**Graduate Programs—NEW COURSE PROPOSAL**

**DEPARTMENT NAME:** ECONOMICS DEPARTMENT  
**COLLEGE OF:** COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

**RECOMMENDED COURSE IDENTIFICATION:**
Prefix: ECO  
Course Number: 6856  
Lab Code (L or C):  
*(TO OBTAIN A COURSE NUMBER, CONTACT ERUDOLPH@FAU.EDU)*

**COMPLETE COURSE TITLE:** INTERNATIONAL ECONOMICS FIELD EXPERIENCE

**CREDITS:** 3

**TEXTBOOK INFORMATION:**

**GRADING (SELECT ONLY ONE GRADING OPTION):**  
- Regular: X  
- Pass/Fail:  
- Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory:  

**COURSE DESCRIPTION, NO MORE THAN 3 LINES:** An instructional and tour program that studies production and the allocation of resources in foreign countries. The study tour also examines the organizational frameworks related to these processes and compares them with those found in the United States.

**PREREQUISITES W/MINIMUM GRADE:**

**COREQUISITES:**

**OTHER REGISTRATION CONTROLS (MAJOR, COLLEGE, LEVEL):**
Graduate in good standing

**PREREQUISITES, COREQUISITES & REGISTRATION CONTROLS SHOWN ABOVE WILL BE ENFORCED FOR ALL COURSE SECTIONS.**

**DEFAULT MINIMUM GRADE IS D-**

**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS NEEDED TO TEACH THIS COURSE:** Terminal Degree

Other departments, colleges that might be affected by the new course must be consulted. List entities that have been consulted and attach written comments from each.

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Faculty Contact, Email, Complete Phone Number

**SIGNATURES**

**Approved by:**  
Department Chair:  
College Curriculum Chair:  
College Dean:  
UGPC Chair:  
Dean of the Graduate College:  

**Date:**  
9-15-09  
9-25-2009

**SUPPORTING MATERIALS**

**Syllabus**—must include all details as shown in the UGPC Guidelines.

**Written Consent**—required from all departments affected.

Go to: [http://graduate.fau.edu/ugpc](http://graduate.fau.edu/ugpc) to download this form and guidelines to fill out the form.

Email this form and syllabus to sfuhks@fau.edu and egirjo@fau.edu one week **before** the University Graduate Programs Committee meeting so that materials may be viewed on the UGPC website by committee members prior to the meeting.

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### Tentative Itinerary

**Friday, May 7**
- a. Mid Afternoon Departure from Fort Lauderdale
- b. Afternoon Arrival in San Jose
- c. Bus transfer to Volcano Arenal (3 hours)
- d. Check-In to the Volcan Lodge
- e. Individual Arrangements for Dinner

**Saturday, May 8**
- a. Breakfast at the Hotel
- b. Tour of Volcano Arenal National Park
- c. Tour of Chayote/Pineapple/Plantation
- d. Group Dinner at Tabacon Resort

**Sunday, May 9**
- a. Breakfast at the Hotel – Check-Out
- b. Bus transfer to Café Britt (Coffee)
- c. Check-In to the Crowne Plaza Corobici
- d. Afternoon Lecture – Dr. Rhodd

**Monday, May 10**
- a. Breakfast at the Hotel
- b. Morning Visit: Conair de Costa Rica
- c. Mid Morning Tour to Baxter/MERCK/Pfizer
- d. Afternoon visit to Mineral water or Brewery

**Tuesday, May 11**
- a. Breakfast at the Hotel
- b. Morning INTEL/SYSDE
- c. Mid Morning Visit to TeleTech
- d. Afternoon Visit/ Lecture at INCAE Business

**Wednesday, May 12**
- a. Breakfast at the Hotel
- b. Morning Lecture: U.S. Embassy
- c. City Tour, Lunch and Shopping
- d. Afternoon Lecture: CINDE

**Thursday, May 13**
- a. Breakfast at the Hotel
- b. Morning Visit: ICE
- c. Afternoon – Free (School Donation)

**Friday, May 14**
- a. Breakfast at the Hotel
- b. Check-Out of Hotel
- c. Transfer by Bus to San Jose Airport for return to Florida

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**Field Study in International Economics**

**Costa Rica**

**ECO 6958**

**Dr. Rupert Rhodd and Dr. Eric Chiang**

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**Overview**

The Field Experience in International Economics (Costa Rica) 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. This course will help students gain a better understanding of:

- How exchange rate markets operate
- How business practices differ in developed and developing countries
- The importance of international capital flows, trade, and migration to economic development
- Comparative advantage in international trade
- The operation of free zones

This course is designed to increase students' knowledge of Central America and in particular, Costa Rica, through instruction, field trips, and independent research. It will also help to develop basic techniques of research writing.

**Additional information: www.ericchiang.org**
Course Outline

- **Pre-trip Lectures and Meetings:**
  - Saturday, April 10: 11:00AM – 12:30PM
    Lecture: Overview of Latin and Central American Markets
  - Saturday, April 24: 11:00AM – 12:30PM
    Lecture: FDI and Currency Markets in Latin America

- **Pre-Trip Assignment**
  Although this is a course conducted in the 'C' session of the summer term, students are expected to complete the pre-trip assignment during the spring term. This assignment must be submitted electronically by Saturday, May 31 and should be at least 8 pages.

- **Field Experience: May 7-14**
  Students must attend all lectures, presentations, and tours in Costa Rica. Students are expected to keep a journal of activities and lectures as these are to be used and included in the final paper for this course.

- **Students with Disabilities**
  In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), students who require special accommodations due to a disability to properly execute coursework must register with the Office for Students with Disabilities (OSD) located in Boca Raton – SU 133 (561-297-3880), and follow all OSD procedures.

- **Honor Code**
  Students at Florida Atlantic University are expected to maintain the highest ethical standards. Academic dishonesty, including cheating and plagiarism, is considered a serious breach of these ethical standards, because it interferes with the University mission to provide a high quality education in which no student enjoys an unfair advantage over any other. Academic dishonesty is also destructive of the University community, which is grounded in a system of mutual trust and places high value on personal integrity and individual responsibility. Harsh penalties are associated with academic dishonesty. For more information, see www.fau.edu/regulations/chapter4/4.001 Honor Code.pdf.

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Course Outline

- **Final Research Paper**
  Using the information gathered on the tour as well as information obtained from agencies, international databases, academic journals, and other sources, students will write a full length paper of at least 25 pages excluding title page and references. The final paper is due on or before July 24.

  Although this is a course conducted in the 'C' session of the summer term, students are expected to complete the pre-trip assignment during the spring term. This assignment must be submitted electronically by Saturday, May 31 and should be at least 8 pages.

  Students may choose to complete their final research paper on a topic assigned by the professors or may write on another topic related to economic or business development in Costa Rica. It may be best to get approval of the topic by the professors.

  While most of the information for the research will come from a journal that each student is required to keep while on tour, students must supplement this information with additional resources including but not limited to: academic journals, company and agency websites, and databases.

  Because this is a graduate course, students are expected to write a paper on a topic related to international economics and/or international economic development in Costa Rica. Papers in the form of journal activities on the tour are unacceptable at this level. All papers will be tested for plagiarism using SafeAssign Software. Evidence of plagiarism will result in a failing grade. Additional details regarding this assignment will be provided in the form of a "Writing Guide" that will be distributed after the trip.

- **Course Grading:**
  - Attendance at April 10 and 24 Lectures 15%
  - Pre-Trip Assignment 20%
  - Attendance at Trip Tours and Lectures 25%
  - Final Paper 40%

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**Reading List**


