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SANTA ROSA
JUNIOR COLLEGE

Study Abroad

1501 Mendocino Avenue
Santa Rosa, CA 95401



SUMMER SEMESTER IN COSTA RICA

Costa Rica is famous for its varied tropical habitats and biological diversity. It has coasts facing both the Pacific Ocean and Caribbean Sea with some of the most important remaining breeding habitat for sea turtles. Ecotourists flock to parks such as Monteverde Cloud Forest Biological Reserve to catch a glimpse of monkeys, sloths, birds, and butterflies. The friendly people and breathtaking scenery make Costa Rica the most popular Central American travel destination.

HIGHLIGHTS

- * Open to students age 18 and older who have graduated from high school and have completed 12 units of college coursework with a 2.0 grade point average.
- * Low cost flights, living accommodations for six weeks with a Costa Rican family, with three meals per day, seven days a week and limited laundry service.
- * Take courses in Spanish and Biodiversity, which are transferable for bachelor's degree credit.
- * An orientation program, including a guided sightseeing tour of Santa Bárbara, Barva, and Heredia city.
- * Three-day/two-night excursion to La Quinta country inn in Sarapiquí, including a river boat trip.
- * Three-day/two-night guided excursion to Tortuguero National Park, including canal and hiking trips.
- * Two-day/one-night excursion to Arenal Volcano National Park, including guided tour and evening entrance to a Hot Springs resort.
- * Three-day/two-night excursion to Monteverde Cloud Forest, including guided tour to Monteverde Preserve and bat jungle.
- * A weekly social and cultural program of activities.
- * Internet use at the wi-fi enabled AIFS Study Centre.

PRIORITY APPLICATION DEADLINE
FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 2009

APPROXIMATE COST

\$3,675 (includes \$450 deposit due with application, shared accommodations in twin-bedded rooms, three meals per day in the homestay where the student is living, limited laundry service, medical and fee refund insurance, and a number of subsidized cultural and social activities). This fee **does not** include airfare (an optional airfare package is available for **\$495** plus airport taxes fees estimated at **\$413**), a \$125 refundable damage deposit, class registration fees, textbooks, passport and visa fees, and other personal expenses. Students should plan on having at least \$1,500 in spending money to cover expenses beyond enrollment fees, the program fee, and plane tickets.

WHEN ARE APPLICATIONS DUE?

* Applications are accepted on a first come, first served basis. Because classes have limited enrollment, students are encouraged to apply early in order to reserve a spot in the classes of their choice. The program may close prior to the published deadline if classes are full.

* Late applications will be accepted on a *space available* basis until Friday, March 27, 2009.

INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS

For further information, please plan to attend one of the following meetings:

Thurs. November 6, 2008 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.
Rm. 2907, Maggini Hall, Santa Rosa Campus

Thurs. November 13, 2008 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Rm. 2907, Maggini Hall, Santa Rosa Campus

Wed. November 19, 2008 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.
Rm. 691, Call Hall Petaluma Campus

Mon. November 24, 2008 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Rm. 2907 Maggini Hall, Santa Rosa Campus

Tues. December 2, 2008 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Rm. 656, Call Hall Petaluma Campus

Wed. December 10, 2008 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.
Rm. 2907, Maggini Hall, Santa Rosa Campus

Tues. January 27, 2009 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.
Room TBA Santa Rosa Campus

Mon. February 2, 2009 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Rm. 691, Call Hall Petaluma Campus

Wed. February 18, 2009 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Room TBA Santa Rosa Campus

Thurs. March 19, 2009 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.
Room TBA Santa Rosa Campus

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WHO ARE THE FACULTY?

Professor Danielle Purdy

Santa Rosa Junior College



Danielle Purdy is in her sixth year as a Biology Instructor at SRJC. She holds a B.S. degree in Ecology, Behavior and Evolution from U.C. San Diego. She also completed an M.S. in Wildlife at Humboldt State University, where she worked on bat roosting ecology in the redwood forest.

Danielle has taught courses in general biology, natural history, human anatomy, human biology, and zoology/evolution. She taught ecology for this study abroad program during the summer of 2005, and introduced her “Tropical Biodiversity and Conservation” course during the 2007 trip. In addition to Costa Rica, Danielle has traveled to Australia, St. John, Mexico, the Hawaiian Islands, and throughout western Europe. She’s looking forward to returning to Barrio Jesús and is excited for another opportunity to teach among the unique flora and fauna of Costa Rica (especially the bats!).

Professor Brion Murphy

Santa Rosa Junior College

An adult learner of the language, *Brion Murphy*, B.A., M.A. Sonoma State University, believes everyone can learn to speak Spanish.

With a background in intensive methodologies for the teaching of Spanish as a foreign and second language, Brion has taught Spanish language and culture here at Santa Rosa Junior College and Sonoma State University for over twenty years. He’s also either studied, lived and/or taught in México, Central America, South America and Spain.

Brion welcomes you to experience Spanish, feel free to make mistakes, make new Latino friends and above all, have fun.

SRJC CURRICULUM

Biology 31: Tropical Biodiversity & Conservation

(2 units) (letter grade or credit/no credit option)
CSU/UC

Recommended: Eligibility for English 1A or equivalent

This course will survey the biodiversity of tropical rainforests. It is designed from a natural history perspective and is typically taught abroad. Topics will include ecology, flora and fauna of rainforests, cloud forests, and dry forests. Emphasis will be placed on the effects of deforestation, balancing the needs of wildlife and people, establishment of park and preserve systems, and sustainable resource use. Countries such as Costa Rica are used to illustrate both the current extinction crisis and conservation efforts.

Spanish 2: Elementary Spanish - Part II

(4 units) (letter grade or credit/no credit option)

A.A./A.S. area E; CSU area C2; IGETC area 3B, language; CAN SPAN 4; SPAN 1 + SPAN 2 = CAN SPAN SEQ A

Prerequisite: Two years of high school Spanish or college level Spanish 1

Recommended: Eligibility for English 1A or equivalent

Spanish 2 is a 4-unit second semester course with emphasis on oral and written communication in Spanish. We will be speaking in Spanish from the very first class. Our goal is to communicate with a native speaker on an intermediate level by the end of the course. To facilitate this, we will spend class time on oral communication and grammatical exercises in a communicative context.

Spanish 3: Intermediate Spanish - Part I

(4 units) (letter grade or credit/no credit option)

A.A./A.S. area E; CSU area C2; IGETC area 3B, language; CAN SPAN 8; SPAN 3 + SPAN 4 =

CAN SPAN SEQ B

Prerequisite: Three years of high school Spanish or the equivalent or college level Spanish 2 or 2S

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Recommended: Completion of English 100 or ESL 100 (including parallel course in a native language other than English)

We’ll thoroughly review first-year grammar and further develop speaking, listening, reading and writing skills. We’ll sample a rich literary tradition as well as explore contemporary issues that highlight cultural differences we’ll be observing first hand.

Spanish 4: Intermediate Spanish - Part II

(4 units) (letter grade or credit/no credit option)

A.A./A.S. areas E, G; CSU area C2; IGETC area 3B, language; CAN SPAN 10; SPAN 3 + SPAN 4 = CAN SPAN SEQ B

Prerequisite: Completion of 4 years of high school Spanish or college level Spanish 3

Recommended: Completion of English 100 or ESL 100 (including parallel course in a native language other than English)

Much of the review and exploration of Costa Rica’s rich culture and literature will be held in tandem with Spanish 3. Additionally, we’ll further develop speaking, listening, reading and writing skills.

SCHOLARSHIPS/FINANCIAL AID

Scholarships

All grants and financial assistance, including the CCIE student scholarship (\$500) are applicable to the Program.

Information and applications for the CCIE scholarship can be obtained online at: <http://www.ccieworld.org/POCCSA.html> or by stopping by 1330 Bailey Hall at SRJC.

The Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Program offers a competition for awards for study abroad for students who are receiving federal Pell Grant funding at a two-year or four-year college or university. Award

amounts vary, but can range up to \$5,000. To apply for the on-line Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship, visit the following website: <http://www.iie.org//programs/gilman>.

Funds awarded for scholarships at SRJC are contingent on the availability of revenue from scholarship sources.

Financial Aid

For further information about financial aid, please contact the Santa Rosa Junior College Financial Aid office at (707) 527-4471 or visit their web site at <http://www.santarosa.edu/finaid/>.

UNIT REQUIREMENTS

Students are required to enroll in and complete 6 units of coursework, including Tropical Biodiversity and Conservation and one Spanish language class (SPAN 2, SPAN 3, or SPAN 4)

INFORMATION

For further information about the program, prospective students should contact:

Study Abroad Program
Santa Rosa Junior College
1501 Mendocino Avenue
Santa Rosa, CA 95401
Phone: (707) 527-4441
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Web site: <http://www.santarosa.edu/sa>

The Sonoma County Junior College District is committed to providing equal opportunities for all students, employees and applicants regardless of ethnicity/race, color, sex, age, religion, marital status, sexual orientation, disability, national origin, medical conditions, status as a Vietnam-era veteran, or political or organizational affiliation. The lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admission and participation in the college's vocational education programs. In addition, the district is committed to overcoming sex discrimination and stereotyping in vocational education programs.

Santa Rosa Junior College is an open access college.

Persons with disabilities may call (707) 527-4581 to request this information in an alternate format.



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