

Country background



Costa Rica is one of the oldest democracies in the American Continent. The country is home of 4% of the world's total biodiversity. With 25% of the country under national parks, wildlife refuges and protected areas, Costa Rica offers a large number of learning and fun opportunities to enjoy natural resources. **JOIN US IN this unique opportunity to discover, learn**



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2014 Study Abroad Class at Turtle
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Guarianthe skinneri : Costa Rican national flower

With just over 51,000 km² in territory, Costa Rica is one of the most exotic

countries that you can ever visit. Blessed by beautiful beaches, volcanos, biodiversity, and



The Costa Rican Pacific Northwest

a unique culture and political system devoted to the protection of natural resources,

the country offers a perfect setting for studying social, economic, and cultural aspects interactions with natural resources . This course will take you to a large variety of rural, and urban settings to learn about water management, ecotourism, agribusiness, biology, forestry, and renewable materials issues. The course balanced different teaching methods to increase the learning process to reflect on past, present, and future of natural resources in a developing country and their relationship to other geographies such as United States.

Program at a glance

Dates: Winter 2016. Class meetings required before actual excursion.

Excursion to Costa Rica: 11 days.

Credits: 3, open to all majors.

Housing: Various locations, double occupancy.

Costs: \$2,650. Including airfare, local transportation, housing, daily meals, and exit taxes. Tuition and fees not included.

Consult your Department and the OIRED office for SCHOLARSHIPS!

Tentative itinerary for the Excursion:



Zip-lining in Fortuna

- Day 1. Departure to SJO.
- Day 2. EARTH campus tour and lectures
- Day 3. Lectures and field experiences at EARTH



2011 class at Arenal Volcano

- Day 4. Visit Community La Argentina
- Day 5. Return to EARTH
- Day 6. Visit

Southern Caribbean region: Cahuita



VT students at a Crocodile farm in San Clara

- Day 7. Continue Southern Caribbean Region: Talamanca

- Day 8. Continue Southern Caribbean Region: Veragua.



Wind farm tour in Tilaran

- Day 9. Travel to SJO, cultural visits

- Day 10. Volcano Tour

- Day 11. Re-

turn to USA.

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