This course is designed to introduce students to the history of Cuba from the beginning of the independence wars to the present. It will have a special focus on the way that the current revolutionary government defines the island's previous history and has sought to address its problems. Students will learn to engage seriously and critically with the history of the island as it is understood by contemporary Cubans and projected by the revolutionary government. Upon return, students will reflect on this narrative and compare it to other sources of information.

*Students are required to participate in all aspects of the fourteen-day trip to Cuba and to meet with the professor and write a research paper in the month following the trip.*