

Earth Education International/Humboldt State University

Semester Abroad in Sustainable Global Stewardship

Costa Rica: 1 February - 24 April, 2009

Program Prerequisites

- A minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 on a 4 point scale.
- Personal qualities that will facilitate a safe and positive experience for all.
- Successful completion of 15 credits at an accredited college (or prior approval).
- Recommended (not required): Prior Spanish language study and/or other appropriate experience, and successful completion of an introductory environmental studies course.

Academics & Coursework

This program provides numerous in-depth, hands-on learning experiences. Because the curriculum is interdisciplinary in nature, and no Spanish is required, the program is suitable for all majors. Fifteen to eighteen credits are provided through Humboldt State University. The program includes the courses listed below. All participants will enroll in the first four courses (12 cr.), and select from the appropriate Spanish course (unless they are advanced Spanish speakers).

Directed study can also be arranged.

- Sustainable Foundations & Futures (NRPI 480, 3 cr.).
- Applied Sustainability & Service Learning (ENVS 482, 3 cr.).
- Tropical Ecosystems & Conservation in Costa Rica (BIO 180, 3 cr.).
 - Costa Rican Culture Immersion (ES 480, 3 cr.).
 - Elementary or Intermediate Spanish (WLC 120, 3 cr.).



A few possible volunteer work sites: Organic farming, construction, and composting.

Field Study & Volunteer Work

In addition to time spent in the classroom in San Ramón, field study will include:

- Two to three day-long field trips and four multiple-day field trips to appropriate sites in Costa Rica (e.g., sustainable businesses, organic farms, watershed conservation sites, renewable energy projects, private reserves, national parks, volcanoes, community ecotourism projects).
- An extended field excursion in Southwestern Nicaragua; including field study, cultural events, and volunteer work.
- Approximately twenty-eight hours of volunteer service-learning work in the vicinity of San Ramón. Possible sites include, but are not limited to, the following: Organic agriculture, sustainable businesses, environmental education, social work, environmental conservation, ecotourism, and housing construction for low-income families.



Western Nicaragua: Field excursions in natural history, culture, and sustainable development.

Program Fee

Participants pay a comprehensive fee for the semester in the amount of \$7,800 USD. The fee includes most in-country expenses associated with the program, including:

- Field site entrance & presentation fees, food, & service-learning costs.
- Homestay costs while in San Ramón (lodging & three meals per day).
 - Use of the facilities of the University of San José in San Ramón.
 - All in-country travel and lodging associated with field study.
 - Required travel health insurance (\$100 deductible).
 - Various other group activities.

For More Information

For more detailed information on the spring program, see <http://www.EarthEdIntl.org/Spring.htm>.

For application information, or to apply, see <http://www.EarthEdIntl.org/Admission.htm>.

To contact us for further information: info@EarthEdIntl.org

Application deadline: 17 October, 2008 (or until program is full).