SUMMER IN COSTA RICA 2012

Social Justice, Environment & Language
SAN JOSÉ, COSTA RICA
May 20—June 30, 2012
APPLICATIONS DUE by March 2, 2012

The Summer in Costa Rica program has been redesigned for 2012! Students can now combine Service Learning Class on Social Justice and Civic Engagement with Environmental Ecology, and Spanish language classes or even do an internship while in Costa Rica! The program is based at the beautiful campus of CIAPA, a prestigious academic research institution in Costa Rica, in the midst of the capital city of San José. The campus houses multiple lecture and seminar rooms, in addition to a modern dormitory for all participants.

The centerpiece of the program is a course on Social Justice and Civic Engagement in Latin America which fulfills the first- or second-tier Service Learning requirement. This course, taught in English, explores notions of citizenship and concepts of social justice in Latin America from a theoretical perspective, and is to be supplemented with work in the community. The second course will be the Environmental Ecology class and it will focus on how Costa Rica has emerged as a leading example of environmental protection and sustainable development. This course will entail several weekend trips to forest preserves, national parks, beaches and volcanoes. The above mentioned courses will be obligatory for those in the program. For their third course, students may choose to take a Spanish class or do a Social Justice Internship. Spanish classes are taken at the University of Costa Rica, one of the most prestigious academic institutions in the region. The Social Justice Internship includes placement with a variety of entities, both governmental and non-governmental charged with civic education, human rights protections, or school drop-out prevention.

Courses
- EBIO 2120 Climate change, biodiversity, and tropical forests
- LAST 3950 with LAST 3890 Social Justice Service Learning 4-credit course
- LAST 4910 Service-Learning Internship
- Spanish classes (SPAN 2030; SPAN 3130/4130; consult us about higher levels Spanish classes)

Cost of the Program
Cost of the program is $5650 and includes corresponding credits at Tulane, room and meals at CIAPA, medical insurance, specialized tours and outings designed for participants in the program. Airfare and incidental costs are not included in the program cost.

Applying to the Program
Students interested in applying must be in good academic standing and have at least a current cumulative grade point average of 2.5. Please note that non-Tulane students are also welcome to apply to this program. Complete applications (application form, transcript, and recommendations) and a $300 non-refundable deposit are due by 5:00 p.m. on March 2, 2012.

For More Information
Please consult the “International Programs” page of the Stone Center’s web site at http://stonecenter.tulane.edu/. Or, contact Natalia Porto at 504.862.8629 OR nporto@tulane.edu

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