COD/ICISP Summer Study Abroad in Costa Rica
May 29 – June 29, 2024

This four-week Spanish language and cultural immersion was established 1993 and runs every summer.

ICISP = Illinois Consortium for International Studies and Programs represents community colleges around the midwest and provides study abroad opportunities for all students through program-sharing and partnerships.
Costa Rica: “Pura Vida”

- Pristine rainforests
- Abundant biodiversity
- Rich culture and history
Study at the Costa Rican Language Academy (CRLA)

COURSES

Spanish Language (placement in one)
- Beginning I or II (4 credits)
- Intermediate I or II (4 credits)
- Conversation and Composition I or II (3 credits)
- Heritage Speaker I or II (3 credits)
- 4-hour classes, M-TH

Small class size: 6-8 students per class. Quality instruction with experienced and friendly staff.

and

Civilization and Culture of Costa Rica
Taught experientially through group excursions, museum visits, on-location lectures and docent tours. (3 credits)
Homestays

- 2 students per family
- Breakfast, dinner and laundry included
- Authentic language and culture immersion
- Experience daily life in Costa Rica
- Bus or walk to CRLA (1.5+ miles)
The Cultural Excursions:
Manuel Antonio National Park
La Paz Waterfall Gardens
Arenal Volcano and Hot Springs
National Theater & Historic Museums
History & Tradition

• Heredia
• Carretas
Program Costs

COD students = $3,700 plus tuition ($864-1,008 dependent on language placement)
ICISP students = $4,664 ($3,700 + $864 instructional fee + $100 ICISP administrative fee)

INCLUDES:

- Airfare from Chicago
- Room & Board with Breakfast, Dinner, Laundry
- Classes & Materials
- Two overnight weekend excursions (2 nights each)
- Daytime excursions
- 24-hour support from 3 faculty/directors

In-person orientation: May 18 (9am-1pm) at COD (Virtual attendance considered upon request.)
Director: Sibyl Gallus-Price
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Sibyl Gallus-Price is COD adjunct Spanish faculty. She holds an M.A. in Hispanic Languages and Literature from Stony Brook University and is currently a Ph.D. candidate in English at UIC with a concentration in Latin American and American literature. Sibyl was the COD Outstanding Adjunct Faculty awardee in 2022. Sibyl led the 2023 Costa Rica program.

COD Staff
Lynn Dudzik – Registration/Payments/Billing (duzik@cod.edu)
Sue Kerby – ICISP Rep/Applications/Paperwork (kerbys@cod.edu)
Maren McKellin – Manager of Field Studies/Study Abroad
Robyn Schiffman – Dean of Languages
Enrollment Process

COD students submit the completed application to fssa@cod.edu

ICISP students submit the completed application and all other documents to their ICISP rep for approval. ICISP rep submits the completed application to COD (fssa@cod.edu)

A completed application contains:
https://cod.edu/academics/academic_opportunities/field/studyabroad/forms.aspx

• COD study abroad application (includes housing form and essay)
• Transcript (unofficial is accepted)
• One Letter of Recommendation/Reference
• Third Party Billing Agreement (ICISP students only.)

COD invoices ICISP institutions. ICISP students do not pay COD directly.

Application deadline: FEB 15, 2024 (Late applications accepted, space permitting)
QUESTIONS?
Email Program Coordinator Sue Kerby (kerbys@cod.edu)