

## Costa Rica Sustainable Development Study Abroad Costs

C.R. Sustainable Development Summer 2009 (estimated costs)	
Tuition - 6 Credits	\$2,123
Program Fees	\$2,487
Intl Center and MU Fees	\$190
<b>Total Estimated Cost for Summer 2009 with internship.</b>	<b>\$4,800</b>
Airfare Estimate \$600 - \$900	

### **\*\*IMPORTANT NOTICE\*\***

The above costs are estimates for Summer Semester 2009 based on 11 students on the program. Costs are estimates for in-state students and include some meals, but do not include personal spending money. Non-resident students will also be billed for 20% of their non-resident fees for the number of credits on the program. Please check with the Prgm. Dir. or the website for updated cost information.

## Costa Rica Links

<http://www.visitcostarica.com/ict/paginas/home.asp?ididioma=2>  
<http://www.monteverdeinfo.com/>  
<http://centralamerica.com/cr/index.htm>



HOT SPRINGS

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## Dates

May 21, 2009 - June 22, 2009

## Requirements

2.0 GPA and Good Academic Standing  
A university course in Spanish, 2 years of High School Spanish or permission of instructor  
Open to all MU students

## Application

To apply, visit our website at  
<http://cafnr.missouri.edu/study-abroad/application.php>  
and complete our on-line application.

## Application Deadline

March 1, 2009

## Website

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## CAFNR STUDY ABROAD

## SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

# IN COSTA RICA

SUMMER 2009



ARENAL VOLCANO

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**Spend 4 weeks  
in Costa Rica  
and follow it  
with an  
internship!**

## Program Overview

This study abroad program in Costa Rica provides an international experience by combining learning about conservation and sustainable development in the tropics with instruction in practical conversational Spanish.



COSTA RICAN WATERFALL

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## Locations

San Jose is the capitol of Costa Rica and sits at an altitude of 3772 ft. San Jose and its suburbs have approximately one million people. The average temperature in the early summer ranges from 63-78 degrees with cooling showers in the afternoon. Monteverde is nestled at 3950 ft. in the Tilaran Mountains of Northwestern Costa Rica. With only one road in and out, Monteverde is a small town and a nature lover's paradise. The weather in Monteverde ranges from 61 to 76 degrees. Visitors to Monteverde can enjoy canopy tours, cloud forest tours, night walks, waterfalls, a serpentarium and a butterfly garden.

## Academics

**Students** spend 4 weeks in Costa Rica and earn 6 credits: 3 credits of Rural Sociology

4310 Sociology of Agriculture and Natural Resources and 3 credits of Agriculture 2191 International Agriculture\* (Ag Econ Majors can use 6 of these credits as Production Agriculture, and Biochemistry students can use 6 of these credits as CAFNR credit) Students who have taken Spanish 2160 have the option of substituting Spanish 3150 for Agriculture 2191

The course begins in San Jose where students take Spanish language classes and learn about Costa Rica and its culture. We have our classes at the Costa Rican Language Academy (CRLA) in San Jose. Classes are very small (3-6 students) and meet four days a week, allowing time for field trips and personal travel.



CLOUD RESERVE

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Classes in Monteverde occur at the Monteverde Institute (MVI) and meet six days a week. They include lectures and field trips on agro-ecology, landscape ecology, local history, gender studies, tropical agriculture and sustainable development.

Students also have two classes a week with Dr. Gilles, the program leader. One is a group seminar and the other is with small

groups of three to four students to discuss their experiences and their journals.

No previous Spanish language experience is required, but students having less than two years of H.S. Spanish need the instructor's permission to enroll.

## Internships

At the end of the course many students will have the option of remaining in Costa Rica for 5-7 weeks to do an internship in an area related to their majors. The number of internships available varies from year to year, and they may not be available for all majors but normally there are opportunities for students in animal science, conservation and the social sciences. Internships are either in Monteverde or at E.A.R.T.H. University (biochemistry internships are only at E.A.R.T.H.)

## Accommodation

Students stay with Costa Rican families throughout the program. All students have their own rooms and in San Jose many have their own bathrooms. Both CRLA and MVI take preferences into consideration when placing students with host families.

## Field Trips/Excursions

In addition, to visiting E.A.R.T.H. University and the Arenal Volcano, students will have an opportunity to hike in the rainforest, sail to Tortuga Island and go white-water rafting.

## Funding Study Abroad

CAFNR scholarships and loans are available for CAFNR students on this program. Students may also use Financial Aid and University Scholarships for study abroad.