**ACADEMIC PROGRAM**

Students are required to take a minimum of six credits during the program. Spanish majors and minors may earn 6 credits in the language, while others can go that route or choose to take 3 credits in Spanish along with 3 credits in BIOL 412 (Natural History of Costa Rica).

Limited to 2-4 students per instructor, the Spanish classes are tailored to students at any level—from those who are nearing fluency to those who don’t know Word Uno of the language. The Spanish classes are taught by CPI faculty. The Biology course is taught by Dr. Gail Drus.

Another feature that makes this study-abroad program unique is the fact that you will experience three very different campus settings. The first part of the program will take place in San Joaquín de Flores, a typical Costa Rican town in the lush green mountains of the central highlands, where the average yearly temperature is 75 degrees. The middle week of the program will be at the lovely “Cloud Campus” in Monteverde, nearly 5,000 feet above sea level. The program closes out with a week at the beautiful Playa Flamingo campus on the Pacific coast.

**HOUSING AND MEALS**

At each site, you’ll live with a middle-class host family, which will give you the opportunity of a total immersion experience. During your stay with your host family, you will have two meals daily along with open conversation and participation in family life.

**EXCURSIONS**

The experience includes several excursions and adventures such as a visit to La Paz Waterfall garden; a day in the capital city, San Jose; a day of volunteering in La Carpio, and a day at Tamarindo Beach (with optional surf classes). Additional optional excursions include a night hike through the cloud forest; excursions to Sky Trek for Hanging Bridges canopy tour or a zip-line experience and more.

**DATES AND COSTS**

May 12 to June 1, 2020

Program fee is approximately $3875 (includes SPAN credits). Addition costs for tuition at SFU’s reduced summer tuition.

**Program fee includes:**
- room and some meals
- SPAN courses
- transportation to/from airports
- round-trip airfare
- multiple excursions
- textbooks
- health insurance

**Not included:** tuition for BIOL 412, optional excursions, incidental supplies, personal travel, gifts, passport fees, some meals, or any additional fees for changing reservations. Students should bring $300 - $400 for some lunches, miscellaneous spending, and souvenirs.

**Payment schedule for program fees:**
- Application and application fee ($300) due ASAP.
- Preliminary payment ($1000) due March 1
- Balance due May 1st.

Reimbursement policy on back.

**Application on back**
2020 SPANISH IN COSTA RICA APPLICATION

Return completed application to the Office for Study Abroad (Scotus 205) along with your statement of purpose (see below), a copy of your passport, an unofficial transcript, and a $300 deposit made payable to Saint Francis University. An interview with the coordinator is mandatory. Online travel forms must be completed before acceptance to the program is considered (link will be given upon receipt of application). Please see requirements to study abroad listed below.

Name: ___________________________  Student ID #: ___________________  Date of Birth: ___________________

Home Address: ___________________________  street ___________  city/town ___________  state ___________  zip ___________

Home Phone: ___________________________  Cell Phone: ___________________________

Which courses do you hope to take during the program:  □ SPAN 102  □ SPAN 201  □ SPAN 481  □ SPAN 112  □ SPAN202  □ SPAN 482  □ BIOL 412

Please note: Placement tests will be given in Costa Rica to determine your Spanish ability. You will be placed in course(s) according to the results of your placement tests. The course(s) in which you are placed may not be the course(s) you hoped. Your initials indicate you fully understand that you will not get additional credits if you are placed in (a) course(s) already listed on your Saint Francis University transcript. I fully understand the procedure of the placement tests: _______________________________  Your initials here

Prior Language Instructions: Language(s) __________________________________________  Years Studied: ___________

Emergency Contact Information:

Name: ___________________________  Relationship: ___________________________

Phone: (_______) ___________________________  Email: ___________________________

If you have already agreed upon a roommate, please indicate: ___________________________

Statement of Purpose

Please attach your typed Statement of Purpose to this application. Limit your statement to 250-300 words. Address why you want to study abroad, your travel experience, if any, and some additional information about yourself (interests, goals, etc.).

Pre-Approval Interview

Please schedule an interview with Dr. Gail Drus (gdrus@francis.edu) for acceptance into this program

Requirements to Study Abroad

At the time of application students must have a 2.7 GPA for the semester-long program or a 2.5 GPA for any of the short-term programs (anything lower requires approval from the program director). Passing grades (C or better) in key subject areas may also be required. Students must have successfully completed at least one semester, and preferably one year, at Saint Francis University before studying abroad. Students must demonstrate emotional stability and maturity and indicate the ability to lead a responsible and healthy life abroad as a representative of the U.S. and Saint Francis University. Students must submit the application and all travel forms to the Office for Study Abroad (see application process below) before acceptance into any study abroad program will be considered. Previous health, academic, or disciplinary problems, may influence the decision.

Study Abroad Withdrawal Policy

Withdrawal from any Saint Francis University study or service abroad program must be made in writing and delivered to the Office for Study Abroad in person (Scotus 205) or certified mailed (Saint Francis University, Office for Study Abroad, P.O. Box 600, Loretto, PA 15940). The date in which the withdrawal is received at the Office for Study Abroad will determine the amount of refund.

If you withdraw or are withdrawn from your study abroad program you will receive a refund minus: non-refundable application fee, any non-recoverable portion of the airfare, any non-recoverable program costs such as housing payments and deposits, excursion pre-payments, etc. (The closer the program is to the start date, the less recoverable costs will be available). Student withdrawals are not accepted after the start of a program.

If you withdraw from your study abroad program you will also be responsible to withdraw from your study abroad courses.

Withdrawals from a study abroad program due to lack of passport and/or visa are held to the same withdrawal policies.

Your signature below indicates your understanding and acceptance of the CPI placement tests, placement of courses at CPI, Study Abroad Withdrawal Policy, and the Agreement and Waiver statement.

Name ___________________________  Date ___________________________