



Costa Rica

Costa Rica & Central American Studies



Program Dates:

May 25— June 16, 2013 (3 weeks)

Application Deadline:

March 25, 2013

Eligibility: 2.5 GPA. All majors and all Spanish levels are welcome.

Prerequisites: At least junior standing by the time of Program.

Credits: 6 credits required

Courses:

- SPA 494: ST: Spanish in Costa Rica (3 cr) (classes offered at beginning, intermediate and advance levels)
- ASB 356/GCU 356/SBS 356/SOC 356/POS 354: Central American Studies (3 cr) G&SB

Academic Sponsor:

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The **Costa Rica: Central American Studies Program** offers students an extraordinary intercultural immersion learning opportunity by combining an intensive language course and family home stays, with interdisciplinary study of Central America through social & behavioral science perspectives, ethnographic field study, and excursions around beautiful tropical Costa Rica. The dynamic capital city of San José is the host site. Frequent excursions—including two weekend trips-enable students to observe and experience what they are studying.

With its remarkable history, rich heritage, and diverse population, Costa Rica’s active participation in today’s globalized world makes it an exemplary case to study and explore many current challenges and dilemmas facing Latin America. Guest experts from Costa Rican universities engage students in regional issues such as colonial and postcolonial history, plantation economies and transnational trade relations, political ecology of rainforest preservation, regional migration and ethnic relations, the social dynamics of the urban built environment, and the vibrant rural and city cultural practices initiated by local and global entities and communities. A final project gives students the opportunity to conduct their own field work in San José.

Program Fee: \$4,495

The program fee includes: ASU tuition, housing with host families, breakfast & dinner, airport transit in San José, international medical insurance and two weekend field trips to both the Pacific and the Caribbean Coasts, and additional program local field trips.

Not included: Round trip airfare to Costa Rica, lunches, books, passport & application fees, airport exit fee (\$28), personal and other incidental expenses.

Complete program and cost details can be found at:

<https://studyabroad.asu.edu/?go=CostaRicaCentralAmStudies>