Program Cost $3,150

Program cost includes: Six undergraduate or 3 graduate credit hours of academic instruction, fees for International Student Identification Card, health insurance in Costa Rica, transportation in Costa Rica, lodging, most meals, excursions to various museums, corporations, etc. Passport costs are not included. Airfare is not included.

If you have already filed your Federal Financial Aid Application, you should contact the Financial Aid Office immediately to reconfigure your financial aid for this program.

If you have not filed your Federal Financial Aid Application, you should immediately file an application online at www.FAFSA.ed.gov. Contact the Financial Aid Office three weeks after you file your application.

Travel

Students are responsible for purchasing their own airline tickets. Students should NOT purchase tickets until advised to do so by the Faculty Coordinator. The Faculty Coordinator will provide additional information when appropriate.

Students must submit a photocopy of their valid passport and a passport-size photo to the Faculty Coordinator by March 11, 2015.

Stipulations

College of Business Administration Study Abroad programs are only available to registered Nicholls students who are at least a junior and in good academic standing. If you are NOT currently enrolled at Nicholls, you must first be admitted to Nicholls for the 2014 summer term to participate in Nicholls’ Study Abroad Program.

Nicholls State University hereinafter referred to as Nicholls, and its agents, directors, and officers, act only as agents in arrangements made for this program. Neither Nicholls nor its agents, directors, or officers shall be liable for any injury, death of persons, loss, damage, or accident, delays or expenses arising from acts of God, dangerous incident on land or sea, fire, breakdowns of machinery or equipment, acts of government or other authorities, wars, civil disturbances, strikes, riots, thefts, pilferage, epidemics, quarantines, changes in itinerary, weather, sickness, or from any act of omission of any individual, firm or corporation furnishing transportation, sightseeing, hotel accommodations, or any other services in connection with the tours, site-visits, or other activities related to Nicholls study abroad programs. The right is reserved to amend the advertised itinerary whenever transportation schedules or other factors make this necessary or advisable.
Study Abroad in Costa Rica

Study Abroad adds an invaluable dimension to your academic, cultural, and professional development, and may provide an advantage in an increasingly competitive job market. Firsthand experience of other countries and cultures provides a clearer understanding of our common human heritage, our own society and culture, and our place in the global community.

General Information

Spend May 16-26, 2015 in beautiful Costa Rica, while earning up to 6 hours credit in business courses. The program includes lectures, presentations, site visits, company tours, and time to enjoy the local culture.

Students must submit a completed application to participate in Study Abroad, with a receipt for payment of the $200 non-refundable deposit to the College of Business Administration’s Dean’s Office by December 13, 2014.

Late applications will be accepted through March 11, 2015, if space is available, with a $500 non-refundable late fee. This late fee is in addition to all other program costs. Students must be at least a junior, in good academic standing, and enrolled at Nicholls to participate in this Study Abroad Program.

Students must also meet all course pre- or co-requisites. Applications are available in the Accounting Dept. office in 133 Powell Hall or on the COB website www.nicholls.edu/business/study-abroad.

Courses Offered

BSAD 320 – Study Abroad (6 hours)
BSAD 505 – Directed Study Business (3 hours)

Graduate students take BSAD 505 which counts for 3 hours of electives. Undergraduate students take BSAD 320 which counts of 6 hours of electives. Undergraduate students should check with their advisor or department head for use of these business electives toward their degree requirements. Study Abroad can be used to satisfy electives only and cannot be used in place of required courses.

City & Country

San Jose, the capital of Costa Rica, is nestled in the country’s beautiful central mountain valley. Temperatures in the city average between 70 and 75 degrees Fahrenheit. During May, expect sun throughout the morning and possible rain in the afternoon. Costa Rica is an oasis of political and economic stability in turbulent Central America and an important example of a country in transition from the periphery to the semi-periphery of the world economy. The country’s natural attractions draw tourists from all over the world. Government conservation policies have made Costa Rica an ecotourism heaven, with some of the region’s best surfing and fishing, and pristine beaches galore.

Lodging

Students will be housed at the Trypp Sabana Hotel in San Jose, which is very well located and within walking distance to the center of town and close to convenience stores. Rooms are double or triple occupancy with satellite TV, private bath with hot water, mini bar and phone and free internet service directly in all the rooms. During the weekend students will stay at Barcelo Langosta,

Program Activities

The Faculty Program Coordinator will schedule orientation meetings prior to the trip to Costa Rica. Attendance at these meetings is MANDATORY and will be reflected in evaluations of students’ program performance and final grades. Failure to attend these orientation meetings could result in suspension from the program. In addition to lectures, students will visit a number of public and private, U.S. and Costa Rican companies, including Café Britt, The Butterfly Farm, and Boston Scientific as well as Earth university. Students will also explore several of Costa Rica’s national parks, with opportunities to climb through or zip line through the forest canopy, participate in water sports and other activities such as horseback riding, and observe monkeys, macaws, and other local wildlife.

Program calendar and itineraries are tentative. The right is reserved to amend the advertised itinerary whenever transportation schedules or other factors make this necessary or advisable.