

2016 - 2017

THE NEW SCHOOL

**LANG**



# FIRST YEAR IMMERSION: COSTA RICA

First Year Immersion: Costa Rica is a cutting-edge program for first-year Lang students. The program allows you to gain a deep understanding of Central American social and environmental issues with a group of dedicated students and professors.

Learn about economic development, politics, the environment, sustainable development, the rights of women, education, and human rights in the Central American context. Take courses and gain hands-on experience with students from Lang and other universities across the U.S.

**Be challenged.**

**Interact with people,  
places, and ideas.**

**Discover new ways of  
thinking about justice  
and sustainability.**

**IF YOU WANT TO  
BECOME FLUENT IN  
ANOTHER LANGUAGE,  
AND CULTURALLY  
INFORMED, THIS IS THE  
PROGRAM FOR YOU. IT  
PROVIDES YOU WITH  
QUALITY ACADEMIC  
STRUCTURE AND  
SUPPORT, AND  
NUMEROUS, EYE-  
OPENING HANDS-ON  
EXPERIENCES.**

# PROGRAM FEATURES

## HIGHLIGHTS

- 8 MONTHS LIVING AND STUDYING IN COSTA RICA
- 8 MONTHS LIVING WITH COSTA RICAN FAMILY
- INTERDISCIPLINARY CURRICULUM
- 10 WEEKS OF INTENSIVE SPANISH
- FIELD EXPERIENCE
- INDEPENDENT RESEARCH
- 8-WEEK INTERNSHIP
- EARN 30 ACADEMIC CREDITS

## DATES

ARRIVAL DATE:  
AUG 28

ORIENTATION:  
AUG 29 – SEPT 1

FALL SEMESTER:  
SEPTEMBER 5 – DECEMBER 16

\* students are encouraged to remain in Costa Rica over the holiday break (Dec. 17-Jan. 3)

INTER-TERM:  
JANUARY 4 – JANUARY 27

SPRING SEMESTER:  
FEBRUARY 1 – MAY 6



## COSTS

The FYI program carries a program fee equal to the cost of tuition at The New School. For First Year Immersion: Costa Rica participants, tuition includes room and board, some group meals, on-site orientation, cultural activities, and student support services throughout the duration of the program.

Tuition: \$21,780 per term (\$43,560 full academic year)

Included:

- Cost of all instruction (30 credits)
- 8 week Internship
- All program-related site visits and excursions
- Homestay + 2 meals per day (Monday - Friday); 3 meals (Saturday - Sunday)
- \*All meals during extended program trips are covered by the program.
- laundry

## FINANCIAL AID

*All financial aid (e.g. grants, scholarships and student loans) is eligible for the program.*

## APPLICATION DEADLINE

# JUNE 17, 2016



## EXPENSES NOT COVERED BY TUITION:

AIRFARE: \$600 - \$1200

IMMUNIZATIONS: VARIES

BOOKS & SUPPLIES: \$125

INTERNATIONAL PHONE: CHECK WITH YOUR PROVIDER

DISCRETIONARY EXPENSES: \$200 - \$400 PER MONTH (DEPENDS ON INDIVIDUAL STUDENT)

INCOUNTRY TRANSPORTATION (BUSES, TAXIS, ETC): \$40 PER MONTH



# COST COMPARISON

KEEP  
EVOLVING,  
KEEP  
THINKING,  
KEEP  
PUSHING  
YOURSELF.

## COST OF THE NEW SCHOOL

1. New School Tuition:	\$43560
2. University Service Fee:	\$260
3. Student Senate Fee:	\$16
4. Room (Double):	\$17330 +\$350 deposit
5. Board (Fixed Meal Plan):	\$1800
6. Health Insurance:	\$2999
7. Health Services:	\$704
8. Airfare:	N/A
9. Books and Supplies:	\$250
10. Personal Travel:	\$600
11. Daily Transport:	\$116/month
12. Passport and Visa:	N/A
13. Personal Expenses:	N/A
14. Miscellaneous:	\$1500

## ESTIMATED COST OF FYI PROGRAM

1. FYI Program Tuition:	\$43560
2. University Service Fee:	\$260
3. Student Senate Fee:	N/A
4. Room:	N/A
5. Board:	N/A
6. Health Insurance:	\$1500
7. Health Services:	N/A
8. Airfare:	\$600 - \$1200
9. Books and Supplies:	\$125
10. Personal Travel:	\$400
11. Daily Transport:	\$300
12. Passport and Visa:	\$200
13. Personal Expenses:	\$200
14. Miscellaneous:	\$500

TOTAL ESTIMATED COST : \$70,433

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## HOMESTAYS

FYI Fellows live with local Costa Rican families throughout the program. Current and past students report the homestays are one of the best parts of their experience. Students develop close relationships with the families, who are attentive to their safety and help them increase their cultural understanding.

The homestay is an integral part of the program that facilitates language learning and active participation in the culture and society of Costa Rica.

Host families have many years of experience hosting students, and they are ready to adopt you into Tico life! By being open to them and life at your Tica home, you will gain immeasurable insight into the Costa Rican reality.

Host families provide private rooms, breakfast, dinner, and laundry service. Family placements are supervised by a housing coordinator who makes every effort to match the needs of each student with the reality of the host family.



# ACADEMICS

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## LANG SEMINAR COURSE

Runs the full academic year (late August to mid-May; the Lang professor teaches students online and spends two-weeks in-country with the students in January). The Lang professor maintains the connection to Lang by mentoring FYI Fellows, and advising them regarding course registration for their sophomore year.

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## INTENSIVE SPANISH

Taught intensively: 4 hours/day for 5 weeks in the fall; 5 hours/day for 4 weeks in January; in addition, students live with host families the entire 8 months and also work with community organizations using their Spanish in both settings. Spanish classes have between 1 and 4 students, grouped by level, and receive intensive, individualized instruction.

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## FIELD PROGRAM IN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Runs intensively for 5 weeks in the fall. This is team taught by two faculty with extensive use of guest lecturers from universities and local Costa Rican organizations. Students carry out brief social and ecological research projects while living and traveling together. These experiences help students determine the focus of their independent research projects that are conducted during the second half of the fall semester.

In the second half of the semester, students visit 3 to 4 areas within Costa Rica where they learn about Costa Rica's ecological zones and systems of regional development.

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## LATIN AMERICA PERSPECTIVES ON JUSTICE & SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Acquaints students with the region's history and the process of globalization and development, especially in the Central American context, through readings, discussions, lectures and field experiences, including a week-long field visit to Nicaragua.

Among the themes discussed are colonialism and neo-colonialism, the world economic order and poverty, the environment and justice, development theory and practice, multinational corporations, free trade, and options for sustainable development.

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## FIELD RESEARCH PROJECT

Students return to one of the previously visited field sites to conduct in-depth research on a topic of their choice. They independently develop research proposals, collect data, and analyze their results. Students are encouraged to develop projects that have practical value for their host communities or organizations. During the course's final week, students prepare written reports and give oral presentations of their research findings.

Students receive close mentoring regarding methods, trouble-shooting, help working with partnering organization, and a required final—written and oral-report. The field program independent projects tend to be either natural science or social science oriented, in the latter case oriented towards ethnographic approaches.

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## INTERNSHIP

In the spring semester, FYI Fellows will complete an 8-week, well-structured learning experience with an organization of their preference that includes reading and reflection, as well as a final—written and oral—report.

## ACADEMIC SCHEDULE

### FALL SEMESTER

- Lang Seminar 2
- Intensive Spanish 4
- Latin America Perspectives on Justice & Sustainable Development 4
- Field Program & Independent Research Project 4

### JANUARY TERM

- Lang Seminar (continued)
- Intensive Spanish (credits applied in spring)

### SPRING SEMESTER

- Lang Seminar 6
- Spanish 4
- Internship 6

### TOTAL CREDITS: 30