

<b>Women's Lives and Experiences in Nicaragua: January 2 – January 21, 2016</b>			
<b>Dates</b>	<b>Theme</b>	<b>Activities</b>	<b>Description</b>
<b>UNIT ONE: Introductions &amp; Orientation in Matagalpa</b>			
<b>Day 1</b> Saturday January 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Arrival in Matagalpa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Arrival in Managua no later than 2pm (or the night before)</li> <li>• Transfer to hotel in Matagalpa</li> <li>• Welcome dinner</li> </ul>	5:00pm Bus departs for Matagalpa. 7:30pm Dinner as a group at a restaurant near the hotel, followed by an informal welcome and general orientations for the following day.
<b>Day 2</b> Sunday January 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Welcome and orientation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AM: Program orientation</li> <li>• AM: City tour</li> <li>• AM: Move in with home-stay families</li> <li>• PM: Free afternoon</li> </ul>	8:00am Breakfast at the hotel 9:00am Meet at the hotel to walk to Colibrí Spanish School, followed by a complete introduction and orientation, with maps of the city and housing assignments. 10:00–12:30am Guided city tour of Matagalpa 12:30am Return to hotel to meet host families and collect luggage. Go to homestay for lunch. 2:00pm FREE AFTERNOON 6:00pm Dinner at homestay
<b>UNIT TWO: The History of Nicaragua, the Women's Movement and Transnational Feminisms</b>			
<b>Day 3</b> Monday January 4 <sup>th</sup>	Contextualizing: The History of Nicaragua	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AM: Class meeting</li> <li>• AM: General history of Nicaragua</li> <li>• PM: Free afternoon</li> <li>• EVE: Introduction to Colibrí Team and book discussion</li> </ul>	8:30-10:00am Class meeting with professors 10:00-10:30am A Nicaraguan snack at Colibrí 10:30am–1:00pm General lecture about Nicaraguan history with Noelia Corrales 1:00 pm Lunch at homestay 2:00pm FREE AFTERNOON 6:00-7:30pm Discussion of G. Belli's book with Colibrí staff
<b>Day 4</b> Thursday January 5 <sup>th</sup>	Transnational Feminisms and the Role of Women's Centers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AM: Class meeting</li> <li>• AM: In-depth look at Nicaraguan history</li> <li>• PM: History of Feminism and visit to Feminist NGO's in Matagalpa</li> </ul>	8:30-9:30am Class meeting with professors 10:00–12:30am General lecture about Nicaraguan history with Noelia Corrales 12:30 Lunch at homestay 2:30-5:00pm Introductory lecture about feminism in Nicaragua with Odelba Meza and Noelia Corrales and visit to Colectivo de Mujeres de Matagalpa to see El Muro de la Denuncia.

			6:00pm Dinner at homestay
<b>Day 5</b> Wednesday January 6 <sup>th</sup>	Philosophy, history of feminism, sexual rights and sexual diversity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AM: Class meeting</li> <li>• AM: In-depth look at feminism history</li> <li>• AM: Activism and Sexual Rights</li> </ul>	8:30-9:30am Class meeting with professors 10:00–12am Lecture about feminism in Nicaragua with Odelba Meza. 12:30 Lunch at homestay 2:30-5:00am Meet with activists from Agentes de Cambio 6:00pm Dinner at homestay
<b>UNIT THREE: Women's Rights Issues in Contemporary Nicaragua</b>			
<b>Day 6</b> Thursday January 7 <sup>th</sup>	Present activism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AM: Class meeting</li> <li>• AM: In-depth look at the activists from the Women's Network</li> <li>• PM: FREE AFTERNOON</li> </ul>	8:30-9:30am Class meeting with professors 10:00–12am Meet with activists from Red de Mujeres de Matagalpa 12:30 Lunch at homestay PM: FREE AFTERNOON
<b>Day 7</b> Friday January 8 <sup>th</sup>	Reflection and class discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AM: Class with professors</li> <li>• PM: Free afternoon</li> </ul>	In the morning, Ss meet with professors. Activities to be announced Free afternoon
<b>Day 8</b> Saturday January 9 <sup>th</sup> <b>Day 9</b> Sunday January 10 <sup>th</sup>	Downtime and recreational activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Free weekend for Ss</li> </ul>	FREE WEEK-END Students can travel to visit places outside of Matagalpa, with the condition that they are be back at their homestays by Sunday evening. Matagalpa tours can provide them with any information they need for week-end excursions.
<b>Day 10</b> Monday January 11 <sup>th</sup>	Women in the revolution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AM: Meeting with women revolutionaries</li> <li>• PM: Reflection and class discussion</li> </ul>	9:00-11:30pm Panel discussion with women who participated in the revolutionary struggle in order to learn about the role they played in the revolution and the political and social developments of the 80s. – TBA (Mary Bolt therapist and Janeth Castillo from the Movimiento Comunal / Las Guerrilleras) 12:00 Lunch at homestay 2:30- 5:00pm Class with professors 6:00pm Dinner at homestay
<b>Day 11</b> Tuesday January 12 <sup>th</sup>	Economic empowerment of women. Part2: micro-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AM: SMD on microcredit in developing countries</li> </ul>	In the morning, Ss attend a discussion of reading with student moderators. 1:00-5:00pm Travel to El Porvenir, a nearby community where Ss visit a

	credit as approach to financial autonomy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PM: Travel to El Porvenir to visit women who run flower plantations</li> </ul>	women's cooperative that receives micro-loans to grow flowers. 6:00pm Dinner at homestay
<b>Day 12</b> Wednesday January 13 <sup>th</sup>	A look at health and education in the public sector	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>AM: Escuela Especial La Amistad</li> <li>PM: Guanuca Health Center</li> </ul>	8:00 – 9:00: Class with professors 9:00–12:00am Visit to the public school La Amistad 12:00 Lunch at homestay 4:00-5:30pm Visit to the public health center Guanuca
<b>UNIT FOUR: Women and the Economy</b>			
<b>Day 13</b> Thursday January 14 <sup>th</sup>	Economic empowerment of women	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Depart early from Matagalpa</li> <li>Visit to El Chile weaving community</li> <li>Arrival to Río Blanco</li> </ul>	8:00am Depart for El Chile 9:00am Tour and discussion about financial autonomy through small business with members of the weaving cooperative in El Chile. 12:00pm Lunch in El Chile 1:00pm Tour thru the Community El Chile 5:00pm Depart to Río Blanco 6:00pm Overnight at a hotel in Río Blanco
<b>Day 14</b> Friday January 15 <sup>th</sup> <b>Day 15</b> Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup>	The evolution of a rural women's cooperative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>AM: Tour of the women's cooperative</li> <li>Debriefing session</li> <li>PM: Discussion panel with the women of Mulukuku</li> </ul>	7:00am Breakfast at Río Blanco 8:00am Depart to Mulukuku 9:30am Arrival to Maria Luisa Ortiz Women's Cooperative in Mulukuku The schedule for this day's activities will be determined by the women of the cooperative in Mulukuku, but will include discussions about the history of the cooperative and its role in the revolution, in local healthcare, and in local and national politics; students will also hear their personal stories about the war, work, and life in rural Nicaragua. 6:00pm Dinner, followed by a debriefing session. Overnight at the Cooperative in Mulukuku
<b>Day 16</b> Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Depart for Matagalpa & Free Afternoon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>AM: Depart early for Matagalpa</li> <li>PM: FREE AFTERNOON</li> </ul>	7:30am Breakfast 8:30am Depart for Matagalpa 1:00pm Arrival to Matagalpa, lunch at homestays PM: FREE AFTERNOON

<b>Day 17</b> Monday January 18 <sup>th</sup>	Overview of women's rights in Matagalpa. Goodbye and thank you to host families	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AM: Class</li> <li>• AM: Comisaria de la Mujer</li> <li>• PM: Goodbye dinner for host families in restaurant</li> </ul>	8:00 – 9:00: Class with professors 9:00–11:00am Lecture to the Comisaria de la Mujer 12:00 Lunch at homestay 2:00-4:00pm Free afternoon In the evening, students may invite 2 members of their guest family to join program leaders for a goodbye dinner at a local restaurant.
<b>Day 18</b> Tuesday January 19 <sup>th</sup>	The context of the capital: The struggle for women's right in Managua	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AM: Depart for Managua</li> <li>• AM: Visit to the Chureca Project</li> <li>• PM: Meeting with Juanita Jimenez</li> </ul>	7:30am Depart for Managua 10:00am Visit to La Chureca Project to learn about women and children who live in Managua's garbage dump 1:00pm Check into hotel, followed by lunch 3:00pm Discussion panel with feminist leader Juanita Jimenez of MAM, to learn about the political situation of Nicaragua and women's rights. 6:00pm Dinner
<b>Day 19</b> Wednesday January 20 <sup>th</sup>	Final reflections and recreational activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Masaya and the Volcano</li> <li>• Debriefing session</li> <li>• Evening activities in Managua</li> </ul>	8:30am Depart for Masaya 9:30am Tour Masaya Volcano 11:00am Arrive to the city of Masaya for lunch and shopping 3:00pm Return to hotel in Managua 4:00-5:00pm Final Reflection to discuss student's final impressions, evaluation and orientations before departure 6:00pm Visit to the Malecon in Managua 7:30pm Final dinner in Managua
<b>Day 20</b> Thursday January 21 <sup>th</sup>	Departure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Departure</li> </ul>	A shuttle will be arranged to take all of the students to the airport at the same time, depending on the first flight to depart.