

UF Connection in Cuba



Cuba is an island in the Caribbean. Capital city is Havana. The US Department estimates its total population at 11,179,995. Information about travelling to Cuba can be found on the [Department of State](#) website. The [Centers of Disease Control and Prevention](#) also has useful travel information. With recent developments from the US State Department, this is an exciting time for the University of Florida to expand relations and engagement with Cuban institutions.

UF Students in Cuba

During the 2013-2014 academic school year, eight students studied abroad in Cuba. These programs included a UF-Sponsored program provided by the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences.

Study Abroad Programs and Reciprocal Agreements			
Academic Unit at UF	Program Name	Program Type	City
Agricultural and Life Sciences	UF in Cuba – Tropical Marine and Coastal Ecology	UF Sponsored	Havana
International Center	Burlington College – University of Havana	Non-UF Program	Havana

Internship

[Tropical Marine & Coastal Geology in Cuba](#) is an internship opportunity offered by the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences (CALs) and has the objective of learning about the tropical marine and coastal ecosystems of Cuba.

Cooperative Agreements

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Academic Unit at UF	Institution Name	Focus
Agriculture and Life Sciences	Instituto de Investigaciones de la Cana de Azucar – Department of Human Capital and Scientific Development	Research

Liberal Arts and Sciences – Department of History	The Antonio Nunez Jimenez Foundation – Department of Environment and Human Societies.	Research
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Highlights:

- **Florida and Cuban Agriculture**

A research initiative that focuses on the agricultural sector and the international economy of Cuba and the U.S. The project builds on and expands a collaborative research program on Cuban agriculture initiated between UF/IFAS and the University of Havana. The purpose of the research is to identify and study a broad range of social, economic, technical and biophysical factors affecting agricultural production and distribution in Cuba, relevant to Florida, and trade between the U.S. and Cuba. (Pulled from the [The Center of Latin American Studies website.](#))

- **Cuban Library Collaboration with Smathers Libraries**

The George A. Smathers Libraries’ Latin American and Caribbean Collection has collaborated extensively with Cuban libraries and information institutions in the last four years, and it has been an intrinsic part of the collaborative agreements that UF has established with the National José Martí Library and the Foundation Antonio Núñez Jiménez. (Pulled from the [The Center of Latin American Studies website.](#))

- **Traveling Suitcases**

The Center for Latin American Studies (CLAS) at UF offers a unique outreach service called Traveling Suitcases. These Traveling Suitcases are artifact collections reflecting thematic areas of the diverse cultures, tradition and economies of Latin America. This collection of books, toys, music, product packaging, currency, national symbols, and other items have been collected by UF faculty, students and friends while traveling in Latin America. Many teachers use them as a learning center, letting students handle items and discuss their uses. For Cuba, the CLAS Suitcases hold: Afro-Cuban dolls and small statues, Cuban coffee, Cuban musical instruments. (Pulled from the [Traveling Suitcases website.](#))

Research Projects

Below is a table of funded research projects with an international component involving Cuba.

Funded Research Projects				
Principal Investigator (PI)	PI department	Project title	Funding agency/Sponsor	Project funding
Lillian Guerra	History	Making Revolutionary Cuba, 1946-1959 Fellowship	American Council of Learned Societies	\$65,000

Adding information to this brief

If you have or are aware of a project, program, or other activity that UF has in this country that has not been included in this brief, email ogre@ufic.ufl.edu.