



# COSTA RICA

## **Tropical Forests and Global Change**

BIO 290/290L or BIO 451 (4 credits)

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This is a spring semester course that includes travel to Costa Rica for nine days over spring break. Costa Rica is an area with tremendous biodiversity. It is home to both rainforest ecosystems and dry forest ecosystems, and each ecosystem is affected in different ways by human activities. Students will conduct fieldwork examining how human-induced changes in the environment – such as defaunation, invasive species, and global warming – impact these two forest types. In addition, students will hike around a volcano, zipline through the forest canopy, and enjoy time to simply explore the sights and sounds of tropical forests. After returning to the U.S., students will spend the rest of the semester drawing upon their travel experience to help them identify strategies to protect these natural systems from further human disturbance.

Students are encouraged to apply for travel scholarships in the Global Education Office.

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