



## APPLICATION PROCEDURES

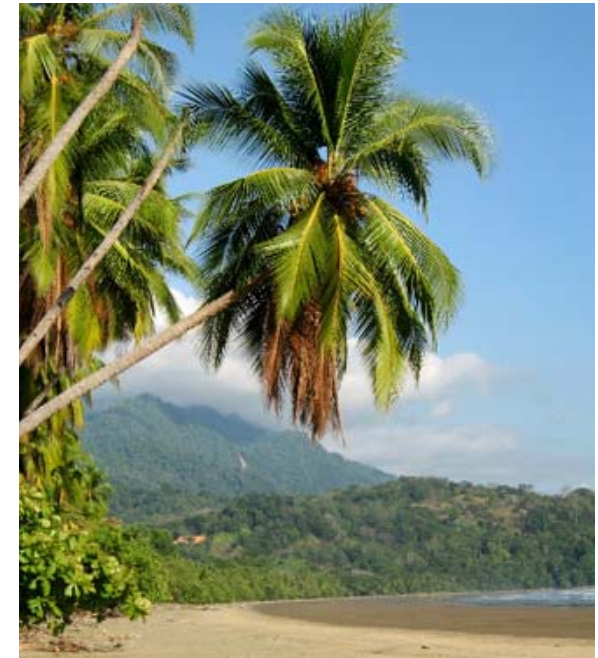
The K-State Study  
Abroad application,  
payment information,  
and other materials can  
be found on the web at:  
[www.ksu.edu/studyabroad](http://www.ksu.edu/studyabroad)

Application Due  
December 3, 2008



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Summer 2009

## *COSTA RICA*

Office of International Programs

Study Abroad Program

## PROGRAM

This program is a 16-day intensive Animal Science study tour, which will focus on Costa Rican animal and agricultural crop production. There will be class meetings prior to the trip to acquaint students with the country, its production, and culture. The course will be conducted with cooperation from the Institute of Technology of Costa Rica (ITCR) in San Carlos, Costa Rica. The program will include a stay at ITCR and tours to animal, crop production, and biological station facilities in several regions. Costa Rican culture and the impact of agriculture in Costa Rica will also be studied.

## FACULTY LEADER

Professor Unruh's current responsibilities include teaching undergraduate and graduate student courses in meat science courses. His research interests integrate live animal production and management, carcass composition and quality, and sensory evaluation of meat. Dr. Unruh has always had a special interest in international agriculture and has worked with several student and producer groups from Mexico and Costa Rica. Dr. Unruh served as a technical advisor for the Costa Rican Cattlemen's Association to develop a beef classification.

Dr. Cathie Lavis brings her students a diverse background that combines years of industry experience with theoretical knowledge. Dr. Lavis received her B.S. in Agronomy from Oklahoma State University in 1986, her M.S. in Ornamental Horticulture from K-State University in 1993 and her Ph.D., also in Agronomy, from K-State in 2005. Her aspiration to create opportunities for study abroad stems from her passion for working with undergraduate students in the classroom.

## DATES

Begins May 18, 2009  
Ends June 2, 2009

## CREDIT

Three hours of undergraduate credit for GENAG 505: Agriculture in Costa Rica Study Tour

## ELIGIBILITY

Students will have a minimum GPA of 2.5 and instructor permission

## ACADEMIC PROGRAM

Students will acquire direct exposure to tropical agriculture production systems in Costa Rica while on this study tour. It is an opportunity to increase awareness of the challenges and opportunities involved in international agriculture production. Students will compare agriculture production systems of the U.S. and Costa Rica and develop an appreciation for world diversity, ecosystems, and Costa Rican culture. Students will participate in pre-class sessions (Spring 2009), give group presentations, write reports, keep a daily journal during travel, and create a Power Point presentation.

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Visit a Highland Dairy Farm, Lowland Dairy Farm, and Beef and Cattle Farm
- Tour a coffee plantation, banana plantation, pineapple plantation
- Visit Costa Rica's Cattlemen's Association and CATIE (Tropical Agriculture Station)
- Tour a cheese factory/hog/beef cattle cooperative and a family farm cooperative (dairy, cheese, tilapia)
- Visit the Poas and Arenal Volcanoes and Baldi Hot Springs
- Tour ITCR's Ecotech (Crocodile and Butterfly Gardens)
- Tour ITCR Meat and Dairy Labs
- Visit cathedral ruins in Cartago, Sarchi, and Turrialba

## COST

**Program Fees:** \$3,000 (includes accommodations, international airfare, in-country transportation, admission to cultural sites, study abroad fee, ITCR fees, group meals and international medical insurance)

**Tuition and Fees:** Estimated tuition and fees for one 3-credit undergraduate course. Division of Continuing Education (DCE) Fee: \$21.50

**Anticipated Additional Expenses:** Individual meals and personal expenses

### Payment Options

- Check** (checks should be made out to Kansas State University. If you submit a check, please be sure the following information is listed on the check: student name, program name, location, name of instructor who is teaching the course, and K-State student ID number)
- Credit Card** (A 2.9% credit card service fee will be added to all payments made with a credit card)

### Cash

**Payment for program fees should be made to:**

Mishelle Hay  
Animal Science and Industry  
134 Weber Hall  
532-1262  
mhay@ksu.edu

K-State tuition and DCE fee will be billed to student ISIS accounts.

### Payment Schedule for Program Fees:

\$750 with study abroad application due  
December 3, 2008

\$750 due January 23, 2009

\$750 due March 6, 2009

\$750 due April 17, 2009