1 About Us

Earth Education International (EEI) is an experiential learning organization in Costa Rica providing interdisciplinary course and program offerings related to sustainability, environmental studies and social responsibility. We work in partnership with educational institutions globally, and support and promote sustainable initiatives locally. Academic partners include Humboldt State University (U.S.A.), State University of New York-Fredonia (U.S.A.), the University of San José (Costa Rica), the University of Costa Rica, and the National Engineering University (Nicaragua).



Principal Location

The principal program site is San Ramón, Costa Rica. It is situated at the western edge of the Central Valley at an elevation of 1,000 meters (3,500 feet) above sea level with a population of approximately 65,000. The climate is very mild and the city retains the charm and tranquility of a small town within one hour of the capital city of San José. When in San Ramón, classes will meet at the University of San José branch campus.

Living Accommodations

Semester participants live with Costa Rican families while in San Ramón. The homestay experience provides a unique living and learning environment where participants are immersed in Costa Rican language and culture. You are provided with a private room and three meals per day. All of the homes are within walking distance from the campus where classes are held.

Field Study & Volunteer Work

Costs

Participants pay a comprehensive program fee, which varies according to the offering. The fee includes homestay costs (lodging & three meals per day); field site travel, lodging, and entrance fees; use of the facilities of the University of San José in San Ramón (e.g., classrooms & computer lab); program administration; in-country support and assistance; and various other costs for program activities and cultural events. International transport to Costa Rica and personal expenses are not included. Scholarships and financial aid through your university (if you are a current student) can usually be applied to offset program costs.

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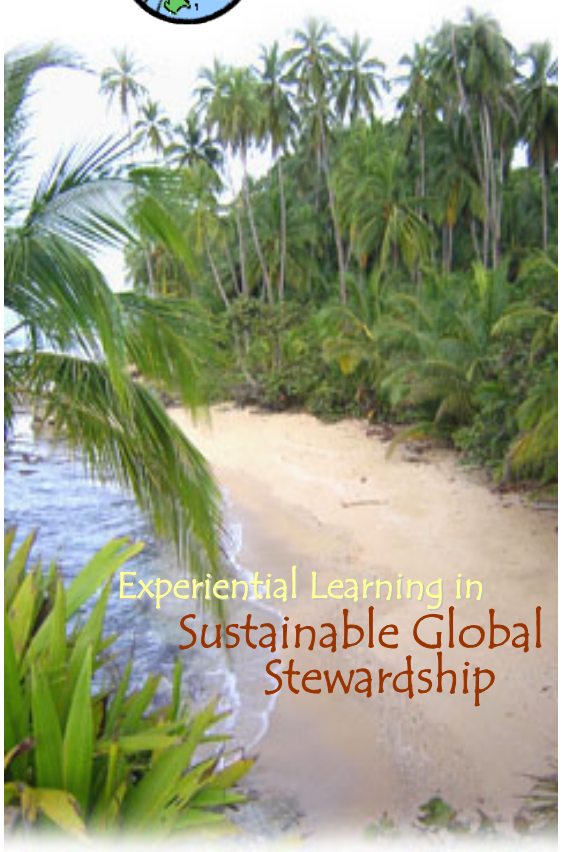
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Costa Rica



- Semester Abroad Program
- Field Study Short-Courses
- Volunteer Work

Open to Students from any Campus
Graduate credit available

Hands-on Learning

All offerings emphasize hands-on learning.



These are provided as an extension to the classroom experience, and typically take place at an outdoor location in the field. These include day-long visits, multiple-day educational tours, and guest speaker presentations. Week-long volunteer service-learning work opportunities are also included on semester programs.

Field Study

Field study typically includes visits to local communities, agriculture & land use sites, environmental-conscious businesses, sustainable energy projects, environmental conservation areas, ecotourism facilities, and regional cultural sites. Most of the sites visited during program travel are located in and around the central valley of Costa Rica and demonstrate specific sustainable living practices. In addition to Costa Rica, program travel on semester programs includes Nicaragua and/or Northeastern Panama.

Academic Credit

Credit for participation is available through Humboldt State University (U.S.A.), or other international partner institutions. Academic credit can also be issued by the University of San José in Costa Rica. Please note, however, that each participant is responsible for making appropriate arrangements for transfer of credit to their home institution.

Offerings

Earth Education International offerings include a variety of experiential academic learning programs offering undergraduate or graduate credit. This includes short-courses, semester-long programs, volunteer service-learning work, and other special projects. For details on upcoming offerings, see http://www.EarthEdIntl.org/Academics.htm. Below is a sample of possible future offerings and projects:

1. Semester Programs & Short Courses

Study abroad for a few weeks to four months in:

Global Sustainability: Community development, tropical ecology, ecotourism, organic agriculture, environmental anthropology, renewable/solar energy, environmental economics, and conservation.

Regional Studies: Spanish language and grammar, Native (Central) American wisdom, ethnobotany, Latin American and environmental literature, Mesoamerican history and culture, and biological corridor studies.

Self-exploration: Deep ecology, voluntary simplicity, bioregionalism, local-global connections, and nature immersion.



2. Volunteer Service-Learning

Provide volunteer service to different environmental or social projects, or assist with on-going research projects in community development, appropriate technologies and environmental conservation.

3. Special Projects

Special projects include educational exchanges, customized immersion programs, educational tourism/eco-tourism services, and providing logistical in-country support to partners.



Application

The most important prerequisites to successful acceptance and participation are personal in nature. In addition, all offerings require a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 (4 point scale). Other academic prerequisites may also apply, depending upon the specific offering. For details on how to apply, see http://www.EarthEdIntl.org/Admission.htm.

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