

# ¡Bienvenidos a Costa Rica!

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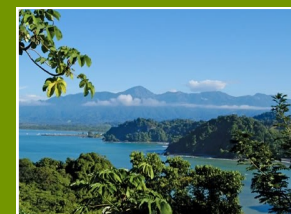
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## HOW TO APPLY

1. Create an account on Abroad Office— <http://ashland.abroadoffice.net>
2. Click on Costa Rica on the map, then “BIO 202/410: AU in Costa Rica.” Click Apply to Program and complete application information.
3. Attend four Pre-Departure meetings, beginning in January.
4. Register for BIO 410B for Summer 2018.



## ABOUT BIO 410B: AU in Costa Rica

The Intensive Spanish Study in Costa Rica with BIO 410B 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 BIO 410B course in the afternoons/evenings.

**Bio 410B: Field study of Costa Rica's ecology**, 1 summer credit, has a prerequisite of 12 hours of biology and permission of the instructor, Prof. Merrill Tawse. A study of the unique ecological features that result in Costa Rica's rich biodiversity and biomass. Topics covered will include the environmental features that result in shaping the regions diverse ecosystems. Within some of Costa Rica's national parks and preserves we will study the ecology and examples of diverse biological communities of this countries tropical, cloud, and lowland forests, tropical plantations, sand beaches, tidal regions and coral reefs. Students will participate in three on-campus pre-trip seminar sessions, conduct an independent study project and must participate in AU's Spanish Study Abroad program through *Conversa* in Santa Ana.

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.**

## ESTIMATED PROGRAM COST (costs subject to change)

**\$3,016 for AU in Costa Rica Program, 4 weeks**

**\$486 for one credit summer hour**

**BIO 410B Lab Fee:**

**\$520 for 10 students**

**\$590 for 8 students**

**\$710 for 6 students**

**INCLUDED:** Ashland University summer tuition for Spanish courses, 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

Attendance at the January AU in Costa Rica pre-departure meeting.

- Four mandatory pre-departure meetings (Jan, Feb, March, April)
- Summer Direct Loans available
- Interest free until departure date



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Costa Rica's Ecology  
with "AU in Costa Rica" Spanish language immersion  
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