

**Immerse in Cuban Health and Culture with SHPM's New Course! HLST 4170 (3 credits) S1: April 27-May 11, 2024**



**SHPM is thrilled to announce a new and exciting undergrad course that will be taking place in Holguin, Cuba, during the Summer 2024 term.** The two-week immersive course (3 credits), led by Dr. Jessica Vorstermans, will offer students an in-depth view of key aspects of health, education, art, history, and culture in Cuba. The focus will be on how Cuba has woven its social fabric to deliver exceptionally high health outcomes, all rooted in a health equity approach.

## The Course Location and Partners



*La Universidad del Sistema de Salud*

This unique course will take place in the beautiful city of **Holguin, Cuba**. We are privileged to be partnering with the [University of Holguin](#) and the [Medical University of Holguin](#) to deliver this program. Students will have the opportunity to learn in varied environments including the two universities, community health clinics, hospitals, cultural and historical sites. Additionally, students will engage in enriching exchanges with Cuban students. Language will not be a barrier as we will provide simultaneous translation for all learning activities.



## The Cuban Health System

Cuba, a country in the Global South, has been experiencing a challenging economic crisis and has been under a harsh blockade by the United States since 1962. This blockade has been

condemned annually by a UN Resolution, with 185 states supporting the resolution and only 2 opposing it. For the 30th time in 2022, the UN has rebuked the decades-old US policy. Despite these challenges, Cuba has remained steadfast in its commitment to health as a human right, health equity, and the full development of every Cuban. This course will give students a hands-on experience of what this commitment looks like in practice from Cuban professors, professionals, and workers.



## Study Abroad Bursary

We understand that studying abroad can be a financial challenge. To support our students, **all participants of this course will be automatically granted a York study abroad bursary worth \$1000.**

## Unique Learning Opportunity

This is a unique opportunity to learn alongside Cubans about their ongoing revolutionary project that is rooted in rights and access for all. You will gain firsthand insights into how this nation, despite its challenges, continues to prioritize health equity and human development. This immersive learning experience will broaden your perspectives and deepen your understanding of global health and social systems.

## More Details

For more information about the course, please visit:

[https://yorkinternational.yorku.ca/hlst4170\\_cuba/](https://yorkinternational.yorku.ca/hlst4170_cuba/)

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