Why is there so much biodiversity in the tropical rainforest and why is it important?

What is the impact of modern food production on tropical ecosystems?

What does a tropical rainforest feel, sound, and smell like?

In Costa Rica each day we will hike in the rainforest to observe the plants and animals, and witness the ecological and evolutionary processes we will have discussed during the semester. And each day you will visit a food production system including coffee, pineapple, cacao (chocolate!), heart-of-palm, and banana plantations. We will visit a world-renowned tropical biological research station, hike on an active volcano in a national park, swim in the natural hot springs, and visit a premier private waterfall and wildlife reserve. For much of the field experience we will stay in a riverside lodge with special access to a private primary rainforest reserve and eat amazing traditional Costa Rican food cooked for us by local women.

Estimated Cost: $2650

Includes all in-country meals, lodging, entrance fees, transportation and airfare. Additional costs include baggage fees, travel insurance, and souvenirs.

If you wish, triple room occupancy reduces the cost by $120 for each person sharing that room.

Need-based scholarships are available from the University for Global Field Study courses.