

REQUIREMENTS:

1. A strong desire to live and learn Spanish
2. A strong desire to travel and engage in intercultural communication

COURSES:

Undergraduate:

CNA 375 Intercultural Communication or CNA 491 Community Service Learning
SPA 440 Topics in Spanish

Graduate:

CNA 675 Intercultural Communication: A Service Learning Approach
SPA 540 Topics in Spanish

LODGING: During our stay, students will live with middle-class families carefully selected for their friendliness, patience, and support of North American students.

FOOD: In the homes, breakfast usually includes fresh tropical fruits and juices, eggs, "gallo pinto" (a delicious combination of rice, black beans, and herbs), bread, and coffee. Traditional Costa Rican foods will be served for dinner. Lunches (on your own) can be easily and economically purchased in small local restaurants called "sodas" or in American style fast-food restaurants.

TOURS AND EXCURSIONS:

(1) City Tour:

Includes visits to city landmarks such as the following: The National Park, The House of Congress and Democracy Square, Ministry of Culture Plaza, Ministry of Foreign Relations and Jade Museum, National Theatre, Metropolitan Cathedral, Central Avenue, Historical Postal Building and the Central Market. Transportation, guide and lunch included.

(2) The Coffee Tour at Café Britt (half-day tour):

During this excursion you will learn how red coffee cherries are transformed into the delicious brew that so many of us drink. Not only do we learn about coffee production as we walk through the Britt coffee fields, but there is also a live stage production, with song and dance, revealing the history of coffee production.

(3) Pacific Tour: Manuel Antonio National Park (Beach and Rain Forest)

No other destination in Costa Rica has received more international attention than Manuel Antonio National Park. This park is on the Pacific coast and is a combination of rain forest, beautiful white sand beaches abounding in flora and fauna, and great views. It is possible to see howler, squirrel and white-faced monkeys; two-toed sloths, iguanas and over 350 species of birds and other animals. The tour includes transportation to and from San José and accommodations with host families.

(4) Arenal Volcano & Hot Springs: Two day stay at one of the most beautiful and restful resorts in Costa Rica. Visiting the active volcano is an unforgettable experience. The best time to see it is definitely at night when lava erupting from the volcano can be seen. Participants will enjoy the spa close to the volcano which has natural hot-water springs.

PAYMENT DEADLINES:

\$ 500.00	January 18, 2008
\$ 1000.00 and copy of Passport	February 20, 2008
\$ 845.00	March 25, 2008

Tuition Paid in Full by May 6

To reserve your place in the program, please submit the first non-refundable payment of \$500.00 by January 18, 2008. Checks should be made out to Wayne State College, and for proper handling, write "Costa Rica 2008" on the "For/Memo" line on the check. Be sure to send all payments to the Business Services Office, Hahn 104. Payments may also be made before the stated deadlines. Financial aid and Scholarships for the trip may be available for WSC students taking 6 credits. Please contact Kyle Rose in Financial Aid, ext. 7230

Please note that if you withdraw from the program, the payments already made will not be recoverable. Wayne State College reserves the right to make changes in the program or the sequence in which tours are conducted, to make substitutions or alterations, or to cancel any part of the program, should unforeseen circumstances make this advisable. Participants will be notified of any major changes.

PASSPORT: Students are responsible for bringing with them (and keeping on their person) a valid passport. If you do not have a passport already, please contact your local court house for details about how to obtain one. Be sure to take care of this as soon as possible. Depending on the number of applications submitted, passports could take several months or longer to arrive. A copy of the first page of your passport will be needed by **February 20** in order to process your airline tickets. Students must also bring another photo I.D.

MEDICAL & TRAVEL INSURANCE: All participants are required to have medical and travel insurance for the duration of the Costa Rica program. Please note, your insurance must provide for medical evacuation and repatriation. If your policy does not conform to what is stated here, a suggested source is WorldTravelCenter.com, which offers coverage for one month for prices starting at \$26.00 (Patriot International Plan).

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