Study Abroad

Costa Rica Field Experience Tour
May 7 - May 14, 2016

The Field Study in International Economics course is an instruction and tour program that studies production and allocation of resources in Costa Rica. The course focuses on business and economic development in Costa Rica. The course looks at the organizational frameworks related to resource allocation in Costa Rica, the role of the international economy (through the operation of multinational corporations and the conduct of international trade and finance), and the importance of cultural differences in business development and practices. The Costa Rica Field Experience Tour includes lectures from educators and practitioners, tours of transnational corporations and local firms, and visits to an active volcano, the free zone, and eco-tourism facilities.

Eligibility Requirements: Program open to undergraduate (sophomores, juniors, and seniors) and graduate students with a 2.5/3.0 overall GPA or higher. Prerequisites: ECO 2013, ECO 2023, or ECO 3003. (Exceptions to the 2.5/3.0 GPA requirements may be possible for undergraduate/graduate students with permission of the faculty leader.)

Courses:
ECO 4955 – Costa Rica Study Tour (3 credits)
ECO 6958 – Costa Rica Study Tour (3 credits)
MAN 4680 or GEB 6957 – Foreign Seminar in International Business (3 credits)

Program Fee: $2,200 for single occupancy accommodation
- If double occupancy is wanted (must find another participant willing to share room), a $250 discount will be applied to amount due on March 1.
- $200 deposit is due one week after application submission
- $1,820 due by March 1, 2016
- $80 cash payment due at first meeting on April 16, 2016

Program Fee Includes: Airfare, hotel accommodations (single/double occupancy), application fee, CISI insurance, local group transportation, group admission fees, daily breakfast, 2 group lunches, 2 group dinners, FAU t-shirt, pre-departure orientation, and on-site support staff.

Program Fee Does Not Include: FAU tuition (in-state/out-of-state rates apply), most lunches/dinners, and spending money.

Tentative Itinerary:
Saturday, May 7: Travel to Costa Rica, lunch & transfer to hotel in La Fortuna with tourism talk
Sunday, May 8: Tour Volcano Arenal Park, group dinner & hot springs at Tabacon Resort
Monday, May 9: Travel to San Jose, Café Britt Coffee tour & group lunch, & presentation
Tuesday, May 10: Florida Bebidas company tour, Chiquita lecture & Bridgestone company tour
Wednesday, May 11: Procomer lecture & San Jose city tour
Thursday, May 12: Trimpot Electronics company tour, Dos Pinos company tour, visit an elementary school, & group dinner
Friday, May 13: Individual Tours
Saturday, May 14: Return to Ft. Lauderdale airport

Application Deadline: February 15, 2016 or as space permits
Apply online through www.fau.fluidreview.com and pay the $100 application fee.

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