



Pending final approval. Details subject to change.



Costa Rica

Dates: May 12 – July 14, 2012

Cost: \$5,122 + Discounted Tuition
(\$304 per unit – See Program Costs for Complete Information)

APU's Department of Modern
Languages & Whitworth University
Costa Rica Center

Director: Marcela Rojas, Ph.D.

Courses Offered

- SPAN 201/202 (3 units each):** Intermediate Spanish 1 & 2
- SPAN 250 (3 units):** Intermediate Conversation and Writing Abroad
- SPAN 310 (3 units):** Advanced Language-Study Practicum
- SPAN 320 (3 units):** Advanced Spanish Composition
- SPAN 312 (3 units):** Latin American Civilization
- SPAN 422 (3 units):** Survey of Latin American Literature

Program Description

Costa Rica is a democratic and peaceful country, and it has not had an army since the year 1949. Although the country is small and it covers only 0.03 % of the surface of the globe, it proudly shelters a 6% of the existing biodiversity in the entire world. 25.58 % of the country is composed of conservation and natural protected territory. In 2011 was highlighted by UNDP for being a good performer on environmental sustainability, and better record on human development and inequality than the median of their region. It was also the only country to meet all five criteria established to measure environmental sustainability. The country is ranked fifth in the world, and first among the Americas, in terms of the 2012 Environmental Performance Index. (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Costa_Rica)

Offering an innovative cross-cultural studies curriculum, Whitworth University's Costa Rica Center sits on a 27-acre property in the hills above Costa Rica's central valley. Just to the north of the property is Costa Rica's renowned Braulio Carrillo National Park, with dense virgin cloudforest that is home to more than 650 bird and mammal species as well as the 9,534-foot inactive Barva Volcano. And a short bus ride to the southwest is the city of Heredia, with a population of about 110,000, the main campus of Costa Rica's largest university, and abundant opportunities for family home stays, service-learning and cultural activities. (<http://www.whitworth.edu/Academic/Department/OffCampusStudies/Programs/Semester/CostaRica.htm>)

Students are housed with families from the Christian community in order to provide a genuine immersion experience. If desired, students have the opportunity to interact and practice their language proficiency in opportunities centered around their own area of interest (missions, ministry, healthcare, etc.). Students may take up to four classes that can be credited toward the General Studies language requirement, Spanish minor or major. For additional information, contact the Department of Modern Languages at (626) 815-6000 Ext. 3770

Costs: Fill in the units you are registering for below to see your complete program costs.

Items Charged to Your Student Account	
\$5022	Program Costs
\$100	APU International Health Insurance
\$	Tuition (\$304 x _____ units registered for)
\$	Program TOTAL COST
<p>* Making a Payment: In order for your payment to be applied to your study abroad program All payments must be sent, called in or turned in to the CGLE/Study Abroad office and NOT made on-line nor to the cashier. Credit card, cash, and check payments are permitted. All checks should be made payable to "APU" and include on the memo line: your APU ID#, Study Abroad Program Name & Term.</p>	

Included
Room, most meals, intern. medical insurance, some excursions, weekly transportation stipend, & flight
NOT Included
Traveler's insurance, approx. 3 meals per week, pers. expenses, airport drop-off & p/u in U.S., souvenirs, etc.
<p>Notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Deposits are non-refundable. (unless denied acceptance) •All costs are estimated, based on current exchange rates, a minimum enrollment number and subject to change at any time. •Additional APU Fees: \$125 for independent study courses & Other (Check the APU website for any additional fees for applicable courses).

Mandatory Due Dates & Meetings	
April 11	Application Due Date
TBD	Acceptance Meeting
4/18 or 4/19	CGLE Pre-Departure Meeting
TBD	Orientation Meeting(s)
n/a	Pre-Trip Class Sessions (Required)*

Payment Due Dates		
DUE: April 11	\$300	Non-Refundable Deposit Due Date
DUE: April 23	\$1000	Payment #1
DUE: May 7	Varies	Final Payment

*NOTE: Students are responsible to entirely take care of their housing for these dates.

Applying to the Program

Submit a Program Application to the CGLE/Study Abroad Office. All needed forms to include in your application are listed on the application Cover Page. Applicant status notifications are sent to all applicants 2-3 weeks after the application due date listed above.

Passport Information

If you need to apply for a passport, you must begin the process now as we cannot purchase your airline ticket until we have your official passport copy name. The Glendora Post Office is the nearest passport processing facility to APU. Located at 255 S Glendora Ave, Glendora 91741. Visit the following links for all of your passport questions: http://travel.state.gov/passport/get/first/first_830.html & <http://www.apu.edu/studyabroad/resources/passport/>

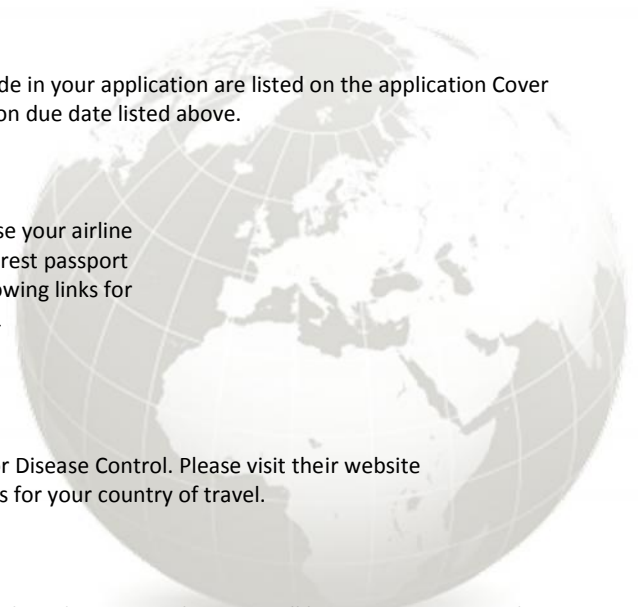
Health Information

APU requires all students to follow the U.S. Health requirements as given by the Center for Disease Control. Please visit their website <http://wwwn.cdc.gov/travel> to find all immunization requirements and recommendations for your country of travel.

APU Discipline Clearances & Acceptance Process

In order to create and maintain a safe and God-honoring environment for all of our study abroad programs the CGLE will be requesting a complete "discipline clearance" for each applicant from: Academic Advising (clearance from academic probation), Residence Life, Student Life, Communiversity, and any other relevant department (at the discretion of the CGLE). Applicants are not officially accepted to the program without this clearance. APU reserves the right to deny a student based on their discipline history at APU. If a student discipline issue occurs after acceptance, the student may be cancelled from the program and will lose any non-refundable monies or pre-payments made on the student's behalf. If there are any questions regarding this process, please contact the CGLE.

To Turn in ALL Applications, Forms & Payments Contact	For All Program Questions Contact
<p>Center for Global Learning & Engagement APU Study Abroad 701 E. Foothill Blvd. • PO Box 7000 Azusa, CA 91702 OFFICE (626)857-2440 • FAX (626)857-2444 studyabroad@apu.edu • www.apu.edu/studyabroad</p>	<p>Faculty Information Dr. Marcela Rojas, Ph.D. mrojas@apu.edu</p>



Date of Application: _____ Semester/Term applying for: _____

Personal Information:

Legal Name: _____ APU ID #: _____

Cell Phone (_____) _____ Other Phone (_____) _____

APU Box #: _____ APU Email Address: _____ Gender:(circle) M F

Educational Information

Academic Status: Freshman (0-27) Sophomore (28-59) Junior (60-89) Senior (90+)

Academic Major(s): _____ Minor(s): _____ Cum GPA _____
(2.5 GPA minimum is required)

References

1. Give Instructor (Name & Department) available for a possible verbal reference: _____

Questions for applicant to answer on separate pages & submit with application:

1. Why are you interested in studying in this location?
2. How does a study abroad education experience fit into your academic/career goals?
3. How will studying in this location influence your involvement in service and ministry opportunities?
4. What cross-cultural or personal experiences have helped to prepare you for studying in a challenging, new environment?
5. What are your top 5 Strengths? (from the *StrengthsFinder*) Pick one and describe how you envision it being used if chosen to be a part of this Study Abroad Program.

ALL Materials To Be Attached With Your Application:

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|---------------------------|---|
| Question Responses | Study Abroad Student Agreements Form (with all needed signatures) |
| Unofficial Transcripts | Off-Campus Registration Form |
| Copy of Passport | Non-Refundable Application Fee \$300 <small>(check made to APU)</small> |
| International Waiver Form | |

Application Deadline: Wednesday, April 11, 2012

Applicant's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

By signing this application form you are confirming that all information provided is true to your knowledge.

SEND ALL APPLICATION FORMS TO:

APU Center for Global Learning & Engagement (CGLE)/Study Abroad Office
Azusa Pacific University, 701 East Foothill Blvd., PO Box 7000, Azusa, CA 91702-7000
If you have questions, please contact us at (626) 857-2440 or studyabroad@apu.edu

Name: _____ APU ID#: _____
 APU International Program: _____ Semester/Term: _____

1. Policy Agreement: By signing below you are stating that you have thoroughly read each policy and are in agreement to follow each policy. All undergraduate students need to fill in the necessary information in section D.

Student Signature: _____ (Signature Needed for Graduate & Undergraduate students)

A. Student Standards of Conduct Policy

Due to the unique nature of the study abroad experience, all persons participating in an Azusa Pacific University administered or endorsed Travel-Study Program shall be subject to the "Standards of Conduct" policy appearing in the APU Undergraduate Student Handbook, APU Graduate Catalog, or any similar Standards set by the particular program. In the case of conflicting standards, the more stringent standard applies. Because of the possibility of serious effects on group safety and coherence, on-field staff will deal with violations immediately and has discretion in imposing sanctions after investigating and holding a formal or informal hearing. The opportunity for appeal is limited by the nature of the study abroad experience. In addition to those listed in the Student Handbook, sanctions for violation of the Standards of Conduct while studying abroad include immediate expulsion from the program and the immediate return home of the participant, at the expense of the student participant. Additional sanctions may be imposed upon the student's return to campus.

B. Student Disability and Healthcare Abroad

The Center for Global Learning & Engagement (CGLE), Azusa Pacific University, is committed to assisting all students in selecting study abroad opportunities that meet their needs, including students with disabilities. Many towns, communities, and institutions abroad are not equipped with wheelchair access or easily accessible for hearing or vision impairments. Further, some trips require activities that may be strenuous for some participants, including long climbs or hikes. The center will seek to advise students to appropriate study abroad programs for any disability needs. Students in this course/program who have a disability that might prevent them from fully demonstrating their abilities should meet with an advisor in the APU Learning Enrichment Center as soon as possible to initiate disability verification and discuss accommodations that may be necessary to ensure full participation in the successful completion of course/program requirements. Program directors and the CGLE will do as much as possible to ensure the overall safety of study abroad participants. However, specific or special needs should be researched by the individual participant. The CGLE can assist students with medication translation, healthcare facilities in nearby areas abroad, personal emergency planning, copies of important medical or travel documents (copies of passports, prescriptions, health insurance policies, etc.). If a student participant has been treated for depression, anxiety, eating disorders, or anything else that can be classified as a mental health condition, students should obtain appropriate insurance coverage for treatment abroad, separate from the global medical insurance provided from Azusa Pacific University. For more information, please contact the CGLE.

C. General Agreements

- I will allow APU to use the photo from my student account and/or photos taken during the extent of my study abroad program for forms, marketing materials and recruitment.
- I will allow APU to share contact/directory information with other APU staff, faculty, and students working/participating in my study abroad program.

D. (ALL Undergraduate Students Only) Undergraduate Academic Level Policy:

Major/Program: _____ Expected Graduation Term (i.e. December 2055): _____

Current Academic Level: Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior

Expected Units Completed Immediately Prior to Your Study Abroad Term: _____

APU Policy: (from APU UG Catalog) **"Seniors are not allowed to Study Abroad their last semester."**

Any student originally intending to study abroad their final semester must request APU's General Petition Form from the Registrar's Office and submit the completed form to the Registrar.

2. Undergraduate Financial Responsibilities: (ALL Undergraduate Students Only) All students intending to study abroad need to meet with a Student Financial Services Study Abroad Counselor to write in the correct information and sign below indicating that you are fully aware of all financial costs and due dates for your program. Call 626.812.3009 for SFS office hours.

Financial Costs	
Total Program Costs:	
Estimated Financial Aid:	
Estimated Credit on Account:	
Balance Due:	
Notes:	

Financial Due Dates	
Date:	Amount Due:
Date:	Amount Due:
Date:	Amount Due:
Date:	Amount Due:
Date:	Amount Due:

Date: _____ **SFS Signature:** _____ **Student Signature:** _____

Statement of Responsibility, Release & Authorization to Participate in an Azusa Pacific University International Studies Program.

I, _____ (name), am a student or "Visiting Student" at Azusa Pacific University ("the University"). I have agreed to participate in _____ (program), a study abroad sponsored or endorsed by the University, in collaboration with international host organization(s) _____ (name of organization, if any), in _____ (country). I understand and hereby acknowledge that my participation in the Program is wholly voluntary. In consideration of being allowed to participate in the Program, I hereby agree as follows:

1. Comprehensive Health & Accident Insurance: I hereby represent and warrant that I am and will be covered throughout the program by a policy of comprehensive health and accident insurance through HTH Worldwide Insurance, which provides coverage for injuries and illnesses I sustain or experience overseas, and, more specifically, in the country in which I will be living and/or traveling while on the program. By my signature below, I certify that my health insurance policy will adequately cover me while outside the United States and, I absolve the University of all responsibility and liability for any injuries (including death), illnesses, claims damages, charges, bills and/or expenses I may incur while I am abroad. I agree to report to the University any physical or mental condition I have which may require special medical attention or accommodation during the Program at least thirty (30) days prior to departure.

Special Addendum for Exceptional Program: I, _____ (initial), understand that my insurance coverage for _____ (program) in _____ (country) is provided for this activity by HTH Worldwide Insurance.

2. Right to Make Changes: I understand that the University reserves the right to make changes to the Program itinerary at any time and for any reason, with or without notice, and the University shall not be liable for any loss whatsoever to me by reason of any such cancellation or change. The University is not responsible for penalties assessed by air carriers that may result due to operational and/or itinerary changes, regardless of whether the University makes a flight arrangement. Any additional expense resulting from the above will be paid by me. The University reserves the right to substitute hotels or accommodations or housing of a similar category at any time. Specific room and housing assignments are within the sole discretion of the University.

3. Responsibility or Liability: I understand and acknowledge that the University assumes no responsibility or liability, in whole or in part, for any delays, delayed or changed departure or arrival times, fare changes, dishonors of hotel, airline or vehicle rental reservations, missed carrier connections, sickness, disease, injuries (including death), losses, damages, weather, strikes, acts of God, circumstances beyond the control of the University, force majeure, war, quarantine, civil unrest, public health risks, criminal activity, terrorism, expense, accident, injuries, damage to property, bankruptcies of airlines or other service providers, inconveniences, cessation of operations, mechanical defects, failure or negligence of any nature howsoever caused in connection with any accommodations, restaurant, transportation, or other service or for any substitution of hotels or of common carriers beyond the University's control, with or without notice, or for any additional expense occasioned by any of the foregoing. If due to weather, flight schedules or other uncontrollable factors I am required to spend additional nights, the University will not be responsible for my hotel, transfer meal costs or other expenses. My baggage and personal property are transported at my risk entirely. The right is reserved by the University, in its sole discretion, to cancel the Program or any aspect thereof prior to departure; and, in the University's sole discretion to cancel the Program or any aspect thereof after departure, requiring that all participants return to the United States if the University determines or believes that any person is or will be in danger if the Program or any aspect thereof is continued.

4. Right to Decline, to Accept or Retain Me: The University reserves the right to decline to accept or retain me in the Program at any time should my actions or general behavior impede the operation of the Program or the rights or welfare of any person. Similarly, if my conduct violates any policy or procedure of the University, or any provision of _____ (program &/or international host organization), which I hereby agree shall apply to my conduct while I am abroad, I understand that I may be required to leave the Program in the sole discretion of the University's employees, agents and representatives and I may be referred to the appropriate Azusa Pacific University officials for further disciplinary action. I understand and hereby acknowledge that institution(s) I attend or in whose facilities I reside or learn in connection with the Program, if I violate either or both institution's rules, policies or student conduct codes. I hereby consent to the

jurisdiction of all such institutions (including Azusa Pacific University), to discipline me, separately or cumulatively, for any instance(s) of misconduct which occur(s) during the Program or during my time abroad. I agree not to challenge in any forum or proceeding the authority or jurisdiction of Azusa Pacific University to discipline me at any time for my misconduct abroad, during or in connection with the Program or any travel related thereto.

5. Consular Information: I understand and hereby acknowledge that I have received and reviewed the U.S. State Department Consular Information concerning travel to, in and around _____ (country); that I am aware of and understand the risks and dangers of travel to, in and around _____ (country), including but not limited to the dangers to my own health and personal safety posed by terrorism, crime, civil unrest and violence. I hereby assume, knowingly and voluntarily, each of these risks and all of the other risks which could arise out of or occur during my travel to, from, in or around _____ (country).

6. Field Trips and Elective Travel: I may elect to participate in field trips and/or personal travel during the Program, including but not limited to a trip to _____ (country). I hereby represent and warrant that my participation in these activities is not required by the University and is wholly voluntary. I understand and hereby acknowledge that I may face an increased risk or injury or death due to civil unrest, violence, terrorism, crime or political instability by traveling to or in _____ (country). I hereby assume, knowingly and voluntarily, each of these risks and all of the other risks which could arise out of or occur during my travel to, from, in or around _____ (country).

7. Laws and Customs of the Host Country: I agree to respect and adhere to the laws and customs of the host country or countries and understand that the intentional violation or disrespect for those laws and customs may result in my dismissal from the Program. Further, I acknowledge that the violation of such laws and customs may have legal ramifications with consequences beyond the control of the University's representatives and the U.S. government.

8. Authorization for Health and Medical Treatment: I, _____ (name), do hereby authorize _____ and/or _____ the Program director/leader, hereafter "the Agent," to consent to any x-ray, examination, anesthetic, medical or surgical diagnosis, or treatment and hospital care or service, which is deemed advisable and is rendered under the general or specific supervision of any licensed physician and surgeon, or the medical staff of a licensed hospital, whether such diagnosis or treatment is rendered at the office of said physician or at said hospital. It is understood that this authorization is given in advance of any specific diagnosis, treatment, or hospital care being rendered, but is given to provide authority and power on the part of the Agent in the event of my disability to give specific consent to any and all such diagnosis, treatment, or hospital care which the above mentioned physician, in the exercise of his/her best judgment, may deem advisable. I hereby authorize the medical facility, which has provided treatment to me to surrender my physical custody to the Agent upon completion of treatment.

9. Security & Safety: I recognize that in case of political unrest, an official representative of the University will take measures the University deems appropriate for the protection of Program participants. I understand that the University and its official representatives assume no responsibility for damage to or loss of property, injury or death arising out of political unrest.

I hereby acknowledge that I have read, understand and will abide by each of the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

Name (Printed): _____

Signature: _____

Dated: _____

Witness Name*(Printed): _____

Witnessed by: _____

Dated: _____

*Signatures can be witnessed by anyone. Does not need to be CGLE Staff
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Student: Please complete the following information.

Name _____ APU ID# _____ - _____ - _____ (or Social Security no.)
 APU Living Area/Room _____ APU contact phone (_____) _____ APU box # _____
 Permanent address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____ APU
 Email _____ (Mandatory to receive Pre-registration info) Major/Minor _____
 Year in school _____ Study Abroad Term _____ Country _____ Program dates _____

PROGRAM NAME:					Office Use Only		
Study Abroad Course ID	Units	Course Title	APU Equivalent	Applies Towards (major, minor, general studies, elective)	TIF Approved	Pre-Approved	Program Fee
Total Units							

Academic Advising Approval

I have discussed courses this student will take abroad and courses when they return to APU.

Academic Advisor Signature Date

Registrar Approval

Make sure to have all prerequisites complete.

Signature of Registrar Representative Date

Please read the following:

- If you have questions about possible financial aid please contact the study abroad financial aid counselor in Student Financial Services. If you are a Faculty Staff Benefit recipient please check here. Name of Faculty/Staff Member _____
- By signing this form, you understand that your campus housing assignment or contract will be terminated for any upcoming semesters. It is your responsibility to checkout of housing properly by the posted checkout deadline and/or notify Housing Services if you decide not to study abroad.

STUDENT SIGNATURE: _____ **Date:** _____

Please send completed form to:

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Approval of Study Abroad Representative Date

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Class Changes (Office Use Only)								
	Date	Study Abroad Course ID	Units	Course Title	APU Equivalent	Applies Toward (major, minor, general studies, elective)	TIF Approved	Pre-Approved
ADD DROP								
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Student is registered in _____ units for the _____ semester/session Date _____ Initials _____

Section Code _____ SG _____ TT _____