



Costa Rica

AGRI 4364 or 5369

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International Agriculture
Tropical Horticulture

Summer I, 2012

May 11—27

Dr. Art Wolfskill– wolfskill@shsu.edu

Dr. Bobby Lane– blane@shsu.edu

Course Information:

This program is designed for both agriculture and non-agriculture students interested in gaining first-hand experience in International Agriculture and Agribusiness while learning about what life is like in a Latin American country. Planned events include the opportunity to observe rural agriculture and lifestyle through guided tours from professional agriculturalists, biologists, businessmen, and Embassy specialists.

Program Highlights

On-site visits are planned for cattle operations, ag-lending organizations, tropical plant production facilities, volcanoes and much more! We are also planning a trip to a beach on the Pacific Ocean!

Students may take one or both of the courses, at either undergraduate or graduate levels. Dr. Wolfskill will be teaching International Agriculture and Dr. Lane will be teaching Tropical Horticulture.

Program Fee: \$2000

Included

- ◇ Visa application fees
- ◇ Meals
- ◇ Excursions
- ◇ Accommodations
- ◇ Local transportation

Not Included

- ◇ Tuition (Approx. \$800 for 3 hours)
- ◇ Incidental expenses
- ◇ Books and supplies
- ◇ Airfare (Approx. \$750)

Other Information:

Applications: Contact the faculty member leading the trip for application information.

Acceptance Policy: Applicants must meet the criteria as stated by the coordinating faculty member.

Scholarships: SHSU Study Abroad scholarship is awarded to students who meet GPA requirement. Deadline is March 1, 2012. Notification date is March 30, 2012.

Passports: A valid passport, with the expiration date at least six months after the return date is required for this trip.



Costa Rica

ENGL 3338

Central American Literature

Summer I, 2012

June 5–July 3

Dr. April Shemak

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Course Information:

This course will focus on Central American literature in English translation including fiction, poetry, and testimony. We will spend the first half of the course examining Costa Rican literature, including works by such authors as Carlos Gagini, Luisa Gonzalez, Carmen Lyra, and Quince Duncan. This portion of the course will consider how Costa Rican writers portray the socio-historical realities of the banana plantation, economic conditions of the city, and the environment. In the second half of the course, we will consider the literatures of the broader region of Central America by reading works from Nicaragua, Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras and Panama. Among other things, we will consider how literary forms such as testimonio were directly tied to social and political movements such as the Sandinista Revolution in Nicaragua and the civil war in Guatemala. Writers may include: Giocanda Belli, Manlio Argueta, Claribel Alegría, Roque Dalton, Rubén Darío and Nobel Prize winners Miguel Ángel Asturias and Rigoberta Menchú. We will also consider how this literature reflects not only the complex make-up of Central American societies, but also U.S. intervention in the region via the United Fruit Company and the building of the Panama Canal.

Program Highlights

SHSU offers students the unique opportunity to earn college credit in Costa Rica. Sam Houston professors will teach courses on the lovely campus on CONVERSA, a language school with 37 years of experience, near Santa Ana, in the country's central valley. With an extraordinary biodiversity, Costa Rica is notable for its fertile land and frequent rainfall. In addition, this nation's record on the environment and human rights gives it weight in world affairs far beyond its size. Students will visit a number of sites of historical, economic and cultural importance.

Program Fee: \$2950

Included

- ◇ Airfare
- ◇ Meals
- ◇ Field trips
- ◇ Lodging with host family
- ◇ Local transportation
- ◇ Afternoon activities

Not Included

- ◇ Tuition
- ◇ Optional weekend trips
- ◇ Books
- ◇ Souvenirs

Other Information:

Applications:

Contact Dr. Frieda Koeninger (fol_fck@shsu.edu) for application information.

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Scholarships:

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ENGL 4378

Caribbean Fiction

Summer I, 2012

June 5–July 3

Dr. April Shemak

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Course Information:

With the influences of European, African, Asian, and indigenous cultures, the Caribbean represents one of the earliest multiethnic, multicultural regions in the world. Although the literature of the region dates back to colonial times, there has been an explosion of Caribbean writing since the mid-twentieth century. This course focuses on contemporary fiction from the Caribbean. We will read works by writers from a variety of locations--Trinidad, Jamaica, Barbados, Guadeloupe, Haiti, Puerto Rico, and Cuba—keeping in mind both the links between these places as well as the significant local differences. As part of the Costa Rica Field School, this course will also consider the how Caribbean writers have portrayed the experiences of Caribbean peoples in Central America: West Indian plantation workers in Costa Rica, Jamaican migrant workers on the Panama Canal, and Garifuna culture in Belize. The course will include works by Maryse Condé, Zee Edgell, Eric Walrond, George Lamming, Olive Senior, Edwidge Danticat, Alejo Carpentier, and Esmeralda Santiago. As we focus on fiction, we will examine how Caribbean writers have used and transformed the genres of the novel and short story to the Caribbean context.

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Have questions? E-mail jcs052@shsu.edu, call 936-294-3276, or visit Farrington 116 for more information.



Costa Rica

SPAN 2311 & 2312

Intermediate Spanish I & II
(Intensive)

Summer I, 2012

June 5–July 3

Dr. Frieda Koeninger

fol_fck@shsu.edu

Course Information:

Prerequisite: SPAN 1412 with a grade of C or higher. Must enroll in BOTH SPAN 2311 & 2312 while in Costa Rica.

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