COD/ICISP Summer Study Abroad in Costa Rica
May 24-June 24, 2023

This four-week Spanish language and cultural immersion was established 1993 and runs every summer.

ICISP = Illinois Consortium for International Studies and Programs represents community colleges around the mid-west and provides study abroad opportunities for all students through program-sharing and partnerships.
Costa Rica: “Pura Vida”

- Pristine rainforests
- Abundant biodiversity
- Rich culture and history
Study at the Costa Rican Language Academy (CRLA)

COURSES

Spanish Language (placement in one)
- Beginning I or II (4 credits)
- Intermediate I or II (4 credits)
- Conversation and Composition I or II (3 credits)
- Heritage Speaker I or II (3 credits)
- 4-hour classes, M-TH

Small class size: 6-8 students per class. Quality instruction with experienced and friendly staff.

and

Civilization and Culture of Costa Rica
Taught experientially through group excursions, museum visits, on-location lectures and docent tours. (3 credits)
Homestays

- 2 students per family
- Breakfast, dinner and laundry included
- Authentic language and culture immersion
- Experience daily life in Costa Rica
- Bus or walk to CRLA (1.5+ miles)
The Cultural Excursions:
Manuel Antonio National Park
History & Tradition

- Heredia
- Carretas
La Paz Waterfall Gardens
Arenal Volcano and Hot Springs
Fee: $3,970 (includes new ICISP instructional fee)

- Airfare from Chicago
- Room & Board with Breakfast, Dinner, Laundry
- Classes & Materials
- Cultural Excursions
- 24 Hour Support from 3 faculty/directors

New Orientation: One Day ONLY!
at COD: May 20 (9am-1pm)
Director

Sibyl Gallus-Price - Gallus-prices@cod.edu

Sibyl Gallus-Price is COD adjunct Spanish faculty. She holds an M.A. in Hispanic Languages and Literature from Stony Brook University and is currently a Ph.D. candidate in English at UIC with a concentration in Latin American and American literature. Sibyl was the COD Outstanding Adjunct Faculty awardee in 2022.

Logistical Assistant - TBD (COD faculty or employee)

ICISP Assistant Faculty Director

Dr. Maureen Gray - Elgin Community College Instructor of Psychology (mgray@elgin.edu)

COD Staff

Lynn Dudzik – Registration/Payments/Billing (duzik@cod.edu)
Sue Kerby – ICISP Rep/Applications/Paperwork (kerbys@cod.edu)
Maren McKellin – Manager of Field Studies/Study Abroad
Robyn Schiffman – Dean of Languages
Enrollment Process

Student completes the COD Study Abroad application

- Transcript (unofficial is accepted)
- One Letter of Reference
- Housing form
- Essay – Statement of Purpose
- Third Party Billing Agreement (ICISP students only.)

https://cod.edu/academics/academic_opportunities/field/studyabroad/forms.aspx

COD students submit application to fssa@cod.edu

ICISP student submit application to their ICISP rep for approval/signature. Rep emails it to fssa@cod.edu COD invoices ICISP institutions. ICISP students do not pay COD directly.

Application deadline: FEB 15, 2023 (Late applications accepted, space permitting)
QUESTIONS?