



Stipulations

Study Abroad programs are available to registered Southeastern students 18 years of age or older and in good academic standing and to responsible persons, 18 years of age or older, who are not regular Southeastern students but meet a few basic qualifications. These are general minimum requirements. Specific Study Abroad programs may have additional restrictions, requirements, and prerequisites that must be met in order to participate. All persons interested in participating in Study Abroad should contact the International Initiatives Office for assistance.

Southeastern Louisiana University, hereinafter referred to as Southeastern, and its agents, directors, and officers, act only as agents in arrangements made for this program. Neither Southeastern nor its agents, directors, or officers shall be liable for any injury, death of persons, loss, damage or accident, delays or expenses arising from Acts of God, dangerous incident on land or sea, fire, breakdowns of machinery or equipment, acts of government or other authorities, wars, civil disturbances, strikes, riots, thefts, pilferage, epidemics, quarantines, changes in itinerary, weather, sickness, or from any act of omission of any individual, firm or corporation furnishing transportation, sightseeing, hotel accommodations, or any other services in connection with the tours, site-visits, or other activities related to Southeastern's study abroad programs. The right is reserved to amend the advertised itinerary whenever transportation schedules or other factors make this necessary or advisable.



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Business Study Abroad in Costa Rica



Program Dates: May 13-June 28, 2007

Trip Dates: May 13-23, 2007

Tentative Cost: \$2,345 (subject to change pending Board approval)

Study Abroad adds an invaluable dimension to our academic, cultural, and professional development, and provides advantages in an increasingly competitive job market. Firsthand experience of other countries and cultures allows a clearer understanding of our common human heritage, our own selves, our own society and culture, and our place in the global community.

General Information

Spend 10 days of Summer 2007 in beautiful Costa Rica, while earning up to 6 hours credit in a variety of Business courses. The program, directed by Faculty Coordinator Dr. Aristides Baraya,

includes lectures, presentations, site visits, and time to enjoy the local culture. A maximum of 45 students will be accepted. Students must submit a completed Application to Participate in Study Abroad, with payment of a \$100 non-refundable deposit and two letters of recommendation from faculty members, to the International Initiatives Office (IIO) by Feb. 28, 2007. Late applications will be accepted through March 2, 2007 with an additional \$250 non-refundable late fee. Students will be notified in writing of approval to participate, ineligibility to participate, or waiting-list status. Students must be 21 years of age or older, in good academic standing, and enrolled at Southeastern during Summer 2007 to participate in this Study Abroad Program.

Courses Offered

GB 470 Ind. Study in Gen. Business
GB 495 Special Topics in Bus. Comm.
MRKT 475/575 Current Marketing Issues
MRKT 695 Special Topics in Marketing
MGMT 472 Special Topics in Management
MGMT 695 Special Topics in Management

All courses are 3 credit hours.



City & Country

San José, the capital of Costa Rica, is nestled in the country's beautiful central mountain valley. Temperatures in the city average between 70 and 75 degrees Fahrenheit. During May, expect sun throughout the morning and possible rain in the afternoon. Costa Rica is an oasis of political and economic stability in turbulent Central America and an important example of a country in transition from the periphery to the semi-periphery of the world-economy. The country's natural attractions draw tourists from all over the world. Government conservation policies have made Costa Rica an ecotourism heaven, with some of the region's best surfing and fishing, and pristine beaches galore.

Lodging & Meals

Students will be housed at the Hotel Balmoral (or similar) located in the heart of San José, within walking distance from shopping centers, museums, movie theaters, government and cultural facilities, and a wide variety of restaurants and nightlife. Double (or triple) occupancy rooms with private bathrooms, cable TV, security box, and telephone. Three nights will be spent at the Allegro Papagayo Resort located in northern Costa Rica on the west coast at Manzanillo Beach. A

group coordinator will be available 24 hours for help and consultation.

Program Activities

The Faculty Program Coordinator will schedule orientation meetings prior to the trip to Costa Rica. Attendance at these meetings is mandatory and will be reflected in evaluations of students' program performance and final grades. Failure to attend these orientation meetings could result in suspension from the program.



Students will visit a number of public and private companies, including Procter & Gamble, La Nación Newspaper, INCAE (The Harvard-associated Central American Institute for Business Administration), PROCOMER (Foreign Commerce Promotion Office), Dos Pinos Cooperative, Café Britt, and other institutions. Students will also explore several of Costa Rica's national parks, with opportunities to climb the tropical forest canopy, snorkel, and observe crocodiles, monkeys, macaws, and other local wildlife.

Program calendar and itineraries are tentative. The right is reserved to amend the advertised itinerary whenever transportation schedules or other factors make this necessary or advisable.

Program Cost **\$2,345*** **Tentative**

Program cost includes: Up to six credit hours of academic instruction, fees for International Student Identification Card (Non-SLU students may have to pay additional ISIC charges), special medical insurance in Costa Rica, transportation, airport-hotel-airport, lodging, some meals, excursions and site visits. **Passport costs are not included. Airfare is not included.**

Financial Aid & Scholarships

If you have already filed your Federal Financial Aid Application, you should contact Ms. Tara Laborde in the Financial Aid Office immediately to reconfigure your financial aid for this program. Bring a copy of your completed Application to Participate in Study Abroad.

If you have not filed your Federal Financial Aid Application, you should immediately file an application online at www.FAFSA.ed.gov. Contact Ms. Tara Laborde in the Financial Aid Office three weeks after you file your application. Bring a copy of your completed Application to Participate in Study Abroad.

Close to \$76,000 in study abroad scholarships will be awarded. Contact the International Initiatives Office, the Student Government Association, and your academic department, or visit the websites: www.selu.edu/Academics/studyabroad or www.selu.edu/StudentAffairs/SGA/Services/studyabroad.html for more information.

Travel

Students are responsible for purchasing their own airline tickets. **Students should NOT purchase**



tickets until advised to do so by the International Initiatives Office. The International Initiatives Office will provide additional information when appropriate.

Students must submit a photocopy of their valid passport, a completed International Student Identification Card application (available in the IIO), and a passport-size photo to the International Initiatives Office by February 28, 2007.

Payments & Refunds

All program payments must be completed by February 28, 2007. Late payments will be accepted through March 2, 2007, with an additional \$250 late payment fee. All payments and deposits made by students deemed ineligible to participate will be refunded. All payments and deposits made by students for programs that are cancelled will be refunded.

Students wishing to withdraw from a study abroad program for which they have been approved to participate must do so in writing. Students whose written withdrawal is received in the IIO by February 28, 2007, 4:30 pm, will receive full refund of payments made minus the \$100 non-refundable deposit.

Students whose written withdrawal is received in the IIO between February 28, 4:31 pm and March 2, 2007, 4:30 pm, will be assessed a \$500 Late Withdrawal Fee. All other payments made by the student will be refunded.

No refunds will be made for written withdrawals received in the IIO after March 2, 2007, 4:30 pm. No refunds will be made for students who withdraw from a program in progress. No refunds will be made for students who are scheduled to participate in a program but fail to attend.

In case of withdrawals, Financial Aid and scholarship awards made to cover Study Abroad costs will be suspended. In the event a student's anticipated financial aid and/or scholarships become unavailable for any reason, including suspension of awards because of withdrawal from the study abroad program, the student will be responsible for all applicable Study Abroad Program fees.

Cases of documented extenuating circumstances will be considered on a case-by-case basis. The student must submit a formal request for review to the IIO. The Request for Review must include a letter from the student explaining extenuating circumstances, adequate documentation supporting student's claim (medical records, etc.), other relevant letters and documents as necessary. The complete Request for Review package must be submitted to the IIO no later than the end of the regular Summer Term.

Grades will be established in accordance with Faculty evaluation of students' program participation and academic performance. Grade appeals will follow the regular established procedures, starting with an appeal to the course instructor.

These policies will be strictly enforced.