

WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY



Costa Rican Agriculture

BAT 300/600, 3 hrs.

Travel dates: January 4-15, 2010

Program Objectives:

Due to its unique horticulture, forestry and animal life, Costa Rica is a popular destination for study abroad students. Numerous horticulture and agronomic companies have facilities there because of the desirable climate. It is also famous for its work in renewable resource agriculture. As a nation, Costa Rica strives to sustain and protect its global endowment of natural wealth. This program gives participants the opportunity to develop their social, political, and economic awareness and understanding of current and emerging world issues, particularly sustainability and environmental protection, by observing the agricultural methods and processes practiced in Costa Rica. Students of forestry, horticulture and conservation especially will benefit from exposure to the agriculture, business, and tourism industries in Costa Rica and what its like to work in a humid tropical region not found within the United States.

During the time in Costa Rica, participants will be able to investigate the development of the county economically, environmentally, and socially. Native soils, plants, crops, and livestock will be studied, especially their relationships to economic importance, distribution, and environment. Participants will gain a better understanding of the economic and agricultural bases of the country, the efforts undertaken to maintain environmental sustainability, and the culture of the Costa Rican people.



Course Requirements and Prerequisites:

Undergraduates will be enrolled in BAT 300 while graduate students will be enrolled in BAT 600. All students will be enrolled for 3 semester hours. Class sessions prior to departure are required. Days and times of these sessions will be announced later. Students are also required to attend a pre-departure orientation session conducted by the Center for International Studies.

Eligibility requirements: Undergraduates—Completed at least 45 or more semester hours by the end of Fall 2009 semester, minimum 2.5 overall GPA, and clearance from Student Judicial Programs. **Graduates**—Must be accepted to a

WIU graduate degree program, submission of a letter of support signed by both their academic advisor and department chair, and clearance from Student Judicial Programs. **All majors are welcome!**

Total enrollment for the program is limited to 17 participants.

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