

THE PROGRAM AT A GLANCE

- Subject** Global Sustainability Issues In Costa Rica
- Dates** March 5 – March 14 (Spring Break)
- Credits** 3 credits
- Housing** Various lodging within Costa Rica -university campus and private lodges
- Costs** Program fee: \$1950
Covers lodging, airfare to/from Roanoke & most meals
Tuition and fees **not included**

Scholarships available



Ocean view from San Ramon Mountains

Note: Virginia Tech reserves the right to make cancellations, date and cost adjustments, and other necessary changes to the program.

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Global Issues on Sustainability



A VT student capturing the sun in Costa Rica!

A study abroad course in Costa Rica offered by the College of Natural Resources and College of Agriculture and Life Sciences

March 5 – March 14, 2010

PURPOSE OF PROGRAM

The program will bring faculty, and students together to learn about natural resource management issues in Costa Rica. Issues in Costa Rica such natural resources conservation, water management, ecotourism, wood products manufacturing and forest certification, and wild life protection are very relevant to Virginia. The faculty will focus their teaching efforts in helping VT students to understand how these issues are related to Virginia and the United States.

LOCATION



Costa Rica is one of the oldest democracies in the American Continent. Within only a 3.5 hour flight from Charlotte, NC the country is home of 4% of the world's total floral and fauna species. Even though the country has managed to create a large national park system to protect its natural resources there are still many critical challenges that remain unresolved.

DATES OF PROGRAM

March 3 – March 14, 2010

COST

The course cost is \$1950. This will include housing, transportation costs, lodging, and most meals. Scholarships are available.

Cost does not include tuition or the cost of some meals.

ITINERARY (subject to change)

DAY 1 – Fly into San Jose and go to the Cartago City

DAY 2 – Visit to Volcan Irazu and Dairy Farm

DAY 3 – Visit Orosi Valley and Tapanty Reservation

DAY 4 – Lectures on Global Sustainability I at Costa Tech Campus

DAY 5 – Travel to Costa Tech Santa Clara Campus

DAY 6 – Visit to Maderas Cultivadas

DAY 7 - Visit to Texas A&M Research Station

DAY 8 - Lectures on Global Sustainability II at Costa Tech Campus

DAY 9 -Visit to Laguna and Volcano Arenal



Costa Rica Tech, Cartago Campus

DAY 10 - Return to San Jose

DAY 11 - Depart from San Jose to Roanoke, VA