

**HM 590 Sec. 750, 1 Credit**

*Broadening Perspectives on Health Care in Costa Rica*

*March 4-March 12, 2017*

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**Notice to Students:** Although Elective syllabi at MSUCOM have a consistent format; vitally important details differ by Elective. For this reason, you must read the syllabus thoroughly at the onset of each elective to understand what educational activities will be provided and what is expected of you.

## Section 1 – Elective Information

### Elective Description

Broadening Perspectives on Health Care in Costa Rica is a 1 credit elective that provides students with an introduction to health care in Costa Rica. It is intended to give first and second year CHM and COM students an introduction to a universal health care system where everyone is covered.

### Instructional Objectives

1. Learn about the history and proposals for reform of the health care system
2. Compare public and private health care
3. Speak to patients about their experiences
4. Learn about full-service rural health care clinics
5. Learn about tropical diseases

### Faculty Course Director

*(Note - Preferred method of contact is shown in italics)*

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### Instructors

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### Lines of Communication

- For administrative and content aspects of this Elective, contact: Jonelle Golding

### Office Hours

Questions concerning the elective may be discussed individually via e-mail with Jonelle Golding. The Elective Course director is available by appointment.

### Textbooks and Reference Materials

#### Required

- Orientation Material

### Elective Schedule

This elective is presented for March 4-12, 2017. General scheduling for the educational activities of this elective are as follows:

Day/Date	Times (if applicable)	Required Activities	Specific Information
Saturday, March 4		Arrive in San Jose, Costa Rica	Transfer to homestay, meet host mother
Sunday, March 5	9 am, arrive at host	Welcome, Basic Introduction to the course and materials by Mario	Host mother to accompany student to IHCAI

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	organization International Health Central American Institute (IHCAI)	Tristan, MD. Survival Spanish in small groups according to Spanish level, culture of Costa Rica, Lunch with typical food of CR by IHCAI, intro to Salsa and practice, tour of city, visit to park to play traditional soccer match	
Monday, March 6	9 am-5 pm	First Look at Healthcare; Costa Rica Healthcare System- Similarities and Differences with Other Models What Reforms Have Been carried out; Patient Testimonials on Health Care System. Discussion.	Dr. Mario Tristan L. Dr. Diego Elliot Dra. Cinthya Aguero Staff of IHCAI Costa Rican Medical Students
Tuesday, March 7	730 am- 1230 pm	Clinic shadowing in primary care and hospital outpatient clinics; discussion about shadowing experiences; visit to center for persons with disabilities; Free time – historical museum, volcano tour, shopping	IHCAI Faculty and Staff
Wednesday, March 8	8 am-7 pm	Private Hospital Visit. NGS Visit Discussion on shadowing and NGO visits Museum Tour Talk with Leaders (Annual Lecture for Conference)	Hospital Staff NGO Staff IHCAI Faculty and Staff Museum Staff Dr. Mario Tristan L.
Thursday, March 9	630 am- 4 pm	Depart for visit to rural primary health care clinic. Depart for Tamarindo; Lecture/Discussion on Tropical Diseases- Dengue, Chagas, Malaria, Leishmaniasis	IHCAI Staff Health Clinic Staff Dr. Diego Elliot Dra. Cinthya Aguero
Friday, March 10	9 am- 8 pm	Free Day at beach and Langosta National Park; farewell/thank you dinner	
Saturday, March 11	3 pm- 9 pm	Free Day Return to San Jose	IHCAI Staff
Sunday, March 12	Am	Transport to airport for flight to US	IHCAI Staff
Date to be Determined	2 hours	Final Presentations/evaluation	Jonelle Golding

### Required Exams/Assessments

The activities required for successful completion of this elective are listed below.

Required	Projected Points	Material to be Covered

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Attendance	60	Students are required to attend each program and activity unless permission for absence is granted due to illness,
Final Presentation	40	Students will give a 5-10 minute presentation on learning objectives at the scheduled post-return meeting.

## Required Proctoring Arrangements

Alternate times for the final presentation may be discussed on an individual basis.

## Elective Grades

- **P-Pass**—means that credit is granted and that the student achieved a level of performance judged to be satisfactory by the instructor. To obtain a "P" grade for this Elective, a student must obtain 70%.
- **N-No Grade**—means that no credit is granted and that the student did not achieve a level of performance judged to be satisfactory by the instructor. A student who accumulates less than 70% will receive an "N" grade.
- **Remediation** - Since all of the Electives in the MSUCOM curriculum are optional, Students are not required to remediate the elective if an "N" grade is received.

## Student Evaluation of the Course

We want your feedback on how to make this Elective better for the students who come after you.

- Informal Feedback: Evaluation at post-return meeting. Or write out your comments and email them to the Elective Course Director..

## Section 2 – Policies

### Academic Honesty and Professionalism

[http://www.com.msu.edu/Students/Policies\\_and\\_Programs/Med\\_Student\\_Rights\\_Responsibilities.htm](http://www.com.msu.edu/Students/Policies_and_Programs/Med_Student_Rights_Responsibilities.htm)

[http://www.com.msu.edu/Students/Professional\\_Development/Code\\_of\\_Prof\\_Ethics.htm](http://www.com.msu.edu/Students/Professional_Development/Code_of_Prof_Ethics.htm)

Each individual student is responsible for their behavior and is expected to maintain standards of academic honesty and professionalism. If any instance of academic dishonesty (cheating, plagiarism, etc.) is discovered by an instructor, it is his or her responsibility to take appropriate action. Such action may include giving a failing grade to the student in the Elective and/or referring the student for judicial review and possible disciplinary action, which may include disciplinary suspension or dismissal from the College.

### Attendance/Excused Absence

In accordance with the MSU All-University Policy on Attendance, MSUCOM does not have a regulation requiring class attendance. However, the College understands and supports the need and the right of the faculty to expect student attendance and participation in many curricular components with consequences if the student is not attending. In the spirit of professional behavior, MSUCOM students are expected to attend required class sessions (e.g., lectures, laboratories) and take all examinations during their originally scheduled times. If this is not possible, the student must obtain an excused absence. To obtain an excused absence, you need to make the following contact, as appropriate, prior to the scheduled administration of the examination(s).

#### Personal Emergencies:

(e.g., death in family, serious illness (acute), hospitalization, automobile difficulties).

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#### Where there is advance notice of absence:

For advance notice absences, a student must submit his/her excused absence request at least one week in advance of the scheduled mandatory elective activity. Wedding, family celebrations, vacations, conferences, etc are not considered acceptable excuses. If an examination or other required experience is missed due to medical reasons, an attending physician's written confirmation will be required in order for the absence to be excused.

### Requests for Special Accommodations

Michigan State University is committed to providing equal opportunity for participation in all programs, services and activities. Requests for accommodations by persons with disabilities may be made by contacting the Resource Center for Persons with Disabilities at 517-884-RCPD or on the web at [www.rcpd.msu.edu](http://www.rcpd.msu.edu). Once a student's eligibility for accommodation has been determined he/she may be issued a Verified Individualized Services and Accommodation ("VISA") form. Please present this VISA form to Cheryl Luick, [luick@msu.edu](mailto:luick@msu.edu), A-331 East Fee Hall at the start of the semester and/or two weeks prior to the accommodation date (test, project, labs, etc.). Requests received after this date will be honored whenever possible.

It is the responsibility of the student with accommodations to contact the Elective Coordinator two weeks prior to the start of the term, or two weeks prior to the scheduled assessment event or other planned use of accommodations. Requests received after this date will be honored whenever possible.

It is the responsibility of the student to submit or have submitted an updated version of their accommodations to Cheryl Luick each semester that a student plans to use their accommodations.