

COMMUNICATION, CULTURE, AND GLOBAL HEALTH CHALLENGES-COSTA RICA

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Maymester Study Abroad Program

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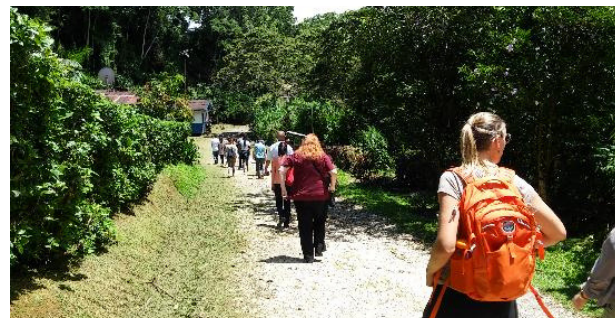
Program Director

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Program Description

Come join us on an exploration of global health, communication, and culture based at the spectacular Las Cruces biological station in southern Costa Rica. This field school introduces students to some of the pressing grand challenges in the field of global health: achieving universal health care coverage, environmental degradation, migration, and demographic and epidemiological transitions. The program is offered in collaboration with the Interamerican Center for Global Health (<http://cisgcr.org>), a non-profit organization based in the town of San Vito that works with indigenous communities in the Brunca region of Costa Rica. Students will participate in (1) visits to museums and cultural sites in and near the capital city of San José, (2) in depth discussions with CISG experts about their work in local indigenous communities, (3) lectures on topics related to culture, communication, and global health in Costa Rica, and (4) site visits with community leaders to indigenous territories, local clinics, and activist organizations. This is an ideal program for advanced undergraduates and graduate students interested in these topics, including those who would like to establish a field site for future research and engagement. Some Spanish competency recommended but not required.



Application Information

Students interested in applying should find this program's listing at mystudyabroad.gsu.edu and begin an online application.

Transient Students: please see the Transient Student tab on the How to Apply page on our website:
mystudyabroad.gsu.edu/prospective/how-to-apply

International students at Georgia State who hold F-1 visas must contact the Office of International Students and Scholar Services at (404) 413-2070 to discuss possible implications of study abroad for their immigration status.

Eligibility

Undergraduate students with junior status (entering their third year), as well as graduate students, may apply. Other students Some Spanish competency is recommended but not required. Program size is limited and participation is contingent upon acceptance by the Program Director.

Application Deadline: February 15, 2018

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Atlanta, GA



March 23: Mandatory pre-departure orientation (12:30-4pm). Location at GSU TBA.

May 7: Depart Atlanta

San José/ San Vito

May 8-10: Visit cultural and historical sites in San José and the Central Valley region



May 11: Travel to the Las Cruces Biological Station near San Vito de Coto Brus

May 12-13: Weekend explore and hike at the biological reserve

May 14-18: Guest lectures and site visits to health clinic and indigenous territories

May 19-20: Optional weekend non-instructional trip to Pacific coast beach

May 21-24: Guest lectures and site visits to local and regional health organizations

Atlanta, GA



May 25: Travel to San José, return to Atlanta



Accommodations

In the central valley, we will stay at the Academia Tica Coronado campus (<http://www.academiatica.com/about-coronado/>), located in the charming small town of Coronado just outside of San José. Then we will move to the scenic Las Cruces Biological Station (http://www.ots.ac.cr/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=221&Itemid=422) near the town of San Vito de Coto Brus. Las Cruces features a large dormitory hall with common areas, a diner, a library, and services such as laundry and Internet. It sits on the edge of more than 700 acres of pristine wet forest habitat.

Courses and Credits

Please note: in addition to applying for this program, you must also register for the program course in GoSOLAR. Participants who successfully complete the program's course will receive 4 semester hours of course credit at Georgia State University. Undergraduate students should register for ANTH 4550. Graduate students should register for 6550.

Students from other institutions should follow their institution's regulations concerning transfer credits.

Program Cost

Program cost may vary at any time according to currency fluctuations and changing travel arrangements. **The program cost is tentatively set at \$3,500 PLUS regular Georgia State University tuition and fees.** Non-resident/out-of-state students will pay in-state tuition plus a \$250 fee in addition to the program cost.

Scholarship Information

Georgia State University students are eligible to apply for the IEF Scholarship and may be eligible to apply for the Global Experience Scholarship. Visit <http://mystudyabroad.gsu.edu/prospective/funding-study-abroad> or call the Study Abroad Programs office at (404) 413-2529 to learn more about scholarships & financial aid for study abroad.

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