

¡Bienvenidos a Costa Rica!

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ABOUT BIO 202: AU in Costa Rica

The Intensive Spanish Study in Costa Rica with BIO 202 is a 4-week program designed to provide students with an immersion experience. Students attend four hours of language instruction each morning at *Conversa Language Center* in Santa Ana. **Spanish language is of utmost importance for Science students, as much professional fieldwork is currently in Central or South America.** During the last two weeks of the program, students will complete the lab component of the spring semester BIO 202 course in the afternoons/evenings. For additional cultural experiences, students live with host families and will participate in two excursions.

BIO 202: Organisms, Adaptation, and Diversity Lab—How better can one address the question “How do organisms solve the problems of survival, and how are the solutions that have evolved influenced by environment?” than by exploring the vast diversity of organisms and life Costa Rica has to offer.

Costa Rica, although a small country, boasts to having 6% of the world’s biodiversity. Also, Costa Ricans are known worldwide for their enormous pride in preserving biodiversity and their striving to create sustainable communities that live in harmony with the natural environment. **Field experiences, ranging from visits to tropical cloud forests in Monteverde to the reefs of the National Marine Park provide participants with opportunities to experience directly a variety of different organisms.**

The course is designed so the student will fulfill the lecture component during spring semester followed by the lab content being completed in Costa Rica. *BIO 202: Organisms, Adaptation, and Diversity* is required for science majors and a **Core Natural Science class** that often taken by Science Education majors.

ESTIMATED PROGRAM COST (costs subject to change)

\$3,090 + BIO 202 Lab Fee of \$627

INCLUDED: Ashland University summer tuition, single room with a host family, 3 meals a day while in Santa Ana, weekend excursions to Monteverde and the National Marine Park, international health insurance, and round-trip transportation from San Jose Airport to Santa Ana.

NOT INCLUDED: Flight (approx. \$850), passport (\$135), departure tax (\$29), pre-departure orientation textbook (\$10), additional excursions (range \$1-\$125) and spending money.

DEADLINE

Register for BIO 202 CR for Spring 2016.

Lab fee charged to AU account at registration.

AU in Costa Rica program cost charged to AU account in March.

- Summer Stafford Loans available
- Interest free until departure date

HOW TO APPLY

1. Create an account on Abroad Office— <http://ashland.abroadoffice.net>
2. Click on Costa Rica on the map, then “BIO 202: AU in Costa Rica.”
Click Apply to Program and complete application information.
3. Register for BIO 202 CR for Spring 2017.
4. Attend four Pre-Departure meetings, beginning in January.



Monteverde, Costa Rica

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BIO 202: Organisms,
Adaptation, and Diversity
with "AU in Costa Rica" Spanish language immersion

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