

IUPUI Honors College Costa Rica Study Abroad Program
HON-H398

In-Country Program Dates: March 13-20, 2016 (in Costa Rica)

Pre-Departure Class Sessions:

Friday, January 22, 4:30-6:30pm in the Honors College conference Room

Friday, March 4, 4:30-6:30pm in Honors College

Friday, April 15, 4:30-6:30pm in Honors College

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Course Description: This course introduces students to cultural, historical, political, economic, and contemporary issues in Costa Rica through an international service learning experience. Over the course of the study abroad program, students will engage in academic and intellectual exercises and also participate in service learning for more in-depth and experiential learning experiences. There will be two course sessions in Indianapolis prior to departure, and in Costa Rica the course will be based at the Cross Cultural Solutions Home base (CCSHB)

Learning Objectives:

1. Students will have a greater understanding of the cultures and society of Costa Rica.
2. Students will learn and use cross-cultural communications skills and strategies in their professional interactions with Costa Ricans.
3. Students will use skills and knowledge gained in the course in service placement sites in Costa Rica.

Academic Integrity:

Academic dishonesty is a serious issue. Cheating and plagiarism are absolutely forbidden. Any form of cheating and plagiarism will result in an automatic '0' on the work in question and an automatic '0' in the area of participation. Therefore, if caught cheating, you will most likely fail the course. Additionally, the instructor will report the incident to the Student Services Office. Remember that cheating and plagiarism are serious offenses and can possibly lead to a student's expulsion from the University.

Class Materials

1. *The Ticos: Cultural and Social Change in Costa Rica* by Mavis Hiltunen Biesanz, Richard Biesanz, and Karen Zubris Biesanz
2. *The Costa Rica Reader: History, Culture, Politics* by Steven Palmer and Ivan Molina (OPTIONAL)

Assignments and Grading:

Assignments can be submitted earlier than the listed due dates. Due to close due dates on Cross Cultural Experience Reports, Service Site Observation forms, and Reading Reactions, you may want write the assignments earlier than the required due dates.

1. Personal Goals and Expectations **20 points**

Due February 1st via email or Hard Copy

In at least 300 well organized words, identify your personal and group goals for this experience. You should include what you expect from yourself, your peers, and your instructor. Please include your anticipated opinions about Costa Rica, Costa Rican culture and this experience.

2. Critical Book Review on *The Ticos: Culture Social Change in Costa Rica* **60 points**

Due February 29th

Follow the directions on the Critical Book Review Guidelines

Send Via email on or before February 28th (You are welcome to submit early.)

3. First 48 Hours Reflection **20 points**

Due March 16th by midnight

4. Service Site Observation Form **30 points**

Due March 18th before we go to our service sites

5. Cross Cultural Experience Report **100 points**

Due March 20th

This report (daily journal) will encompass your reactions to your service learning experiences and other cultural encounters. You should draw on information gained both in the service sites and the lectures to provide full, detailed reports. Work on this daily while we are in Costa Rica. It can also be submitted electronically.

6. Final Paper/Presentation **100 points**

Due April 17th

You may select a specific dimension of Costa Rican society, culture, economics, education, politics, and/or geography to prepare a five page, double-spaced, word processed paper and a formal presentation. The presentations will be delivered in from of a campus and community audience upon your return to Indianapolis during the Honors College Showcase. Feel free to use *The Costa Rican Reader* as one source for this paper.

7. Participation and Attendance

50 points

Your attendance and participation is required for successful completion of this class. Attendance is mandatory for all Indianapolis-based and Costa Rican-based class sessions and lectures as well as service placement experiences. Failure to participate may result in a participant's removal from the program and return to the United States. You should also be actively engaged in class lectures and be prepared with thoughtful questions and items for critique and review.

Tentative Program Calendar

Date	Time	Location	Activity
Friday, January 22	4:30-6:30pm	IUPUI	2 nd Pre-Departure Class Session
Friday, March 4	4:30-6:00 pm	IUPUI	3 rd Pre-Departure Class Session
Sunday, March 13	By 2:00 pm	Costa Rica	Arrivals into San Jose International Airport Cartago Orientation Cartago City Tour
Monday, March 14	7:45am-12:45 pm 2:00-6:00pm	Cartago	Service Activities at CCSHB *Submit 1 st 48 Hours
Tuesday, March 15	7:45am-12:45 pm 2:00-6:00pm	Cartago	Service Activities at CCSHB
Wednesday, March 16	7:45am-12:45 pm 2:00-6:00pm	Cartago	Service Activities at CCSHB *Submit Service Site Observation Form by 7:30 am
Thursday, March 17	7:45am-12:45 pm 2:00-6:00pm	Cartago	Service Activities at CCSHB
Friday, March 18	7:45am-12:45 pm 2:00-6:00pm	Manual Antonio National Park	Service Travel to Manual Antonio National Park *Submit Cross Cultural Experience Report
Saturday, March 19		Manual Antonio National Park	Cultural, Sustainable Tourism Example
Sunday, March 20		San Jose	Travel to San Jose and then back to USA
Friday, April 15	4:30-6:30pm	IUPUI	Final Class Session

***This calendar is subject to change**

***Cultural Site visit will also occur on Tues, Wed, or Thurs (CCS)**