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## Costa Rica

(May 7–May 14, 2010)



FAU students visit a roadside vendor



Arenal Volcano



Canopy Line – A popular activity in the Rainforest

The Field Study course in International Economics (Costa Rica) studies the organizational frameworks related to resource allocation in Costa Rica, the role of the international economy (through the operation of multinational corporations in Costa Rica and the conduct of international trade and finance), and the importance of cultural differences in business development and practices in Costa Rica. The tour is intended to help students gain a better understanding of how the exchange rate market operates, how business practices differ in developed and developing countries, the importance of international capital flows, exports, imports, and migration to economic development, and increase student understanding of the concepts of comparative and absolute advantage in international trade. The field study tour includes lectures from educators and practitioners, tours of transnational corporations and local firms, visit to an active volcano, visit to the free zone, and visit to eco-tourism facilities.

**Eligibility Requirements:** Program is open to undergraduate (junior or senior) and graduate students with a 2.0 GPA or higher.

**Courses:**

ECO 4955 – Field Study in International Economics (3 credits)

ECO 6958 – Field Study in International Economics (3 credits)

**Program Fee:** Estimated from \$1,698

**Program Fee Includes:** Airfare, hotel accommodation, FAU application fee/basic insurance/ISIC card, daily breakfast, 1 group lunch and 1 group dinner.

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

**Tentative Itinerary:**

Friday, May 7: Travel to Costa Rica, transfer to Vulcan Lodge

Saturday, May 8: Tour of Arenal Volcano, visit agro-industry farm & group dinner

Sunday, May 9: Tour Café Britt coffee plantation and group lunch

Monday, May 10: Tour of Baxter/Merck Sharp & Sharp/Pfizer

Tuesday, May 11: Company visits (INTEL/SYSDE/Teletch) and bank visit

Wednesday, May 12: Lectures at U.S. Embassy and CINDE & city tour

Thursday, May 13: Lecture by Managing Director of ICE & free afternoon

Friday, May 14: Return to Ft. Lauderdale

**Application Deadline:** Currently accepting applications as space permits. Submit application with a \$200 deposit. Payment deadline for remaining \$1498 is March 1, 2010.

**For More Information, Contact:**

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