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Costa Rica

May 10 - June 19
6 HOURS CREDIT

Spanish Studies in San José, Costa Rica

Sponsored by
the Department
of Modern &
Classical Languages



San José, Costa Rica

TENTATIVE ITINERARY

Highlights of the program are provided below. The university reserves the right to alter travel and other arrangements if required by circumstances.

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| May 10 | Arrival in San José, Costa Rica |
| May 11 | Academic program begins and city tour |
| May 16 | Tour of the Poás volcano; La Paz Waterfalls |
| May 17 | Coffee tours |
| May 23-24 | Trip to Arenal volcano and hot springs |
| June 5-7 | Trip to Manuel Antonio National Park |
| June 18 | Final day of academic program |
| June 19 | Return to Atlanta |

CONTACTS

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APPLICATION DEADLINE: February 27, 2015
Because program size is limited, early application is strongly advised. Individual interviews may be scheduled with students upon receipt of application.



Costa Rica: Spanish Studies in San José, Costa Rica

ACCOMMODATIONS

Students will be placed with selected Costa Rican homestays. Students will be provided a room and breakfast and dinner with the host family, seven days per week. Our host school has many families with whom it has worked for many years. Georgia State students will be placed in groups of two or three with Costa Rican families. All families live within a short traveling distance from campus. Affordable local public transportation services all host family homes. San José is known for being among the safest and friendliest cities in Latin America.

Disability Accommodations

Students with documented disabilities who may need accommodations during their study abroad experience should discuss these needs with the program directors and the Office of Disability Services at the time of application.

ELIGIBILITY

The program is open to undergraduate students who meet all academic requirements of Georgia State's Department of Modern & Classical Languages. Program size is limited and participation is contingent upon acceptance by the program directors.

CREDITS AND COURSES

Participants who successfully complete the program's two courses will receive six semester hours of course credit at Georgia State. Students should register for SPAN 2901, SPAN 2902, SPAN 3339 and SPAN 3396, or any of the corresponding courses available for the summer semester. Students from other institutions should follow their institution's regulations concerning transfer credits.

COST

Program cost may vary at any time according to currency fluctuations and changing travel arrangements. The program cost is tentatively set at \$ 2,995, **PLUS** regular Georgia State tuition and fees. Non-resident/out-of-state students will pay in-state tuition plus a \$250 fee in addition to the program cost.

Price Includes

- Ground transportation, excursions and entrance fees
- Meals during homestay
- Hotels in Arenal and Manuel Antonio
- Health/Evacuation/Repatriation insurance

Price Does NOT Include

- Georgia State tuition and fees
- Round-trip airfare; faculty will suggest suitable itineraries
- Non-program related public transportation during travel
- Passport
- Departure tax
- Personal expenses and excess baggage charges

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

February 27, 2015 – \$500 deposit with application

March 27, 2015 – \$1,500 payment

(Accepted students should purchase airline tickets by this date, following itineraries suggested by program directors.)

April 24, 2015 – \$995 remaining balance

(All payments are non-refundable upon receipt.)

Program Deposit Payments: Participants will pay program deposits by logging into PAWS. Please contact your Program Director to confirm that a Program Deposit Account has been established for this purpose before you attempt to make a payment in PAWS.

Program Payments & Remaining Program

Balance: Other than the initial program deposit, all program payments-along with the remaining program balance-will be billed directly to your student account. Please refer to the academic/registration calendar for the tuition and fees deadline.

FUNDING AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Georgia State 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 or contact the Study Abroad Programs Office at 404-413-2529 for more information.



Contact Enrollment Services at 404-413-2600 for information on how financial aid might apply toward the program.

APPLICATION INFORMATION

Students interested in applying should find this program's listing at mystudyabroad.gsu.edu and begin an online application. **Transient Students:** Please see Transient Student section under the Explore & Apply tab at mystudyabroad.gsu.edu

International students at Georgia State who hold F-1 visas must contact the Office of International Student and Scholar Services at 404-413-2070 to discuss possible implications of study abroad for their immigration status.



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THE PROGRAM

The Georgia State University program of Spanish Studies in San José, Costa Rica is an exciting six-week program in a vibrant Central American capital city. While immersed in the language and culture of Costa Rica, participants will study at a Costa Rican host language school in San José and travel throughout the country. Participants will take two courses, each with a language or content component taught by local instructors, plus a culture component taught by the Georgia State program director. The language or content components will vary according to the students' needs and proficiency levels (for example, Intermediate Spanish, Advanced Grammar, Advanced Conversation, Latin American Culture Heritage, etc.)

Intensive language courses last four hours per day. In addition, students will attend a daily one-hour cultural component seminar to learn about Costa Rican culture and history.

The academic program will also offer a choice of electives. Courses will be scheduled Monday through Thursdays so students can participate in weekend excursions. Course hours and field trips account for more than 60 hours. Two weekends will be open for personal travel, though students are encouraged to travel through tours offered by our host school.

Students may also participate in extracurricular activities such as: tropical dance, cooking or arts & crafts lessons. There will also be access to free Wi-Fi and a computer lab.