Spanish Studies in San José, Costa Rica

Sponsored by the Department of Modern & Classical Languages

May 10 - June 19
6 HOURS CREDIT

Costa Rica

TENTATIVE ITINERARY
Highlights of the program are provided below. The university reserves the right to alter travel and other arrangements if required by circumstances.

May 10
Arrival in San José, Costa Rica

May 11
Academic program begins and city tour

May 16
Tour of the Poás volcano; La Paz Waterfalls

May 17
Coffee tours

May 23-24
Trip to Arenal volcano and hot springs

June 5-7
Trip to Manuel Antonio National Park

June 18
Final day of academic program

June 19
Return to Atlanta

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APPLICATION DEADLINE: February 27, 2015
Because program size is limited, early application is strongly advised. Individual interviews may be scheduled with students upon receipt of application.
THE PROGRAM
The Georgia State University program of Spanish Studies in San José, Costa Rica is an exciting six-week program in a vibrant Central American capital city. While immersed in the language and culture of Costa Rica, participants will study at a Costa Rican host language school in San José and travel throughout the country. Participants will take two courses, each with a language or content component taught by local instructors, plus a culture component taught by the Georgia State program director.

The language or content components will vary according to the students’ needs and proficiency levels (for example, Intermediate Spanish, Advanced Grammar, Advanced Conversation, Latin American Culture Heritage, etc.)

Intensive language courses last four hours per day. In addition, students will attend a daily one-hour cultural component seminar to learn about Costa Rican culture and history.

The academic program will also offer a choice of electives. Participants who successfully complete the program’s two courses will receive six semester hours of course credit at Georgia State. Students should register for SPAN 2901, SPAN 2902, SPAN 3339 and SPAN 3396, or any of the corresponding courses available for the summer semester. Students from other institutions should follow their institution’s regulations concerning transfer credits.

COST
Program cost may vary at any time according to currency fluctuations and changing travel arrangements. The program cost is tentatively set at $2,995, PLUS regular Georgia State tuition and fees. Non-resident/out-of-state students will pay in-state tuition plus a $250 fee in addition to the program cost.

ACCOMMODATIONS
Students will be placed with selected Costa Rican homestays. Students will be provided a room and breakfast and dinner with the host family, seven days per week. Our host school has many families with whom it has worked for many years. Georgia State students will be placed in groups of two or three with Costa Rican families. All families live within a short traveling distance from campus. Affordable local public transportation services all host family homes.

Disability Accommodations
Students with documented disabilities who may need accommodations during their study abroad experience should discuss these needs with the program directors and the Office of Disability Services at the time of application.

ELIGIBILITY
The program is open to undergraduate students who meet all academic requirements of Georgia State’s Department of Modern & Classical Languages. Program size is limited and participation is contingent upon acceptance by the program directors.

CREDITS AND COURSES
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FUNDING AND SCHOLARSHIPS
Georgia State students are eligible to apply for the IEF Study Abroad Scholarship/Georgia State University Foundation Scholarship and may be eligible to apply for the Global Experience Scholarship. Visit mystudyabroad.gsu.edu or contact the Study Abroad Programs Office at 404-413-2529 for more information.

Price Includes
- Ground transportation, excursions and entrance fees
- Meals during homestay
- Hotels in Arenal and Manuel Antonio
- Health/Evacuation/Repatriation insurance

Price Does NOT Include
- Georgia State tuition and fees
- Round-trip airfare; faculty will suggest suitable itineraries
- Non-program related public transportation during travel
- Passport
- Departure tax
- Personal expenses and excess baggage charges

APPLICATION INFORMATION
Students interested in applying should find this program’s listing at mystudyabroad.gsu.edu and begin an online application. Transient Students: Please see Transient Student section under the Explore & Apply tab at mystudyabroad.gsu.edu

International students at Georgia State who hold F-1 visas must contact the Office of International Student and Scholar Services at 404-413-2070 to discuss possible implications of study abroad for their immigration status.