

Tentative Dates: April 27 – May 13, 2020

Program Fee: \$4,256

Tuition and College fees: \$897

Chatham undergraduate students may be eligible for a \$1200 study abroad voucher. Students must meet eligibility requirements. See application at <http://chatham.abroadoffice.net/> for details. **Application deadline: 10/21/2019**

Minimum Enrollment: 16 students. *Each field experience is self-supporting and must meet its minimum enrollment number or it will be cancelled.*

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Summer 2020: Costa Rica – Special Topics in Sustainability



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The Location: Costa Rica is a rugged Central American country with coastlines on the Caribbean and Pacific. Costa Rica is known for its rainforests, beaches, volcanoes, and biodiversity. Roughly a quarter of its area is made up of protected jungle, teeming with wildlife including spider monkeys and quetzal birds. Like the US, Costa Rica struggles to balance protection of its natural resources and landscapes with sustainable development of economic opportunities and industries. Additionally, Costa Rica's history includes influences from different cultures with distinct perspectives on these issues.

Course Work and Highlights: This course focuses on sustainability policies in Costa Rica, combining lectures by local experts on history and tourism, visits to natural resources including volcanoes and national parks and industry visits including coffee, banana and pineapple plantations. Students will visit the Boruca people and the Longo Mai indigenous community to see different approaches to use of natural resources. The program will visit the Atlantic coast to view differences in habitat, weather and cultural history of the two coasts.

Housing: Students will stay in double, triple or quad rooms in local lodges and hotels. Students will also stay with local families.

Prerequisite: Students will enroll in a pre-field experience one credit, seven-week course in Spring 2020.

