

<p>HON 120-303 Spring Break in Costa Rica Experience the Culture of "Pura Vida" Course # 27365 1 credit hour Wednesdays 12:00-12:50 p.m. 127 Leutze Hall Course Website: Click here</p>		<p>Prof: Marianella Jara Spanish Lecturer Department of Foreign Languages Office: 289 Leutze Hall Phone: (910) 962-2485 Email: jaram@uncw.edu Website: http://people.uncw.edu/jaram/</p>
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Requisites: Minimum GPA of 3.2. Completed application and deposits are due November 16, 2012.

Requirements: Class will meet Wednesdays from 12:00 – 12:50 p.m. during the spring semester, 2013 and travel to Costa Rica during spring break for 10 days: (February 28 - March10). Students will study the history, culture and main environmental issues affecting the country, especially turtle conservation and protection. During spring break, students will help save turtles and other wildlife in the Atlantic Coast of Costa Rica by working with a non- profit conservation project. Prior to traveling students will present on specific topics related to the topics mentioned above. Upon return, students will discuss their experience, explore solutions to the problems in the country and prepare a group presentation of their experience to share with other UNCW students and persons from the Wilmington community. Knowledge of Spanish is not necessary to participate, however, we will learn and study basic, useful expressions to help learn and understand Costa Rica and Costa Ricans better, as well as to enjoy the experience more. If you already know Spanish consider it a big plus and be ready to review a little in class. Students must be physically fit to participate in this program as it will require doing a lot of outdoor activities that involve walking, bending, standing on your feet for long periods of time and being exposed to the sun, and patrol beaches at night, etc. In addition, the class will conduct 2 coffee fundraisers during the semester and all benefits will be used to purchase school supplies to donate to k-12 schools in Costa Rica.

Required Materials:

- Readings and videos will be provided by the instructor and they will be available on blackboard or will be distributed to students during class.
- Spanish / English dictionary. ([Click here to see](#))
- Lonely Planet Costa Rican Spanish phrase book ([Click here to see](#)) Recommended
- *Armando and la Baula: The Story of a Boy, a Beach, and a Turtle Named Bella* by David Robert. ([Click here to see](#))
- Camera
- Passport (original and photocopy). If you do not have a passport and need to apply for one you may do so on campus, see instructions ([here](#)). Please apply ASAP.
- Birth Certificate copy.
- 2 passport size pictures

Estimated Spring Break Trip Cost: \$3,200 (*Cost may be less depending on the number of participants*)

Price includes the following:

- Airfare from either Wilmington or Raleigh, whichever is cheaper. Travel arrangements will be made by your professor through a UNCW approved travel agency. Professor and students will travel together, no exceptions will be made.
- Ground transportation in private buses.
- Lodging (2, 3 or 4 persons per room), will vary according to location.
- 3 meals a day (Breakfast, lunch and dinner) Snacks are not included.
- Visits to Grecia, Tortuguero, Cahuita beach and National Park, Arenal Volcano, La Fortuna Waterfall, San José and Heredia. ([See full itinerary](#))
- Fun and educational activities in all locations.
- Health insurance.
- Travel insurance.
- Airport Taxes

Price does not include the following:

- Money for personal expenses, souvenirs, meals while traveling from the USA to Costa Rica and back. (*I recommend to take \$200*)
- Tips for tour guides and bus drivers (*\$100 per student will be required*)

Grade Distribution:

Readings and reports on readings and videos:	20%
Participation in class discussions	10%
Cultural Presentation	10%
Attendance to all class events & help with fundraiser project	15 %
Work in conservation project	15 %
Proper behavior while overseas	10 %
Final presentation:	20 %

Grading Scale:

93-100 A	80-82 B-	67-69 D+
90-92 A-	77-79 C+	63-66 D
87-89 B+	73-76 C	60-62 D-
83-86 B	70-72 C-	0-59 F

Assignments:

Students are expected to complete all assigned readings and questions related to the readings before coming to class as well as to be fully prepared to discuss the readings in class.

Attendance:

Given the nature of the course, consistent attendance to class is crucial in order to guarantee success in the class. Each student is allowed **one free absence**. After missing one class, two points will be deducted from the final grade for each additional absence. Students participating in university-sponsored events (athletics, conferences, etc.) will be excused as long as they provide documentation of their absence before the event (i.e. schedule of games presented first week of class). Attending the trip orientation, three weeks prior to departure will be mandatory

Academic Honor Code:

Students in this course are expected to abide by the Academic Honor Code. Please read the Code of Student Life (<http://www.uncw.edu/stuaff/doso/code/index.html>).

Safety on campus and proper behavior:

UNCW practices a zero-tolerance policy for violence and harassment of any kind. For emergencies contact UNCW CARE at 962-2273, Campus Police at 962-3184, or Wilmington Police at 911. For University or community resources visit <http://uncw.edu/wrc/crisis.htm>.

Improper or derogatory language will not be allowed at all. Practice kindness and patience especially as we travel outside the country. We need to show respect to other cultures.

Blackboard:

Some of the handouts and assignments from this class will be available online on Blackboard. To get to the Blackboard site for this course, follow these steps:

1. Login to Blackboard: <https://learn.uncw.edu/webapps/login/>
2. Login with your UNCW email username (without the @uncw.edu).
3. Your password is the same as your UNCW email password

Participation:

Students are expected to participate daily in class. Participation means more than just attending class. The participation grade will take into account notions such as cooperation with classmates, respect for classmates and their views or opinions, and **active participation** in classroom discussions and all events.

Important deadlines and application materials:

- Monday, November 16 applications and deposits are due by 5:00 pm in Ms. Jara's office (289 Leutze Hall) You may obtain a full application package from Ms. Jara.
- Total deposit will be \$375 which will be applied to total cost of trip. Please write 2 different checks. One check made to UNCW for \$225 and needs to be taken directly to the office of International Programs (118 Friday Annex). Check two will be made to Eco Teach for \$150 and will be given directly to Ms. Jara in her office. Please be aware that deposits are non-refundable.
- Passport copy of first two pages
- Birth Certificate copy.
- 2 passport size copies.
- Full program payment will be due on February 1st, 2013 by 5:00 pm. You will be able to pay through SeaNet.
- Professor Jara will inform you about flight arrangements and other information later.

Financial aid and grants information: if you have not qualified for financial aid before you may qualify based on your participation on this program. Make an appointment with the Financial Aid Office as soon as possible. Let your instructor know if you are planning on using financial aid. For more information click here:

<http://www.uncw.edu/international/abroad/aid.html>

Some grants may be available based on merit and financial need , check the following information:

<http://uncw.edu/international/abroad/aid.html>

<http://uncw.edu/international/documents/OIPEdAbroadFillableGrantApplication.pdf>