TRAVEL DOCUMENTS
All participants need a valid passport to enter Colombia. If you do not have a passport, please secure one as soon as possible. Visit www.travel.state.gov to learn more. Medical and liability documents will be provided by the Study Abroad Office for each participant to complete prior to departure. International health insurance is included in the programs costs and is required by Georgia Southern.

APPLICATION TO THE BARRANQUILLA, COLOMBIA STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM:
Students can access the application online at: http://cah.georgiasouthern.edu/foreign-languages/barranquilla-colombia/

For questions, contact the Program Director:
Dr. Angela Pinilla-Herrera
Interdisciplinary Academic Building 2063
(912) 478-7060
apinilla@georgiasouthern.edu

HEALTH INFORMATION
Each participant will be enrolled in a Georgia Southern general study abroad international travel medical insurance plan through CISI. Medical and liability documents will be provided for each participant to complete prior to departure.

Transit outside the United States is generally safe, though students should take basic health precautions. As with all international travel, students are encouraged to speak with their primary healthcare provider or visit their local health department office, as it is likely vaccinations or prophylaxes will be necessary. More information can be found at http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/

TRANSIENT STUDENTS
Students from other accredited universities are invited to enroll in our Study Abroad programs. In order to receive credit at their home institutions, however, they must enroll as transient students at Georgia Southern for the summer. Students may apply for acceptance to Georgia Southern for summer study at this link: http://admissions.georgiasouthern.edu/requirements/transient/
THE COUNTRY: COLOMBIA
Colombia, officially the Republic of Colombia, is a sovereign state largely situated in the northwest of South America, with territories in Central America. Colombia is one of the most ethnically and linguistically diverse countries in the world, and thereby possesses a rich cultural heritage. In Colombia’s modern culture there is a wide range of influence including Native American, African, Caribbean, and Middle Eastern. Ecologically, it is also one of the world’s 17 mega-diverse countries, ranking first in bird species and having between 40,000 and 45,000 plant species.

THE CITY: BARRANQUILLA
Barranquilla, the capital of Colombia’s Atlántico Department, is a bustling seaport flanked by the Magdalena River. Barranquilla is the largest city and port in the northern Caribbean Coast region of Colombia, with a population of 1,228,300 as of 2017. The city is known for its enormous Carnival, which brings together flamboyantly costumed performers, elaborate floats and cumbia music.

PARTNER LANGUAGE SCHOOL
Universidad del Norte is an innovative university, recognized as the most outstanding institution of higher learning in the Caribbean Region of Colombia. The Language Institute at Universidad del Norte has been offering Spanish as a foreign language courses since 1994. The university offers four 4 weeks of intensive language training, with six different levels based upon language proficiency.

APPLICATION DEADLINE
February 15, 2019

PROGRAM COSTS: $2,955

INCLUDES:
• 4 weeks of intensive language training
• Housing with a family
• Two meals a day (breakfast and one other meal)
• Excursions (Cartagena, Santa Marta, Usiacuri)
• Transportation to and from airport
• International health insurance (required by Georgia Southern)

DOES NOT INCLUDE:
• Georgia Southern Tuition and Fees ($1456.02)
• Airfare (approx. $700)
• One meal/day (approx. $300)
• Incidental expenses (public transportation, etc.)
• Souvenirs

PAYMENT SCHEDULE
• Deposit: $300 Non-Refundable Application Fee due by February 15, 2019. (This amount will apply to the Program Costs. If application is rejected, deposit is non-refundable; if application is accepted, deposit is refunded.)
• 1st Installment: $1300 Due March 15, 2019.
• 2nd Installment: $1300 Due April 15, 2019.
• Insurance Payment (Required): $55 Due April 15, 2019.

To make payments, choose the payment link at http://cah.georgiasouthern.edu/foreign-languages/barranquilla-colombia/

ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY
• 2.0 Cumulative GPA
• Commitment to speak Spanish during the program

PROGRAMS & CREDIT HOURS
You will be enrolled in six (6) credit hours of lower or upper division courses and will do a series of assignments, both orally and in writing, for your Georgia Southern professor. Graduate students will earn three (3) credit hours. Additionally, as part of your immersion experience, each morning, Monday-Friday, in small groups, you will spend four hours practicing your language skills with native speakers who are trained in teaching their language to foreigners.

SPAN 1001/1002 - Elementary Spanish I & II
SPAN 2001/2002 - Intermediate Spanish I & II
SPAN 3195 - Studies Abroad: Language
SPAN 3395 - Studies Abroad: Culture
SPAN 4195 - Studies Abroad: Adv Lang
SPAN 4395 - Studies Abroad: Adv Civ
SPAN 7195 - Studies Abroad: Language

REFUND POLICY
The $300 application fee is non-refundable. 80% of the remaining funds are refundable up to 40 days before the program start date, since program services are contracted in advance and must be paid whether or not the student is able to continue with the program.

FINANCIAL AID
Many forms of financial aid can be applied to the study abroad program costs; please note that the Hope scholarship applies to your Georgia Southern summer tuition, although it cannot be used to pay the program costs themselves. Georgia Southern students who intend to pay all or part of the study abroad program cost with financial aid should meet with their academic and financial aid advisor asap and should apply for summer financial aid no later than March 1, 2019. Students from other University System of Georgia schools should contact their academic advisor and financial aid office at their home institution for instructions. All deposits and program payments should be made online at: https://touchnet.georgiasouthern.edu/C20795_ustores/web/store_main.jsp?STOREID=146&SINGLESTORE=true

SAMPLE ACTIVITIES & EXCURSIONS
• Colombian dancing
• Culinary lessons
• Cartagena and Barú Island
• Usiacuri, Santa Marta, Taganga
• Other locations