The UF in Costa Rica - Tropical Ecosystems program allows students to learn about eco-tourism and recreation in a tropical environment. You will learn about tropical ecosystems and environmentally based development in one of the most beautiful Latin American countries and visit places in Costa Rica most tourists never get to see. You will also learn about eco-tourism, cultural history, and the food production industry. The program is open to all UF students but specifically designed for students who have natural resource or agricultural-related majors.

You will travel to several different cities throughout Costa Rica. Most cities are primarily rural communities surrounded by natural and agricultural lands.

You will travel throughout the week, experiencing a variety of different ecosystems, communicates, and economies. Tours of natural areas, national parks, farms, and dairies will be important parts of the excursions. Previous trip highlights have included horseback riding on the continental divide; bat trapping; visiting food production facilities, national parks, local farms, and rural communities; hiking through biological reserves near volcanoes, tropical rain forests, an oil palm plantation, and eco-friendly food production sites.

While in Costa Rica, you will stay in hotels, lodges, and research stations.

**COURSE INFORMATION**

ALS 4404/5905: International Studies (variable credit)

Total Number of Credits Offered: 3 UF GPA

**UFIC Website**

internationalcenter.ufl.edu

Application Deadline

December 1, 2023
TROPICAL ECOSYSTEMS
SPRING BREAK: MARCH 9-16, 2024

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Open to all majors
- Minimum 2.5 GPA
- Must be in good standing

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. Deferment decisions will be based on the amount of aid to be received.

WHAT’S INCLUDED

Tuition, ground transportation in Costa Rica, lodging, most meals, guided tours, international health insurance and emergency medical assistance.

WHAT’S NOT INCLUDED

Round-trip airfare, some meals, additional personal travel and 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. Learn more or apply on our website!

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