UF in Costa Rica
TROPICAL ECOSYSTEMS | Spring Break: February 29 - March 7, 2020 (Tentative)

COLLEGE INFORMATION
College of Agricultural & Life Sciences
School of Forest Resources and Conservation

PROGRAM
This is a seven-day program to Costa Rica during spring break to study eco-tourism and recreation. You will learn about tropical ecosystems and environmentally based development in one of the most beautiful Latin American countries. You will 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.

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

EXCURSIONS
You will travel throughout the week, experiencing a variety of different ecosystems, communiques, 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.

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

DISCOVER the diversity of Costa Rican wildlife, vegetation, & ecosystems
EXPERIENCE the culture and communities of Costa Rica
EXPLORE unique tropical agricultural systems

COURSE INFORMATION
ALS 4404/5905: International Studies (variable credit)
Courses taught by UF Faculty for UF GPA Credit
Total Number of Credits: 3
APPLICATION INFORMATION

2020 Application Deadline: December 1, 2019
Apply online: www.internationalcenter.ufl.edu

ELIGIBILITY | REQUIREMENTS

– Open to all majors
– 2.5 GPA or higher
– Students in good standing

2020 PRICING

Undergraduate Program Fee: TBA
Graduate Program Fee: TBA

A $375 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 for 3 UF GPA credits, 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 personal expenses.

FINANCIAL AID

Most financial aid that you would receive on campus during the summer can be applied toward the cost of this study abroad program; however, all financial aid eligibility is determined by Student Financial Affairs. You must speak with your financial aid advisor to determine what aid can be applied to the cost of this program, including scholarships.