Tentative Activities

The first week in Haiti will be spent doing active learning activities using the Scratch programming environment (scratch.mit.edu) with students at the Maison Fortune Orphanage (www.maisonfortune.org) that is located in the town of Hinche in the Central Plateau. Travel to and from Hinche will be via charter flights with Missionary Air Fellowship (http://ruralhaititeam.org/groups/missionair.php). We will have opportunities to experience Haitian culture through direct interaction with Haitians and visits to local sites of interest including a Haitian market and Bassin Zim, a beautiful waterfall near Hinche.

During the second week the second week we will travel to Jacmel, a city on the southern coast that is known as a center for the arts in Haiti. Visits are planned to sites of interest in this colonial period city including art galleries and nearby beaches. Following our short stay in Jacmel we will return to Port-au-Prince for a debriefing on our Haitian experience before returning to the US.

Special Note: Haiti is a special place. Many are aware that it's the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere, yet only 800 miles from Florida. Some know about its turbulent history since it became the first independent black republic over 200 years ago. But fewer know about the daily lives, warm hospitality, and rich culture of the Haitian people. This trip will allow you to experience these highs and lows, and also allow you to directly contribute in a small way to the main priority of Haitians – the education of their children. Our accommodations will be more than adequate and we will be well cared for by our hosts.

Important Note:

Students must make the deadlines for deposits and full payment as instructed below. October 1st is the last day to ADD or DROP J-term study/travel courses. For the College's cancellation and refund policy for study/travel courses, visit the J-term section on the OIE's website (www.rmc.edu/studyabroad).

Date	Amount Due
At time of registra- tion	\$100 non-refundable deposit (students must take check and signed add-form to Registrar's Office to be added to the course. \$100 is applied to 50% deposit due by Aug. 1st; transferrable if student changes to another study/travel course before Oct. 1st*)
Prior to Aug. 1	50% deposit (payable by check, due to Business Office. Non-refundable after October 1st*)
Aug. 1 - Sept. 1	\$100 deposit at time of registration plus 50% of program fee due immediately, if student is adding a J-term study/travel course during this period
By Oct. 1	100% students' J-term study/travel program fee due in full. Students who have not paid in full by October 1st will be automatically withdrawn from the J-term study/travel course. Course Instructor will determine amount of refund available to withdrawn students*

* unless an earlier deadline was established by the instructor.

J-term Need-based Travel Scholarship Deadline - May 11th, 2012

To be considered, you must be pre-registered for a J-term 2013 travel course and have completed a 2012-2013 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Award notifications will be sent out mid June with your financial aid award letter. Complete details are listed on the application available at www.rmc.edu/FAForms.

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J-TERM STUDY / TRAVEL COURSE 2013

CSCI 181.01: Computer Service Learning in Haiti



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Course Description



CSCI 181 Computer Service Learning in Haiti

This course offers an opportunity to use existing and pre-trip enhanced

computing skills to assist in the development of the computing concepts and skills of Haitian children. During the students' time in Haiti the students will be introduced to the history, culture, economic, political and spiritual aspects of Haiti and will be given an opportunity to begin to establish relationships with Haitian people.

A major thrust of the on-campus portion of the course will involve "hands-on" instruction on the Scratch programming environment

(see scratch.mit.org), an easy-to-learn visual programming language geared towards young beginners. These materials will be used for instruction of elementary school children in Haiti. The on-campus portion of the course will prepare the students for instruction in the selected area.

Prior to travel students will receive instruction on the concepts to be taught, the use of the selected tools and the effective delivery of the materials. Additionally the students will be tested on their mastery of the aforementioned items.



Three hours. Recommendations: some programming background is helpful, but not necessary since the programming skills needed will be learned and practiced during the prep week that precedes our two weeks in Haiti. Students with English-French translation skills are also invited to register for the course and assist with its presentation. This course will not count toward the Computer Science major or minor.

The Faculty

Chuck Leska is an Associate Professor in the Department of Computer Science. His expertise lies in the areas of algorithm visualization, software engineering and computer science education. Prof. Leska regularly teaches courses that cover the computing topics necessary for this travel course, serves as chair of the Committee on the Curriculum and has previously taught a service learning course in Haiti.

Ben Burrell is an Associate Professor and Chair of the Computer Science Department. His interests include computer graphics, simulation & modeling and computer science education. Prof. Burrell has been to Haiti several times with groups from his church and as a mem-



ber of a diocesan level committee working in the Central Plateau on a sustainable development project.



Prerequisites

None

Recommendations: some programming background is helpful, but not necessary since the programming skills needed will be learned and practiced during the prep week before travelling to Haiti. Students with English-French translation skills are also invited to register for the course and assist with its presentation.

Estimated Cost

Estimated cost is \$2000 and includes all transportation, lodging, meals while in Haiti, and activity costs

Travel Dates:

January 11-24, 2013 (tentative)

