Advancing your capacity to work with Latino people...come study in Costa Rica

**Why Costa Rica?**

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Children and UNCG students at the child care center in refugee community of La Carpio.

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**General Course Information**

- Great opportunity for students in all HHS majors
- No special shots or visa needed to travel to Costa Rica.
- Pre-trip meetings will be held in Spring 2013
- US passport **required**.
- All students do weekday home stays with screened and experienced Costa Rican families.
- Faculty holds seminars weekly and are available daily for consultation.
- No previous Spanish language training required.
- Students in language class according to skill level.
- Participants will be expected to purchase required books.
- See trip video at [http://www.uncg.edu/swk/international](http://www.uncg.edu/swk/international)

**All deposits are nonrefundable. UNCG reserves the right to cancel or alter the program format or change the costs in case of conditions beyond its control. Students who withdraw from the program after March 15, will be responsible for nonrecoverable costs in addition to the non-refundable $400 deposit. Currency changes could cause an increase in trip costs.**
The School of Health and Human Sciences offers an exciting summer program that will help students increase their capacity to work with Latin American people.

In cooperation with the Centro Panamericano de Idiomas (CPI), students will explore the culture of Latin America through intensive interaction with Costa Rican families, social agencies and focused language training.

All students will stay with selected Costa Rican families in Heredia (near San Jose) and in the cloud forest of Monteverde. There will be several special trips to unique ecological and cultural sites.

**UNCG Costa Rica Summer 2013**

This study abroad program provides an all-inclusive opportunity to learn about the culture and language of Latin America.

Each weekday will include four hours of language training in a small group setting (1 instructor to 4 students). There will be weekly visits to agencies and organizations that work with vulnerable populations. Speakers will talk about human service programs in Costa Rica.

The stay-with-local-families format will increase the students’ understanding of local culture, customs and their ability to engage in conversation.

**Among the Activities Included in This Course**

- Service projects in Monteverde and Heredia.
- Service-Learning projects with the Humanitarian Foundation of Costa Rica in selected refugee communities.
- Service-Learning project with indigenous people of eastern Costa Rica.
- Daily opportunities for cultural learning and discussion with experts on Latino culture.
- Weekend tour of Adrenal Volcano area including nature hike and visit to hot springs.
- Weekend tour to Caribbean coast with nature tour, snorkeling opportunity, and time to relax.
- Other cultural activities include exploration of coffee industry, cheese factory in Monteverde and eco-tourism through Sky Trek.

**Cost of Study**

Program costs include all excursions, lodging, instruction, two meals per day, all transportation, and transfers to and from airport.

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Deposit of $400 is due by December 19
$1475 due February 1
Balance or proof of sufficient financial aid due April 15
Deposit is non-refundable
Financial aid may be available. Check with FA Office.

**Course Information**

In 2011 we offered courses on these themes and plan to offer similar courses in 2013:

- Cross Cultural Studies (3 CH)
- Independent Study-Latino Families (3 CH)

Additional information about specific course numbers will be provided at a later date.

**How do I apply?**

Go to [http://studyabroad.uncg.edu/?go=CostaRica](http://studyabroad.uncg.edu/?go=CostaRica)

- Complete application online by December 7 deadline
- Faculty will schedule an interview once application is initiated
- Once accepted in program, pay deposit by December 19 deadline

Questions?
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