

UF in Costa Rica (Summer)

University of Florida Study

Summer 2010: 17 May-6 Aug



UF has partnered with 6 universities in the USA to offer a program at EARTH University in Costa Rica on sustainable agriculture and development in the tropics.



The program is flexible; the summer is divided into three 4-week sessions with different courses in each (see back). Take just one course if your time is limited, or enroll in all three sessions to get the most comprehensive experience. Your total fee will vary based on your enrollment—see the Program Coordinator for details.

Session I (17 May - 11 June): TBA ~2500

Session II (14 June-9 July): TBA ~2500

Session III (12 July-6 Aug): TBA ~2500

Program fee includes tuition and fees for courses, all in-country expenses including accommodations, meals, guided tours, and MEDEX for emergency assistance. Airfare not included.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Study and socialize with students from up to 6 other US institutions and EARTH students who hail from 20+ countries
- Learn from faculty experts from around the US & Costa Rica
- Immerse yourself in one of the most biodiverse countries in the world, at one of the most prestigious institutions devoted to sustainability—EARTH
- Arrange your own curriculum: several courses and activities are offered in a flexible framework to accommodate your budget and timetable
- Engage with small farmers and landowners of Costa Rica and work collaboratively to solve problems they face regarding sustainable agriculture and development, environmental stewardship, and social justice

COURSE OFFERINGS

Courses for UF GPA credit:

- Sustainability of tropical agroecosystems (3 cr)
- Sustainable agriculture: training practitioners (3 cr)
- Forests and the global environment (3 cr)
- Sustainability certification in tropical agriculture (3 cr)
- Development ethics (3 cr)

Non-credit activities:

- Community engagement
- Independent study
- Spanish

Eligibility: Students must be in good standing with the University of Florida.

Contact Information

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Housing and meals: Comfortable accommodations on the EARTH campus are provided. Meals are provided in the EARTH cafeteria, where local food is prepared in traditional styles. For trips away from EARTH, hotels and research stations are utilized, many with excellent views of mountains, ocean, and forests. Access to the gym, pool, library, hiking trails, and recreation hall on the EARTH campus is free.

Financial Aid: University of Florida students needing financial aid should apply through UF Student Financial Affairs (SFA). Non-UF students needing financial aid must apply to their home institutions.

Scholarships: Online applications are available at www.abroad.ufic.ufl.edu and at the International Center in 170 Hub. CALS also awards need-based scholarships annually: www.cals.ufl.edu/globalgators.

Period	Session 1 (17 May-11 June)		Session 2 (14 June – 9 July)		Session 3 (12 July – 6 Aug)	
Morning 6-11am	Sustainability of Tropical Agroecosystems¹ UGA/ NCSU <i>An introduction to sustainable agriculture in the tropics. Students tour the country to study multiple ecosystems and agricultural practices and their inter-relationships</i>	Training Practitioners¹ I Purdue/UF <i>A broad-based, practical course that puts sustainable concepts into practice</i>	Forests & the Global Environment MSU/Cal Poly <i>Study of tropical forests, carbon sequestration, and forest conservation</i>	Independent Study ²	Sustainability Certification in Tropical Agriculture Cal Poly <i>Certification policy and practice in sustainable Agriculture</i>	Independent Study ²
After-noon 1-6pm		Training Practitioners¹ II Purdue/UF	Development Ethics MSU <i>The ethical nature of sustainable agriculture and development</i>	Spanish ³ Independent Study ² Community Engagement ³	Spanish ³ Independent Study ² Community Engagement ³	

¹ Enrollment precludes participation in other courses and activities within the given session

² Independent Study courses must be arranged by the student through their home institution; work plans for Independent Study courses must be filed with the EARTH International Programs Office prior to the session indicated.

³ Non-credit activities arranged by EARTH University.

More information on courses:

www.earth.ac.cr
mulch.cropsoil.uga.edu/courses/tropag/
www.iia.msu.edu/index.html
www.cals.ufl.edu/globalgators/EARTH-costa-rica.shtml

FEES DUE UPON APPLICATION:

A \$250 deposit toward the total cost of the program is required at the time of application. The remaining fees are due **no later** than 30 days prior to departure.

IMPORTANT:

Major medical health insurance coverage while outside of the United States is **MANDATORY** for all UF students. Verification of major medical health insurance coverage

Application deadline is 1 March 2010

Applications considered on space-available basis; students from up to 6 universities participate, so apply early!