MANAGEMENT IN
CENTRAL AMERICA:
PANAMA & COSTA RICA

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Maymester Study Abroad Program
May 1 - 26, 2018
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Program Description
This Program provides the students with an understanding of the dynamics that affect doing business in or with Panama and or Costa Rica. Building on a base of historical factors and global pressures, the economies of Panama and Costa Rica will be examined in terms of the challenges and opportunities to do International Business.

The first part of the course (conducted in Atlanta May 1-12), will address the background of Panama’s and Costa Rica’s economic development strategies. Lectures, videos and discussions in class will demonstrate how the economic and institutional strategies have been developed and how the results have varied between the two countries.

The second phase (May 14-26) will serve as a capstone. This will involve a trip to Panama City, Panama, and San Jose de Costa Rica, Costa Rica, the two most interesting and fascinating places in Central America.

The overseas segment will emphasize company visits supplemented by sessions at government and international organizations. The visits will be complemented by presentations of local experts, professors and host institutions. All Lectures and other activities will be conducted in English.

Accommodations
Participants will stay in a comfortable, double-occupancy hotel rooms at Occidental Panama City Hotel and Holiday Inn Express San Jose Forum Hotel.

Application Information
The program is open to undergraduate and graduate students who meet all academic requirements of the Georgia State University J. Mack Robinson College of Business. Program size is limited and participation is contingent upon acceptance by the Program Director. Students interested in applying should find this program’s listing at mystudyabroad.gsu.edu and begin an online application. Because program size is limited, early application is strongly advised. Individual interviews may be scheduled with students upon receipt of application.

Transient Students: please see the Transients Student section under the Explore & Apply tab.

International students at Georgia State who hold F-1 visas must contact the Office of International Students and Scholar Services at (404) 415-2070 to discuss possible implications of study abroad for their immigration status.

Application Deadline: December 4, 2017
TENTATIVE PROGRAM ITINERARY

Atlanta, GA
May 1-12: On campus lectures

Panama City, Panama
May 14: Depart Atlanta and Arrival in Panama City
May 15: Cultural visit in Panama City (Miraflores Locks at Panama Canal)
May 16: Company Visits
May 17: Company Visits
May 18: Field Study
May 19: Free Day in Panama City

San Jose, Costa Rica
May 20: Travel to San Jose, Costa Rica and orientation
May 21: Company Visits
May 22: Field Study
May 23: Company Visits
May 24: Free Day in San Jose, Costa Rica
May 25: Depart San Jose, Costa Rica
May 26: Arrival in Atlanta

Courses and Credits
Participants who successfully complete the program’s IB 4410 and IB 8410 courses will receive six semester hours of course credit at Georgia State University. Undergraduate students should register for IB 4410 and graduate students should register for IB 8410. Students from other institutions should follow their institution’s regulations concerning transfer credits.

Program Cost
Program cost may vary at any time according to currency fluctuations and changing travel arrangements. The program cost is tentatively set at $3,000, PLUS regular Georgia State University tuition and fees. Non-resident/out-of-state students will pay in-state tuition plus a $250 fee in addition to the program cost.

Payment Schedule
January 12, 2018: $1,000 Deposit with application
February 12, 2018: $1,000 First Payment
March 9, 2018: $1,000 Remaining balance
All payments are non-refundable upon receipt

Funding and Scholarships
Georgia State University students are eligible to apply for the IEF Study Abroad Scholarship/Georgia State University Foundation Scholarship and may be eligible to apply for the Global Experience Scholarship. Visit mystudyabroad.gsu.edu and select the Scholarships & Financial Aid tab or call the Study Abroad Programs office at (404) 413-2529 for more information.

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