BIOS 3025/5025 Natural History of Costa Rica is designed to introduce students to different ecosystems within Costa Rica. Students will participate in field trips and excursions to study first hand the biological complexities of the tropics. You will visit economically important crop plantations like coffee, chocolate, and bananas. Students will learn about the native populations in Costa Rica, experience cultural aspects of Costa Rica, and discuss Costa Rica’s conservation ethic and the impact of humans on the environment. In addition, students will widen their world view through travel to a new country, culture and tropical environment.

Students must be able to walk 3-4 miles a day over hilly terrain.

For additional information about the course of study and credit opportunities contact the Study Abroad Coordinator at ip@uncp.edu.

ELIGIBILITY
All students at UNC Pembroke are eligible to participate in the Costa Rica Study Abroad, provided that they meet the following minimum requirements:
- Completion of 15 credits in residence, minimum, at time of departure, and a completed UNCP Study Abroad Application.
- Approved programme of study.
- 2.5 GPA at time of application.
- Register for 3-credit course at UNCP. Not included in the cost of study abroad.
- Conduct report. Applicants must be in Good Academic Standing and have no outstanding holds on your student account at UNCP.

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Study Abroad Schedule

Study Abroad Includes

Program Fee Includes:
- Round-trip airfare from North Carolina to Costa Rica
- Housing
- All meals, except one lunch.
- Visits to Arenal, Carara and Corcovado National Parks.
- Educational programs, Coffee and pineapple tours, Indigenous Museum, White water rafting, Hot springs, Gold Museum.
- International Health Insurance (Required)

Program Does Not Include:
- UNCP Study Abroad Application Fee ($50). Due at time of application.
- U.S. Passport fees.
- Airline baggage fees or overweight baggage fees (if applicable).
- Tuition/fees for BIOS 3025/Natural History of Costa Rica (BIOS 5025 Nature History of Costa Rica for graduate students) or MCMS 4050-Special Topics in Mass Communication: Chronicling Costa Rica. Must be paid in full prior to departure.
- Books or supplies for courses above (if applicable).

You must have approval from the Study Abroad Coordinator. You must be registered for BIOS 3025-Natural History of Costa Rica (3 credits-undergraduate), BIOS 5025-Natural History of Costa Rica (3 credits-graduate), or MCMS 4050-Special Topics in Mass Communication: Chronicling Costa Rica (3 credits-undergraduate). The cost of tuition/fees is NOT included in the cost of the Study Abroad in Costa Rica.

Cost is $2,600

Application/Passport/All Payments must be received by: March 1, 2013

Financial Aid

This is an approved study abroad program through the Center for International Programs and the Biology Department, and may qualify for financial aid.

In order to qualify for financial aid a student must be registered for full-time studies (6-credits) in the summer. Most grants, loans, or scholarships should apply to this approved program. Please direct all questions about student financial aid eligibility to the Financial Aid Office.

Additional Information:
You will need to have a valid US Passport to participate in this study abroad. Please visit the Department of State website for a US Passport application:
http://travel.state.gov/passport/passport_1738.html

Payment Plan:
Individual payment plans may be arranged with the Study Abroad Coordinator and are flexible based on a student’s individual financial situation. Please note that all deposits/payments are non-refundable and must be paid by the due date.

Additional Information:

Professor Debby Hanmer (Biology) and Dr. Rita Hagevik (Science Education) have developed an amazing study abroad in Costa Rica during Summer I. This 14-day study abroad includes:

Day 1: (June 8) Arrival in San Jose.
Day 2: Tirimbina field station, introduction to tropical ecosystems.
Day 3: Guided rainforest hike, chocolate tour and Indigenous cultural museum.
Day 4: White water rafting and bats program.
Day 5: Visit pineapple and coffee plantations.
Day 6: Visit local elementary school and frogs program.
Day 7: Travel to Arenal Volcano. Ecothermales hot springs.
Day 9: Birding at Carara National Park. Boat Trip through Mangrove forest to Drake Bay.
Day 10: Boat trip and hiking in Corcovado National Park.
Day 11: Snorkeling at Cano Island.
Day 12: Travel to San Gerardo de Dota over high mountains and hike the Paramo.
Day 13: Birding, travel to San Jose. Farewell dinner.
Day 14: (June 21st): Depart San Jose to North Carolina.