Summer in Costa Rica is a six-week program based at Tulane University’s own beautiful campus of CIAPA, a prestigious academic research institution in the midst of the capital city of San José. The CIAPA campus houses multiple lecture and seminar rooms where students will take two courses. Constant exposure to Spanish will help students develop stronger language communication skills at any level, including with their local family homestays. Students will embark on adventures to tropical rainforests, volcanoes, and beautiful beaches, with excursions to Manuel Antonio, Irazú, and Monteverde. Make friends with local University of Costa Rica students, and explore the charming city of San José in your free time!

Depending on their interests and needs, students will have the opportunity to choose from three course options being offered. Taught in English by Tulane faculty, the Social Justice Service-Learning course explores the notions of citizenship and concepts of social justice in Latin America from a theoretical perspective, and will be supplemented with a practical application in the community through a 40-hour Service Learning placement. The Social Justice Internship provides placement within a variety of local governmental and non-governmental entities that will host students as interns with varying levels of Spanish language skills. Students will have the opportunity to work within organizations promoting civic education, the protection of human rights, or school drop-out prevention. Central American Politics: Costa Rica will focus on the current state of Costa Rican politics and society by analyzing the social and political forces at play in the region, the challenges of its economic development, and its external interaction with the United States and other world regions. This course is taught in English by CIAPA staff.

**COURSES OFFERED:**
- LAST 3950 with LAST 3890 (4 credits): Social Justice Service Learning
- LAST 4570 (3 credits): Social Justice Internship
- POLC 3310* (3 credits): Central American Politics: Costa Rica

* Course listing subject to change, but course content remains Political Science

**PROGRAM COST:**
The cost of the five-week program is $5,800, which includes corresponding credits at Tulane (tuition), and housing/logistics fees, which include local family homestays with private room and three meals a day, medical insurance, transportation from the airport, and specialized tours and excursions. Airfare to/from San José (SJO), incidental costs, and extra meals and expenses are not included in the program cost.

**PROGRAM APPLICATION:**
Student applicants must be in good academic standing and have at least a current cumulative grade point average of 2.5. At least one semester of Spanish language at Tulane is required, or equivalent from outside institutions. Non-Tulane students are welcome to apply, but should confirm with their home university that their credits will transfer.

Complete applications and a $300 non-refundable deposit are due March 23, 2018.
To view complete application requirements and access the online application, please visit stonecenter.tulane.edu/page/SummerInCostaRica

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