This is a perfect course for students who are interested in activist scholarship, race, gender, class, sexuality, and identity. Specifically, the program seeks to recruit intellectually ambitious students interested in research that has a social justice focus.

The faculty members leading the program, experts in the cultures and politics of the Caribbean and Latin America, are uniquely qualified to provide students with an outstanding intellectual experience in Bluefields, Nicaragua. The program will feature the conceptualization and execution of original research in support of African descendent communities of the region.

African and African Diaspora Studies Department (AADS)

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Getting Started

- To learn about the program, please attend an information session by program faculty and staff or make an appointment. Contact the coordinator: 512-471-3645 or mycastillo@austin.utexas.edu

- To apply for the program, please send an email to Monica Castillo at mycastillo@austin.utexas.edu Include: (1) your UT EID, (2) a 1 page letter specifying your interest in the program and how it contributes to your academic formation, and (3) the name of a UT faculty member who would be willing to write a recommendation letter on your behalf.

Ms. Castillo will then direct you to other application steps as well as to funding and scholarship possibilities.

IMPORTANT DATES:
- Program Application Deadline: December 1st, 2012
- Acceptance Notice: January 15, 2013
- Program Begins: July 13
- Program Ends: August 18, 2013

Afro-Caribbean Politics and Culture in Central America
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SIX CREDIT HOURS

Estimated Program Fee: $2,450
The cost includes onsite orientation, program activities, most meals, travel within Nicaragua, lodging, cell phone, and onsite student services including cultural events. UT tuition and fees for course registration also apply.

Eligibility
Good academic standing and completion of one African and African Diaspora Studies and/or Latin American Studies course.

Financial Aid
Federal, state, and UT institutional aid may be used on approved faculty-led programs. For more information, see: http://www.utexas.edu/student/abroad/funding

Scholarships
Competitive scholarships are available through the AADS Department and LLILAS. To learn more, contact Monica Castillo (mycastillo@austin.utexas.edu). Various other scholarships are available through GLOBAL A$$IST: http://www.utexas.edu/student/abroad/funding

By experiencing the unique culture of Bluefields, Nicaragua, U.S. students will learn about a related but distinct strand of the Black experience in the Americas, which is relatively unknown outside of the region. The course will be conducted in English, as this area of the Atlantic Coast has a particular history with Anglo-Saxon powers (England and later the United States). The course will take place at the Bluefields campus of URACCAN (University of the Autonomous Regions of the Caribbean Coast of Nicaragua), one of two regional universities founded in the 1990s by Black and indigenous costeños. UT students will interact and conduct joint research projects with URACCAN students and other Black and indigenous costeños. The research findings will be presented at the end of the course.

The Instructors
Dr. Juliet Hooker is an Associate Professor of AADS and the Associate Director of the Teresa Lozano Long Institute of Latin American Studies (LLILAS).

Dr. Edmund Gordon is the Chair of the African and African Diaspora Studies Department.