

UF in Costa Rica

Global Studies and K-12 Education

University of Florida Study Abroad

May Intersession
April 26 - May 6, 2009



The UF School of Teaching and Learning in the College of Education offers a unique opportunity to earn 3 credits as part of a fully-escorted learning and service trip to Costa Rica. This 11-day trip is optional for students who complete either Global Studies Methods in Science or Global Issues in K-12 Education courses during the Spring, 2009 semester.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Naturalist-led excursions to informal science learning sites throughout the country, including Poas Volcano, La Paz Waterfall, La Selva Biological Station, Manuel Antonio National Park, the Rainforest Aerial Tram, and Carara National Park
- Full-day visits with teachers and students in public and private rural and urban K-12 schools
- Faculty escort: Linda Cronin Jones, Associate Professor of Science and Environmental Education

Costa Rica



Escazu

Application Deadline:
January 30, 2009

2009 Program Fee: \$1,300 - undergraduates
\$1,966 - graduates

Program fee includes: Tuition for 3 credits, lodging with 3 meals per day, in-country transportation, site admission fees, international health insurance, and emergency medical assistance.

Round-trip airfare is not included.

COURSE OFFERINGS

Courses taught by UF Faculty

EDG 4930 / EDG 6905:
Special Topics in Education
(3 UF GPA credits)



Eligibility: Undergraduate and graduate students:

- GPA of 3.0 or greater
- Completion of EITHER Global Studies Methods in Science (ESE 6939) OR Global Issues in K-12 Education (EDG 4930/ESE 6939) during the Spring, 2009 semester

All applicants are required to meet with the instructor prior to acceptance.

Knowledge of Spanish is not required.

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Student Financial Aid Advisor:

See your assigned financial aid advisor.

UF in Costa Rica (Intersession)

With a population of less than 4 million, Costa Rica flourishes as one of the oldest democracies in Latin America. Since 1869, primary education for all children has been mandatory and free, and today the country boasts a 93% literacy rate (the highest in the Americas).

Because of its history of peace and stability and its low population density, Costa Rica has been able to focus on protection of its natural resources and diverse ecosystems. Today, more than 2.7 million acres of rainforest, swamp, and other natural habitats are protected in 75 national parks and reserves. Today, Costa Rica serves as a model for environmental conservation around the world and is renowned for its biological diversity.

As part of this trip, participants will visit informal learning sites and K-12 schools throughout the country that specialize in youth and adult education with a global focus. Activities will include classroom observations, conversations with students & educators, tours, presentations, and service learning opportunities.

In addition to day trips to schools and other sites near our home base of Escazu (a small hilltop town 4.5 miles west of San Jose), the trip also includes two 2-night trips to scientific research/education sites in the northern tropical rainforest and the Pacific Coast beach/coastal mangrove region.



Application deadline is January 30, 2009.
*Applications considered on space-available basis,
so please apply early.*

Please apply online at: www.abroad.ufic.ufl.edu

Financial Aid

University of Florida students needing financial aid should apply through UF Student Financial Affairs (SFA). Non-UF students needing financial aid must apply to their home institutions.



Housing

Accommodations include a bed-and-breakfast inn near San Jose and eco-lodges for overnight site excursions. Three meals per day are included in trip costs.

Academic Credits

As a UF program, credits earned can satisfy major, minor, or elective requirements.

FEES DUE UPON APPLICATION:

A \$250 nonrefundable deposit toward the total cost of the program is required at the time of application. The remaining fees are due no later than 30 days prior to departure.

Students receiving financial aid may defer payment until the disbursement of their financial aid.

Not Included in the program fees:

Round-trip airfare, optional leisure activities, and personal expenses.