

Baylor Education in Costa Rica 2010 Summer 1 Study Abroad Program

Location: San Jose, Costa Rica

Dates: Depart from Houston or Dallas on May 21 and return on June 22.

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Description

While in Costa Rica for four weeks, students live with host families and spend four days a week at Saint Anthony School, a K-12, private, bilingual school. Students learn methods of teaching English as a Second Language using English content area materials. Field experiences and course seminars are based at the partner school with visits to urban public schools for observation and special projects.

On weekends the group goes on excursions to explore Costa Rica. Weekend excursions include trips to Manuel Antonio National Park (Pacific Coast), Arenal Volcano and Hot Springs, Monteverde Cloud Forest, Poas Volcano, Tortuguero National Park (Caribbean Coast), and a coffee plantation tour. Whitewater rafting and Cloud Forest ziplining are part of the adventure.

Service projects to two rural schools are an important part of the excursions.

Note: Spanish language skills are not required.

Registration deadline: December 4, 2009—Register on-line at:
<http://bearsabroad.baylor.edu/>

Enrollment limit: 10

Program Cost

The fee of \$2,400 covers airfare, room & board, weekend excursions, trip insurance and local transportation. (It does not cover tuition for courses, passport application fees, vaccinations, or other personal expenses).

A deposit of \$1,000 is due on February 1, 2010.

The balance of \$1,400 is due on March 17, 2010.

Lodging

Students will stay with host families, two students per family. Breakfast, supper, and laundry are included. For weekend excursions, hotel lodging is arranged in advance.

Courses

Although primarily of interest to education majors, the English as a Second Language methods course and field experience might be of interest to any student who considers teaching overseas after graduation. The following courses are currently offered as part of the Baylor Ed. in Costa Rica program:

TED 4312, Methods of Teaching English as a Second Language (required)

TED 3380, Social Issues in Education