

## **Information Sheet for Costa Rica Study Tour 2010**

**Courses:** (Graduate students) ECO 6958: International Economics Field Experience: 3 Credits  
(Undergrad students) ECO 4955: Field Study in International Economics: 3 Credits

**Course Term:** Summer Semester 2010 (Term 1)

**Meeting Dates:** Saturday, April 10 and May 1, from 11:00am – 12:30pm on the Davie Campus

**Travel Dates:** Friday, May 7 – Friday, May 14, 2010

**Trip and Course Directors:** Dr. Rupert Rhodd and Dr. Eric P. Chiang

**Pre-requisites:** Sophomore standing (30 completed credits by the end of Spring semester 2010)

**Cost:** \$1,698 (this does not include FAU tuition costs). Cost includes airfare, hotel accommodations (double occupancy), ground transfers, guided tours, ISIC card, daily breakfast, and 2 group meals.

**Course Requirements:** While you will register for a Summer course, there is NO formal class.

- Two pre-trip meetings (Apr 10 and May 1)
- One pre-trip assignment (5 pages undergrad/8 pages grad)
- Trip Attendance
- Post-trip paper (15 pages undergrad/25 pages grad)

**Course Description:** This course in international economics and business will allow students:

- to study the organizational framework related to resource allocation in Costa Rica, the role of the international economy through trade, finance, and multinational corporations, and cultural differences in business practices in Costa Rica.
- to gain a better understanding of how exchange rate markets operate, how business practices differ in developing countries, and the importance of international capital and labor flows, trade and comparative advantage to economic development.
- to learn via lectures from educators and practitioners, tours of multinational corporations and local firms, and visits to cultural sights and attractions.

### **Tentative Trip Itinerary:**

Friday, May 7: Departure from Fort Lauderdale to San Jose; transfer to Volcan Lodge

Saturday, May 8: Morning hike to Volcano Arenal; agricultural tour; visit to hot springs; dinner

Sunday, May 9: Café Britt Coffee Plantation, Lunch, Transfer to San Jose; check-in to Crowne Plaza

Monday, May 10: Company Visits

Tuesday, May 11: Company Visits

Wednesday, May 12: Visit to US Embassy and CINDE, and City Tour

Thursday, May 13: Morning Company Visit; Afternoon Free Time (eco-tourism, adventure sports)

Friday, May 14: Morning Free Time; Afternoon Departure to Fort Lauderdale

(note: the group return date is Friday, May 14; however, you may extend the trip at your own expense)

**How to Apply:** To sign up for this tour, submit the completed application packet along with a non-refundable deposit of \$200.00 (payable to Florida Atlantic University) to either course director or to the main Economics office in KH 137. Applications and deposits will be accepted on a first-come first-serve basis for qualified students. The balance of \$1,498 is due March 1, 2010 (FAU reserves the right to adjust prices if needed). You must have a valid passport by the travel date. Applications can be downloaded at: [www.ProfessorChiang.com](http://www.ProfessorChiang.com), under the 'Courses' link.

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