

## Country background



Costa Rica is one of the oldest democracies in the American Continent. The country is home of 4% of the world's total biodiversity. With 25% of the country under national parks, wildlife refugees and protected areas, Costa Rica offers a large number of learning and fun opportunities to enjoy natural resources. **JOIN US IN this unique opportunity to discover, learn and get engaged!**



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**Study Abroad in Costa Rica**  
*Global Issues in  
Sustainability*

**Winter 2019**



2018 Study Abroad Class

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# Global Issues in Sustainability



With just over 51,000 km<sup>2</sup> in territory, Costa Rica is one of the most exotic countries that you can ever visit. Blessed by beautiful



**Maquenque Falls in Si-**  
**quirres**

beaches, volcanos, biodiversity, and a unique culture and political system devoted to

the protection of natural resources, the country offers a perfect setting for studying social, economic, and cultural aspects interactions with natural resources. This course will take you to a large variety of rural, and urban settings to learn about water management, eco-tourism, agribusiness, biology, forestry, and renewable materials issues. The course balanced different teaching methods to increase the learning process to reflect on past, present, and future of natural resources in a developing country and their relationship to other geographies such as the United States.

## Program at a glance

**Dates:** Winter 2019. Class meeting required before actual excursion.

**Excursion to Costa Rica:** January 3 to January 12, 2019

**Credits:** 3, open to all majors.

**Housing:** Various locations, double occupancy.

**Costs:** \$2,850. Including airfare, local transportation, housing, daily meals, and exit taxes. Tuition and fees not included.

## Consult your Department and the OIRED office for SCHOLARSHIPS!

**Tentative itinerary for the Excursion:**

- Day 1. Departure to SJO.
- Day 2.

## Irrigation project in Cañas



- Day 2. EARTH campus tour and lectures
- Day 3. Ma-

quenque project and Communities

- Day 4. Stance at Communities
- Day 5. Travel

in the Pacific

## Free day at Hermosa beach



- Day 6. Irrigation project and ADASTRA



## Crocodile farm at Costa Rica Tech

- Day 7. Free day at the beach
- Day 8. Forestry Reserve lecture and tour
- Day 9. Renewable Energy tour
- Day 10. Hot Springs
- Day 11. Return to USA.



## Miravalles geothermal project

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