

Semester Program

Environment and Sustainable Development Field Program



Gain research experience in the natural and social sciences while learning to address environmental issues from a multidisciplinary perspective, and explore the idea of “sustainable development.”

- 4 weeks of Spanish in San José
- 1 week in Nicaragua
- 4 week field trip through Costa Rica.
- 4 weeks of independent research.
- 1 final week in San José

Block I

- Host family accommodation in San José, Costa Rica.
- Spanish class: four hours daily.
- "ECON/SOC 421 Latin American Perspectives on Justice and Sustainable Development": learn about topics pertinent to the Central American context.
- One-week in Nicaragua, living with a local family, and exploring its economic and political conditions.

Block II

- "Ecology of Managed and Natural Ecosystems": visit 3 to 4 different areas within Costa Rica to learn about ecological zones and systems of regional development.
- Brief social and ecological research projects while living and traveling together, primarily in rural communities.
- Topics and field sites vary from semester to semester in response to new study opportunities and environmental conditions.

Block III

- Conduct in-depth research in one of the previously visited field sites.
- Develop projects with practical value for host communities or organizations, in topics related to social or natural sciences.
- Return to ICADS to complete written work and oral presentations.
- Reentry workshop.

Credits:

15 credits recommended: 3 Credits Spanish, 3 Credits ECON/SOC 421 Latin American Perspectives on Justice and Sustainable Development, 3 Credits Ecology of Managed and Natural Ecosystems, 6 Credits Independent Research. The final number of credits granted is up to your university.

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