Costa Rica
Study Abroad Fall 2010

Have you heard that this fall the College Environment and Design will be offering a study abroad semester in Costa Rica? This is the first fall semester program offered for our major and it will run for twelve weeks from August 31st to the Friday before Thanksgiving break. Normally, only summer studies abroad have been offered.

The Costa Rica program is available for students entering the fourth year level as well as graduate students. There are about fifteen slots available and students can take up to 15 hours, 12 of which must be LAND related courses. The professors leading the courses are Professors Sawhill, Cannady, and Buitrago. Professors Cannady and Buitrago will split teaching responsibilities, each teaching half the session. Nancy Lowe, a professor from the art school, will be leading classes in watercolor. The Costa Rica program in landscape architecture will share the campus with the tropical ecology study abroad session that will be going on concurrently.

Some projects planned for this trip will be working on a sustainable farm, participating in projects on how to develop our campus more sustainably, site building, documenting the history and future of campus development, and designing for storm water management. Other fun activities planned for this trip will include trips to the nearby cloud forest, the volcanoes, the coast, the beach, hot springs, Earth La Flor, and San Jose. Trips to the local Butterfly Gardens, Botanical Gardens, and flying along a five mile long zip line are also being scheduled.

While there, students will stay in dorm style cabins about two to four to a room and eat family style dinners. The classroom and studios are outdoors and there is Wi-Fi available on campus. There are lots of places on or around the Costa Rica campus for exploring, sketching, and participating in games. Amidst the classes, field trips, butterflies, birds, and the beautiful grounds, students are sure to have a memorable trip.

The cost for this trip currently is $7,180 plus flight and tuition. This cost covers all food housing, laundry, and travel fees while completing the semester for full credit. There is a $50 application fee, refundable if not accepted, and $500 payment is due by April 30. The remaining cost is due on July 30th. Out-of-state students will pay in-state tuition. If you are interested in the fall semester Costa Rica program you can contact Prof. Sawhill, Prof. Buitrago, or Prof. Cannady. You can also visit the website at www.uga.edu/costarica.

The landscape of Costa Rica

Know Your Profs

Professor Shelley Cannady first pursued a degree in Russian Language and Soviet Studies before coming to Landscape Architecture. Her family background in construction and arts as well as a passion for designed and natural environments led her to this profession. Her approach to design comes from an experiential point of view. She believes people should feel a particular experience from a specific design built from choreography, movement, position or negative space.

Cannady has studied abroad in Japan and Russia researching the historical reason for aesthetics in design. She has found that history reads as a narrative about the social use of space. Russia in particular has had its urban areas replaced several times through social and cultural revolutions interrupting this narrative. Her professional work includes working here in Athens on the Oconee River Greenway, land trusts and service projects. She also owns a farm with a commercial wine grape vineyard.

Cannady would like to remind all students to work on good communications skills. In this field, having verbal and written communication is essential to support graphics when presenting to a client. Look for Professor Cannady in the freshman LAND course, second year computer graphics, third year planting design, fourth year portfolio development, fourth year recreational design, and third year graduate design. She will also be teaching in Costa Rica this coming fall.

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