

LMU|LA Center for Urban Resilience

COURSE CHECKLIST

BIOL 398: Tropical Science & Culture in Costa Rica

Course Information

Course Name:	BIOL 398 01: SS: Tropical Ecology & Culture 22570
Course Credits:	3.0 credits. If non-science major, check with your department chair to be sure course credits can be applied to your major.
Program Term:	Summer Session II
Course Dates:	July 12, 2017 –Arrival at Juan Santamaria Airport, San Jose, CR between 630am and 500pm; July 29, 2017-Departure from San Jose, CR between 630am-230pm.
Sponsoring LMU Dept:	Center for Urban Resilience (CURES)
Course Cost:	\$4086 (cost of 3 credit course at LMU @ 1362 per credit x3). Course participant is also responsible for airfare cost to and from San Jose, CR (averages about \$500-600), plus optional spending money.
Deposit Amount:	\$500 non-refundable deposit, applied toward tuition cost. <i>Student Deposit Form is part of Study Abroad application process.</i>
Course Information:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See course blogs from prior years, to get an idea of the places visited during the course. Course blog links are as follows: • www.lmucostarica2015.wordpress.com • www.lmucostarica2014.wordpress.com • www.lmucostaricajourney.wordpress.com • <i>Trip Itinerary will be posted on the 2017 blog and emailed to interested applicants.</i>

Step 1:	Register for course in PROWL. Select: BIOL 398 01: SS: Tropical Ecology & Culture 22570.
Step 2:	Register for course in Study Abroad and complete all necessary application forms required by Study Abroad. The link to the course is: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • http://www.lmucostarica2015.wordpress.com
Step 3:	Mail in your <u>Deposit</u> using the Student Deposit Form that is part of the Study Abroad application process. All information about the deposit, including where to send it, is included on the form.
Step 4:	Obtain Passport. Can be obtained at your local post office. Takes 4-6 weeks to arrive. Must have original birth certificate, which will be mailed back to you with your passport. A Visa is NOT required for people traveling from the U.S. to Costa Rica.
Step 5:	Make Airline Reservations. See course dates and suggested arrival and departure times above. Email Flight Itinerary to course administrator, Maria Curley @ mcurley04@gmail.com.
Step 6:	Contact Health Insurance Carrier to be sure you have international coverage.
Step 7:	Discuss Vaccinations with your physician. The CDC makes recommendations for travel to Costa Rica, but vaccinations are a personal choice and decision for each course participant. The CDC link is: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/traveler/none/costa-rica
Step 8:	Complete and email back to the course administrator the MVI forms required by our host institution in Costa Rica, the Monteverde Institute (MVI). <i>Forms will be emailed to course participants.</i>
Step 9:	Read the MVI Handbook and sign and email back to the course administrator the MVI Waiver Form. <i>MVI Handbook and Waiver Form will be emailed to course participants.</i>

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