

Women's Lives and Experiences in Nicaragua: January 5 - 25, 2018

Dates	Theme	Activities	Description
Introductions & Orientation in Managua			
Day 1 Friday January 5 th	Arrival in Managua	Arrival in Managua. Transfer to hotel in Managua Welcome dinner	Welcome dinner as a group at a restaurant near the hotel, followed by an informal welcome and general orientations for the following day. Overnight stay at a hotel in Managua.
UNIT ONE: The Coyuntural and Political Situation of Nicaragua and Recreational Day			
Day 2 Saturday January 6 th	Coyuntural and political situation in Nicaragua and city tour of managua.	AM: Program orientation AM: Meeting with Juanita Jimenez	8:00am Breakfast at the hotel 8:30 am Program orientation 10:00am Discussion panel with feminist leader Juanita Jimenez of MAM, to learn about the coyuntural and political situation of Nicaragua. 12:30am Lunch 2:30pm Guided City Tour of Managua 5:00pm Visit to the Malecon in Managua. 7:00pm Dinner Evening cultural activity in Managua Overnight stay at a hotel in Managua.
Day 3 Sunday January 7 th	Recreational activities and transfer to Matagalpa	AM: Masaya Volcano and Masaya's market PM: Catarina's view point. PM: Transfer to Matagalpa.	7:30am Breakfast at the hotel 8:30am Depart for Masaya 9:30am Tour to the Masaya Volcano 11:00am Arrive to the city of Masaya for lunch and visit the handcraft market of Masaya. 2:00 Visit Catarina's view point. 4:00pm Transfer to Matagalpa. 6:00pm Welcome dinner at a local restaurant with Colibri's team Overnight stay at a hotel in Matagalpa.
Day 4 Monday January 8 th	Home-stay families and city tour of Matagalpa.	AM: Move in with home-stay families PM: City tour of Matagalpa.	7:30am Breakfast at the hotel 8:30am Orientations with maps of the city and scavenger hunt. 11:00am Housing assignments. Move in with the home-stay families. 12:30am Lunch at the home-stay families. 2:00–6:00am Guided city tour of Matagalpa

			6:00pm Dinner at homestay Overnight stay at home-stay in Matagalpa.
UNIT TWO: The Women's Movement and Transnational Feminisms			
Day 5 Tuesday January 9 th	Contextualizing: The History of Nicaragua	AM: Class meeting PM: General history of Nicaragua	7:30am Breakfast at home-stay 8:30am Meeting point at Colibri's office and transfer to Colibri Spanish School new building. Welcoming and introduction. 10:00am Class meeting with professors 11:00-12:30 General lecture about Nicaraguan history with Noelia Corrales 12:30am Lunch at Colibri 2:00–3:00pm General lecture about Nicaraguan history with Noelia Corrales and Colibri's team. 3:30–5:30pm Workshop on cultural inter- communication. 6:00pm Dinner at homestay Overnight stay at home-stay in Matagalpa.
Day 6 Wednesday January 10 th	Nicaraguan history and the Geoconda Belli's book: The Country Under My Skin	AM: Class meeting AM: In-depth look at Nicaraguan history. PM: Free afternoon PM: Book discussion with Colibri Team	7:00am Breakfast at home-stay 8:00am Colibri's office and transfer to Colibri Spanish School. 8:30-9:30am Class meeting with professors 10:00–12:30am General lecture about Nicaraguan history with Noelia Corrales and Colibri's team. 12:30 Lunch at Colibri FREE TIME AT COLIBRI 4:00-5:30pm Discussion of G. Belli's book: The Country Under My Skin with Colibri staff. 6:00pm Dinner at homestay Overnight stay at home-stay in Matagalpa.
Day 7 Thursday January 11 th	History of feminism, transnational Feminisms and the Role of Women's Centers	AM: Class meeting AM: History of Feminism PM: Visit to Feminist NGO's in Matagalpa.	7:00am Breakfast at home-stay 8:00am Introductory lecture about the history of feminism in Nicaragua with Geni Gómez at Grupo Venancia. 12:30 Lunch at home-stay families. 2:30pm Visit to Colectivo de Mujeres de Matagalpa to see El Muro de la

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<p>Day 8</p> <p>Friday</p> <p>January 12^{ht}</p>	<p>Philosophy of feminism, sexual rights and sexual diversity</p>	<p>AM: In-depth look at feminism history and In-depth look at the activists from the Women's Network</p>	<p>7:00am Breakfast at home-stay</p> <p>8:00am Colibri's office and transfer to Colibri Spanish School.</p> <p>8:30-9:30am Class meeting with professor</p> <p>8:00am -9:30 Lecture about feminism in Nicaragua with Odelba Meza.</p> <p>10:00 – 12:00 Meet the activists from Red de Mujeres de Matagalpa.</p> <p>12:30 Lunch at Colibri.</p> <p>FREE TIME AT COLIBRI or optional activity: Spanish Classes.</p> <p>6:00pm Dinner at homestay.</p> <p>Overnight stay at home-stay in Matagalpa.</p>
<p>Day 9</p> <p>Saturday</p> <p>January 13^{ht}</p>	<p>Present activism and sexual rights and diversity</p>	<p>AM: Class meeting</p> <p>AM: Activism and Sexual Rights and Diversity</p> <p>PM: Student moderators activity.</p>	<p>7:00am Breakfast at home-stay</p> <p>8:00am Colibri's office and transfer to Colibri Spanish School.</p> <p>8:30-9:30am Class meeting with professors</p> <p>10:00 Meet with the activist group Agentes de Cambio</p> <p>12:30 Lunch at Colibri</p> <p>PM: FREE AFTERNOON or Ss attend a discussion of reading with student moderators.</p> <p>6:00pm Dinner at homestay</p> <p>Overnight stay at home-stay in Matagalpa.</p>
<p>UNIT THREE: Women and the Economy</p>			
<p>Day 10</p> <p>Sunday</p> <p>January 14^{ht}</p>	<p>Economic empowerment of women</p>	<p>Depart early from Matagalpa</p> <p>Visit to El Chile weaving community</p> <p>Arrival to Río Blanco</p>	<p>8:00am Depart for El Chile</p> <p>9:00am Tour and discussion about financial autonomy through small business with members of the weaving cooperative in El Chile.</p> <p>12:00pm Lunch in El Chile</p> <p>1:00pm Tour through the Community El Chile</p> <p>5:00pm Depart to Río Blanco</p> <p>6:00pm Dinner at Río Blanco</p> <p>Overnight stay at a hotel in Río Blanco</p>

Day 11 Monday January 15 th	The evolution of a rural women's cooperative	AM: Tour of the women's cooperative Debriefing session PM: Discussion panel with the women of Mulukuku	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
Day 12 Tuesday January 16 th	Depart for Matagalpa & Free Afternoon	AM: Depart early for Matagalpa PM: FREE AFTERNOON	7:30am Breakfast 8:30am Depart for Matagalpa 1:00pm Arrival to Matagalpa, lunch at homestays PM: FREE AFTERNOON
Day 13 Wednesday January 17 th	Optional activities and class with professors	AM: FREE MORNING OR OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES PM: Class with professors	7:00am Breakfast at home-stay FREE MORNING OR OPTIONAL ACTIVITY: Hiking to the Natural Reserve Cerro Apante or Spanish Lessons (2 hours) 12:30am Lunch at Casa de Colibríes 2:00 pm Class with professors 6:00pm Dinner at homestay. Overnight stay at home-stay in Matagalpa.
Day 14 Thursday January 18 th	Economic empowerment of women. Part2: micro-credit as approach to financial autonomy and coffee plantations: the women's roll in the coffee area.	AM: SMD on microcredit in developing countries PM: Travel to El Porvenir to visit coffee plantations	7:00am Breakfast at home-stay 8:00am Transfer to the natural reserve El Arenal. Visit a coffee plantation. 12:30am Lunch at El Porvenir at Noelia's house. 2:30pm Meet a women's group that receives micro-loans to grow flowers and other small bussines. 6:00pm Dinner at homestay. Overnight stay at home-stay in Matagalpa.
UNIT FOUR: Women's Rights Issues in Contemporary Nicaragua			
Day 15	A look at	AM: Escuela	7:00am Breakfast at home-stay

Friday January 19 ^{ht}	education in the public sector and optional activity.	Especial La Amistad PM: Class meeting PM: Optional activity	8:00am–12:00am Visit to the public school La Amistad and volunteer time. 12:30 Lunch at Colibri 2:00-3:00am Class with professors FREE AFTERNOON OR OPTIONAL ACTIVITY: Dancing classes from 3 to 4pm. Overnight stay at home-stay in Matagalpa.
Day 16 Saturday January 20 ^{ht} Day 17 Sunday January 21 ^{ht}	Downtime and recreational activities	Free weekend for Ss	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.
Day 18 Monday January 22 ^{ht}	Women in the revolution	AM: Meeting with women revolutionaries PM: Reflection and class discussion	7:00am Breakfast at home-stay 8:00am Colibri's office and transfer to Colibri Spanish School. 8:30-11:30pm 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) 12:30 Lunch at Colibri 2:00-3:00am Class with professors FREE AFTERNOON OR OPTIONAL ACTIVITY: Dancing classes from 3 to 4pm. 6:00pm Dinner at homestay Overnight stay at home-stay in Matagalpa.
Day 19 Tuesday January 23 ^{ht}	Class meeting, optional activity, goodbye and thank you to host families.	AM: Class meeting Optional activity, Goodbye lunch for host families PM: Depart for Managua.	7:00am Breakfast at home-stay 8:00 – 9:00: Class with professors 10:30 – 12:30 OPTIONAL ACTIVITY: Cooking classes. 12:30 For lunch, students may invite 2 members of their guest family to join program leaders for a goodbye lunch at Casa de Colibries.

			<p>2:30pm Transfer to Managua</p> <p>5:30pm Check into hotel, followed by dinner</p> <p>Overnight stay at a hotel in Managua.</p>
<p>Day 20</p> <p>Wednesday</p> <p>January 24th</p>	<p>Meet a leader of the youth feminist movement, women struggle, religion and culture in Nicaragua.</p>	<p>AM: Meet a leader of the youth feminist movement</p> <p>PM: Meet with María López Vigil. Evaluation and final reflexions.</p>	<p>8:00am Breakfast at the hotel</p> <p>9:00am Discussion panel with a leader of the youth feminist movement to final discussion about women's rights in Nicaragua.</p> <p>12:30am Lunch</p> <p>2:00 pm. Discussion panel with feminist María López Vigil to learn about religion, culture and women lives in Nicaragua.</p> <p>4:00 pm. Final Reflection to discuss student's final impressions, evaluation and orientations before departure.</p> <p>6:00pm Final dinner in Managua</p> <p>Overnight stay at a hotel in Managua.</p>
<p>Day 21</p> <p>Thursday</p> <p>January 25th</p>	<p>Departure</p>	<p>Fly back home</p>	<p>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.</p>