

Costa Rica 2018

STUDY ABROAD

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Application Deadline: March 2nd, 2018

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Medical Insurance

AIFS provides each student with a group insurance policy issued by Ace American Insurance Company. The policy provides two distinct types of coverage:

1. Before the program begins, AIFS will refund fees paid by students unable to participate on the program because of covered injury, illness or quarantine in a travel area. However, a fee is retained from the amount paid which includes a \$150 processing fee and \$125 insurance premium.

2. Once the program has begun, the plan covers the cost of medical treatment abroad, up to a maximum of \$100,000 per sickness or accident and with a daily hospital charge limit of \$300. There is a \$50 deductible per incident for medical claims against this policy.

These two categories of insurance are mutually exclusive. That is, the policy does not cover medical expenses before the program begins, nor does it refund any portion of the AIFS program fees once the program has begun.

The insurance also covers costs associated with changing the return flight if a student is unable to complete the program due to accident, illness or quarantine

in a travel area. It offers 24-hour travel assistance in case of an emergency, legal assistance, medical transportation and emergency cash transfer in case of theft or loss. Full details of the coverage are available at www.aifspartnerships.com/insurance_summer.pdf.

Optional medical insurance upgrade (\$65) and personal effects insurance (\$90)

A medical insurance upgrade provides a maximum \$250,000 per sickness or accident with a daily hospital charge of \$300 (\$50 deductible for each accident or illness). Optional personal effects insurance covers loss or theft up to \$1,000, subject to a maximum \$100 per item (\$500 for electronic devices) and a deductible of \$100 per incident. Students are advised to arrange additional insurance for special items. Expensive or irreplaceable items should be left at home.

Program Refund Policy

All notifications of withdrawal must be made in writing via fax or certified mail to: Registrar, Customized, Faculty-Led Programs, AIFS Study Abroad, 1 High Ridge Park, Stamford, CT 06905. The fax number is 203-399-5597. Postmark date or date of fax transmission is considered date of withdrawal. All withdrawal statements must be signed by the applicant, or they will not be processed.

If a student withdraws on or before **Thursday, March 22, 2018**, a full refund will be made less \$150 plus any non-refundable deposits paid either by the student or by AIFS on the student's behalf.

If a student withdraws after **Thursday, March 22, 2018**, but on or before **Friday, April 20, 2018**, for any reason except medical covered by the AIFS Fees Refund and Medical Insurance Policy, the \$450 deposit is forfeited, along with any non-refundable deposits paid either by the student or by AIFS on the student's behalf.

If a student is forced to withdraw from the program because of covered medical reasons after final fees have been paid but before departure, a refund will be made through the Fees Refund and Medical Insurance Policy, less the

\$150 processing fee and the \$125 insurance premium. The policy requires written proof of medical reasons provided by your physician.

Students withdrawing voluntarily for any reason after **Friday, April 20, 2018**, including withdrawals because of medical reasons not covered under the medical refund policy, receive no refund of fees paid unless they are able to provide a qualified replacement. In this case, they receive a full refund of all payments made less the \$150 processing fee and any non-refundable deposits. Replacement students must pay in full at the time of application. Flights cannot be arranged for replacement students applying after **Thursday, March 22, 2018**. Once the program has started, students withdrawing receive no refund under any circumstances. This refund policy is necessary because the booking of facilities in Costa Rica requires substantial non-refundable payments and commitments by AIFS in advance.

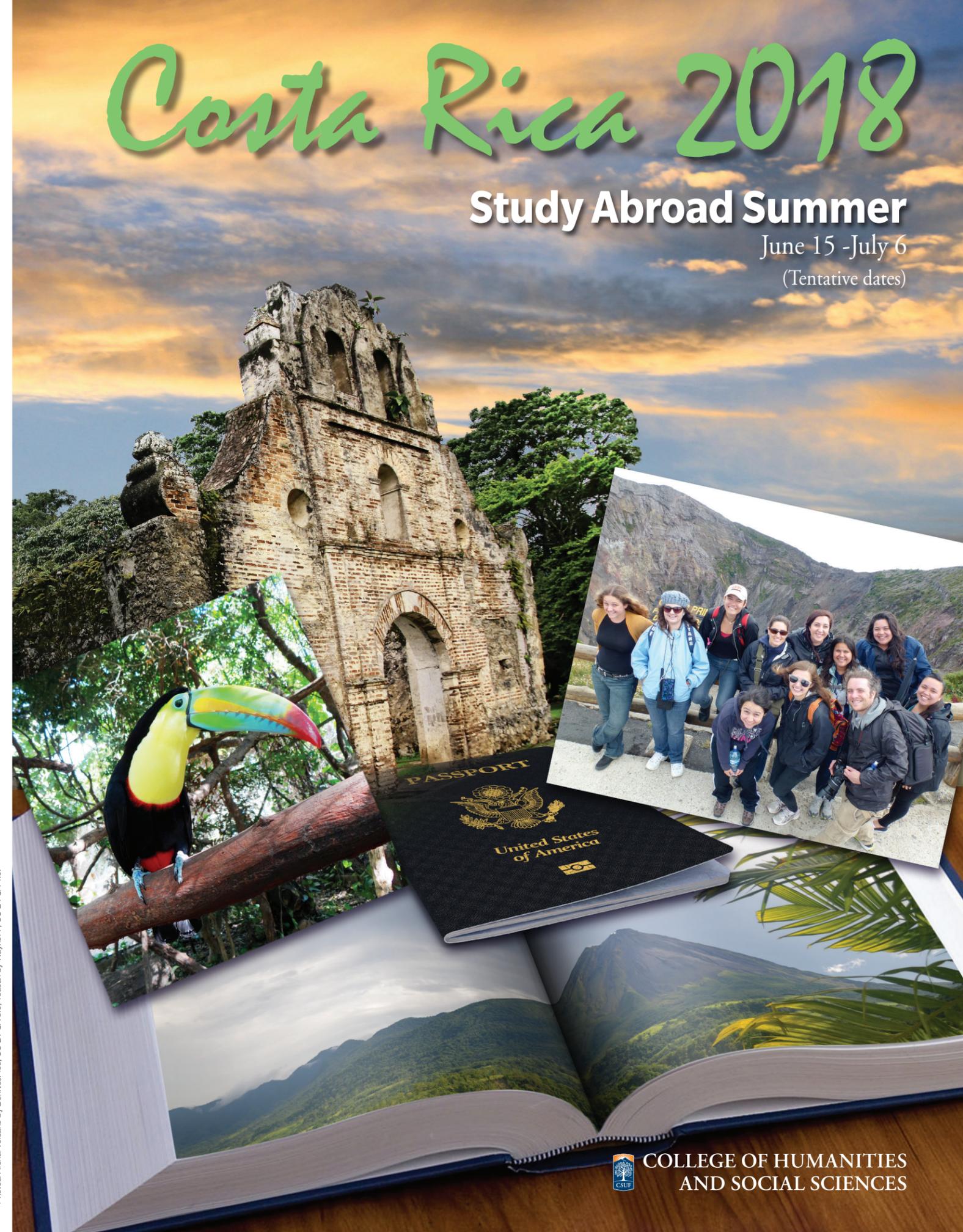
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Costa Rica 2018

Study Abroad Summer

June 15 - July 6

(Tentative dates)



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Program Dates

Depart U.S.: Friday, June 15, 2018
Arrive Costa Rica: Saturday, June 16, 2018
Depart Costa Rica: Friday, July 6, 2018

Costa Rica

This program will include a mix of classroom-based lessons and lessons in the field. Students will take a critical look at varied types of tourism experiences, cultural phenomena, and food-related concerns in class, and try them out, first hand. Students will learn from local experts about medicinal plants, the coffee trade, maintenance of Indigenous tradition, pre-Colombian foods, cultural innovation, and grassroots social movements.

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Program Highlights

- Earn 6 units of CSUF course credit.
- Program courses taught by a CSUF faculty member.
- Shared homestay accommodations with daily breakfast and dinners.
- Spend 3 weeks in Central America's safest and most progressive countries learning about the lavish culture of Costa Rica.
- Includes an urban graffiti tour, excursions to Irazú Volcano, urban museums, and a city market, visits with Indigenous artists, hands-on workshops on Indigenous foodways, a guided hike through a famous rain forest preserve that was central to Costa Rica's early ecotourism and conservation efforts, walks across hanging bridges, visits to two women's cooperatives, a coffee farm, a family-run organic farm with medicinal plant gardens, and more.
- Program open to all majors.

Program Advising

For more information please contact Jaycee Cover at jcover@fullerton.edu to schedule an advising appointment, or stop by the Student Success Center in room H-112, 8am-5pm M-F.

Housing

Homestays with carefully selected local families within a 15-30 minute walk from classroom facilities. Breakfast and dinner are provided daily. Bed linens are provided, and limited internet access is available. Students should bring a towel. Housing for included overnight excursions is in hotels (shared rooms).



Program Fee

The fee per person is \$2450 .

Included in the Program Fee:

- Housing for the duration of the program
- Two meals daily provided by host family
- Group meals provided during non-optional out of town excursion trips
- All non-optional excursions and entrance fees for academic trips and tours
- Round-trip ground transportation to all scheduled local field trips and some out of town excursions
- International Travel Insurance

NOT included in the Program Fee:

- CSUF tuition and textbooks
- Round-trip airfare
- Passport or visa fees if applicable
- Round-trip ground transportation to some out of town excursions (*cost of transportation is typically less than \$1USD*).
- Personal expenses



Program Courses

HUM 350: Costa Rican Life and Culture (3 units) [GE C.3 & Z]

This course is an introduction to Costa Rican history, culture and civilization. An overview of Central America from the colonial period to modernity in order to gain the tools necessary to analyze and critically respond to modern day Costa Rica from an interdisciplinary approach. Special attention will be paid to current cultural issues in Costa Rica, both in urban and rural spheres, in indigenous and non-indigenous cultures, from the traditional to the (newly) technological. The effects of globalization (including tourism) on local cultures will also be highlighted.

GEOG 355: Global Cuisines

(3 units) [GE (E)]

This course introduces the international dimensions of food and wine traditions in the Latin American cultural landscape. Students investigate foods and drinks that are wild, tabooed, medicinal, gendered and erotic. Special attention will be paid to the coffee industry, the banana industry, and Indigenous food-related traditions of Costa Rica.



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