applicants will need to arrange for two letters of recommendation from their professors (and cannot request letters from professors Lear or Share). The deadline for receipt of applications and recommendations is midnight on Wednesday, March 25, 2015.

**About the Course:** You can see a copy of the syllabus from fall 2014 [here](#). You are warned that this is an extremely demanding course with a heavy reading and writing load. All seminar members will be required to do some significant reading and writing during the summer of 2015, and over the winter break after the fall 2015 semester is over. In addition, students will be required to complete writing assignments each day during the travel portion of the course. Students who fail to keep up with the workload may be prevented from travelling to Cuba.

**About the Travel Component:** In Cuba we will maintain a fast-paced and busy schedule of activities that will include lectures and discussions with intellectuals, officials, artists, and practitioners, and visits to places of historic and cultural significance. We expect to be based mostly in Havana, with a possibility of spending one or two nights outside of Havana. Most days will include some free time, but be aware that the schedule is quite full.

**Questions and More Information:**

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