

At this time, information and prices are subject to change.



CERAMICS

This arts program will take place primarily in three locations: San Jose, Monteverde, and San Vicente. San Jose is the largest city in Costa Rica where you will learn about its rich culture and history through various museum visits. Monteverde is known as the jungle in the clouds. It is in this lush, tropical environment where you will study ceramics under the instruction of Ishmael Soto. In San Vicente, you will work alongside local artisans, learning the ceramic traditions of their ancestors, the Choretega Indians.

FIRST SUMMER SESSION 2011
June 2—June 25

Take this course as ARTS 2346 Ceramics I, an introduction to basic ceramic processes and techniques through the study of Pre Columbian Art, or as ARTS 2347 Ceramics II, a continuation of ARTS 2346.

-Earn 3 ACC Credits.

-The courses are taught by ACC faculty member Ishmael Soto, and all program participants will be ACC students.

ELIGIBILITY & ACCEPTANCE

-Prerequisite: If a student wishes to take the course as Ceramics II, he/she must complete Ceramics I with a C or higher by the end of the spring 2011 semester.

-Eligibility: Students must be at least 18 years of age or older by the start of the program.

-Acceptance: Programs will be filled on a first-come, first-serve basis. Applicants will be interviewed by program faculty leader Ishmael Soto to determine acceptance. Applications will not be accepted after February 18, 2011.

PROGRAM FEE (subject to change)

\$2500 includes:

- Airport pick-up & drop-off
- Museum entrance fees
- Accommodations
- Most meals
- Weekend excursion to Arenal Volcano and Hot Springs
- Weekend excursion to a Pacific Coast Beach
- Local transportation
- Cloud Forest Guided Tour
- On-site coordinator
- Host facility fees
- General fee
- Contingency Fee
- General Fee


COSTA RICA ITINERARY (subject to change)

- June 2: Depart Austin / Arrive in San Jose, Costa Rica
- June 3: Museum visits
- June 4: Museum visits
- June 5: Depart for Monteverde
- June 6: Class in Monteverde
- June 7: Class in Monteverde
- June 8: Class in Monteverde
- June 9: Class in Monteverde
- June 10: Class in Monteverde
- June 11: Class in Monteverde
- June 12: Class in Monteverde
- June 13: Class in Monteverde
- June 14: Arenal
- June 15: Arenal
- June 16: Artisan workshop
- June 17: Artisan workshop
- June 18: Artisan Workshop
- June 19: San Vicente/depart for Beach
- June 20: Beach
- June 21: Beach
- June 22: Depart to San Vicente firing
- June 23: Depart for San Jose
- June 24: Final day in San Jose
- June 25: Depart for Austin, Texas



COSTA RICA

HIGHLIGHTS



Arenal Volcano and Baldi Hot Springs

Spend three days and two nights in one of Costa Rica's most popular attractions: Arenal. View the magnificent Arenal Volcano, which is still active! Enjoy the warm waters of the Baldi Hot Springs, a great way to relax after traveling. Stay in Cabanas with volcano views.



Beach Excursion

Spend three days and three nights at a beautiful Pacific coast beach surrounded by lush jungle. Relax, soak up some sun, and enjoy your last week in Costa Rica.

SCHOLARSHIPS

\$1,000 ACC Board of Trustees Study Abroad Scholarships

Scholarships are \$1,000 and can be used towards program fees & program-related expenses.

Eligibility:

- have a minimum cumulative G.P.A. of 2.00 by the scholarship application deadline
- have at least 12 hours of ACC college credit classes (excludes Continuing Education and Developmental Education classes) by the start of the study abroad program. At least 5 of the 12 credit hours must be earned in the fall 2010 or spring 2011 semester

Scholarship Application:

Visit www.austincc.edu/intstudy or contact the International Programs Office at (512) 223-7114.

Scholarship Application Deadline:

February 24, 2011

CAB Funding

- Awards are \$250 and will be applied to the program fee.
- Students must fill out an application and give a brief presentation to CAB members.
- Visit www.austincc.edu/intstudy to download information and an application.
- First-come, first-serve until funds are depleted.



HOW TO APPLY

Step 1

Review program information.

Please note the pre-requisite. Students may apply without having met the pre-requisite; however the pre-requisite must be successfully completed (passing grade) by the end of the spring 2011 semester. Failure to complete the pre-requisite will result in removal from the program and loss of monies paid.

Step 2

Make an appointment with an International Programs staff member to discuss the Spanish in Costa Rica program. An International Programs staff member will also advise you on program requirements, cost, scholarships, interviews, and the application process.

To make an appointment call: (512) 223-7114

Step 3

Download a program application from www.austincc.edu/intstudy or email eaoki@austincc.edu. Review the checklist. Call (512) 223-7114 if you have any questions about the application or the checklist.

Step 4

Obtain all required items as indicated on the program application checklist.

Step 5

Submit application & required items to the International Programs Office:

ACC International Programs Office
5930 Middle Fiskville Road
Room 513
Austin, Texas 78752

Step 6

The International Programs Office will contact you regarding your interview with program faculty leader Ishmael Soto.

Step 7

Following your interview, the International Programs Office will contact you regarding the status of your application (accepted or denied).

Step 8

If you are accepted, your program coordinator will maintain contact with you regarding the next step in the application process, program updates, meetings, orientations, etc.

DEADLINES

PROGRAM APPLICATIONS

- Programs will be filled on a first-come, first-serve basis. Applicants will be interviewed.
- Pending interview results and instructor approval, applicants will be notified as to whether they have received a spot on the Costa Rica program.
- Once the maximum number of spaces is filled, the program will be closed. (For any open spaces, applications will not be accepted after February 18, 2011).

PAYMENT

- Payment is due following acceptance:
- \$300 non-refundable deposit—due with application
- 25% of program fee balance—due by February 24, 2011
- 100% of program fee balance—due by March 25, 2011

PROGRAM COORDINATOR

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COSTA RICA

FAQs

Expenses

What does the Program Fee include?

- Homestays in San Vicente
- Hotel in San Jose, Monteverde and on excursions
- Airport pick-up/drop-off
- Most meals (see below for meals not included)
- Local transportation
- Cloud forest guided tour
- Arenal Volcano & Hot Springs excursion
- Beach excursion
- Workshops in San Vicente
- On-site coordinator
- General fee
- Contingency fee

What is the General Fee?

The general fee covers program management costs incurred by the International Programs Office & ACC program faculty leaders.

What's Not Included?

- Roundtrip airfare
- ACC Tuition and Fees
- Dinners in Monteverde & beach excursion lunch/dinner
- Personal expenses

How much should I budget for out-of-pocket meals?

\$75-\$100

How much is airfare?

Average roundtrip airfare is projected at \$750.

What will I pay for tuition and fees?

In-district students will pay approximately \$174.

Out-of-district students will pay approximately \$498. Out-of state & International students will pay approximately \$912.

Group Travel

The International Programs Office will select a flight for group travel. Students wishing to travel independently must notify their program coordinator.

How does group travel work?

The IP Office will work with a travel agency or airline to select a flight for those wishing to travel as a group. Once a flight has been selected, students will be notified. The flight should be booked within 24 hours of notification to avoid changes in fare. Fare is not guaranteed until booking.

Speak with your program coordinator for details on the booking process.

Can I request to be seated with my friend on the group flight?

Typically seats are assigned by the airline upon check-in, although you may contact the airline ahead of time to ask if they can accommodate your seating requests.

Can I use or earn frequent flier miles?

This depends on the policy of the airline.

Are the tickets refundable?

Tickets are non-refundable.

What airline does ACC use?

ACC's priority is booking both a low fare and convenient flight schedule. In the past, we've generally booked flights with American, Continental, Delta, and United. However, we are not limited to these airlines.

Accommodations

In San Vicente, students will stay in the homes of Costa Rican families. The families will provide the students with breakfast, lunch, and dinner.

In Monteverde, San Jose and on excursions, students will share hotel rooms.

Can I choose my roommate?

Yes. Please ask for a roommate request form.



FAQs

Passports and visas

Am I responsible for obtaining my passport?

Yes, students are responsible for obtaining their own passports.

This program's application requires students to submit 2 color copies of their passport.

If the applicant does not have a passport, he/she must submit proof that he/she has applied. (Once the passport is received, the student must submit 2 color copies to the IP Office).

How can I get a passport?

You must fill out a passport application and take it, along with proof of U.S. citizenship, proof of identity, 2 color passport-size photos, and corresponding fees to a passport acceptance facility.

Passport acceptance facilities include most U.S. Post Offices and also the UT Austin International Office: Passport & ID Services.

Find a passport acceptance facility near you:
www.iafdb.travel.state.gov

Visit www.travel.state.gov for a passport application and details.

Do I need a visa for Costa Rica?

U.S. citizens do not need a visa for Costa Rica for stays less than 90 days.

Please contact the International Programs Office if you are not a U.S. citizen. Depending on your nationality, you may need a visa.

Insurance

Do I need to obtain insurance to go abroad?

Yes. Eligible students must purchase a \$22 International Student ID Card (ISIC) or an International Youth Travel Card (IYTC), which provide basic medical coverage while abroad.

ISICs are available for purchase in the ACC International Programs Office. Call (512) 223-7114 or visit www.austincc.edu/intstudy/credit.php for more info.

For students that are not eligible to apply for the ISIC/IYTC: check with your current insurance provider for information on out-of-area/overseas coverage **OR** purchase temporary international insurance, approximately \$30-90 per month. Visit www.austincc.edu/intstudy/trip.php for more info.

Courses

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Are there any prerequisites?

There are no pre-requisites for Ceramics I. If the student wishes to take the course as Ceramics II, he/she must complete Ceramics I.

Students may apply without having met the pre-requisite; however the pre-requisite must be successfully completed (passing grade) by the end of the spring 2011 semester. Failure to complete the pre-requisite will result in removal from the program and loss of monies paid.

How many college credits can I earn?

3 ACC credits

When do I register for the courses?

The International Programs Office will register students for the course on May 2. Tuition and fees must be paid by May 6.

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FAQs

Cell Phones

Cell phones are not a requirement of this program.

Cell phones can be rented for about \$8 per day plus the cost of outgoing international calls. Local outgoing calls and incoming calls are free.

www.costaricacellularconnection.com

Will my U.S. cell phone work in Costa Rica?

Check with your service provider. International rates and roaming charges may apply.

Payment

A \$300 non-refundable deposit is due with the application. (Deposit will be refunded only if student is not accepted into a program.) The program fee is due following acceptance into the program.

Are payment plans or payments in installments possible?

\$300 non-refundable deposit—due with application
25% of program fee balance—due by February 24, 2011
100% of program fee balance—due by March 25, 2011

Refund Policy

\$300 program deposit is non-refundable, unless a student is not accepted into the program.

If a student withdraws on or prior to March 21, 50% of monies paid (less deposit and scholarships) will be refunded.

If a student withdraws on or after March 22, no monies will be refunded.

ACC Board of Trustees Study Abroad Scholarship

The scholarship is for the amount of \$1,000.

Withdrawal or Involuntary Drops

If a student withdraws from or is released from the program at any time, or fails the study abroad course, the stu-

dent must return the full amount of the scholarship to ACC. If the student fails to do so, disciplinary action will follow, and the student will be billed \$1,000.

Program Acceptance Policy

Prior to applying for a program, a student must make an appointment with an International Programs Staff member to discuss program requirements, cost, scholarships, interviews, and the application process.

Applicants will be interviewed by Ishmael Soto. The International Programs Office will contact the student to arrange an interview with Professor Soto.

Following the interview, the applicant will be notified by the International Program Office as to whether or not he/she has been accepted.

Program and Scholarship Applications

Applications can be downloaded at www.austincc.edu/intstudy or picked up at:
ACC International Programs Office
Highland Business Center #513
5930 Middle Fiskville Road,
Austin, Texas 78752

Contact

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