This program is approximately four weeks in duration with a short orientation session and activity in Gainesville before departure. While in Gainesville, students will be introduced to some of the research methodology and ecological concepts that they will further explore in Costa Rica. This program partners with the Organization for Tropical Studies (OTS) and the Tropical Agricultural Research and Higher Education Center (CATIE). The field based courses are led by UF instructors with support from local researchers and experts in different ecological zones in Costa Rica.

Costa Rica is known for its rich biodiversity and welcoming people. Students will spend the majority of the time traveling as a group, meeting locals along the way. As students will visit various regions, it’s important to dress for all kinds of weather. Students should be prepared to be outdoors so they can take advantage of observing the local flora and fauna, enjoy spending time walking through Costa Rica’s beautiful national parks and experiencing the peaceful rain.

Program excursions will include a visit to the National Museum; Irazu and Poas Volcano; a trip to the local hot springs; guided nature walks at all research stations; and Palo Verde National Park.

Students will stay in shared rooms at various hotels and research stations.
Pricing

2024 Undergraduate Program Fee: TBA
2024 Graduate Program Fee: TBA

A $395 nonrefundable deposit toward the total cost of the program is due at the time of application. The remaining fees are due no later than 45 days prior to departure. If you receive financial aid, you can defer payment until it disburses. Deferral decisions will be based on the amount of aid to be received.

What's Included

Tuition for 6 credits, some meals, local transportation, lodging, international health insurance, and emergency medical assistance.

What's Not Included

Round-trip airfare, some meals, course materials (if applicable), some entrance and tour fees, additional personal travel, and personal expenses.

Financial Aid

Most financial aid that you would receive on campus can be applied toward the cost of this program. However, all financial aid eligibility is determined by Student Financial Aid & Scholarships.

Scholarships

UFIC offers many study abroad scholarships, with various eligibility criteria. The Summer 2024 application deadline will be February 8, 2024. Apply online!