

Hinds Community College International Program Study Tour - Costa Rica Experience
Environmental Science (BIO 1213)
May, 19– May, 31 2010
Working Draft (9/23/09)

Day	Date	Activity	Lecture Topics
Wednesday	May 19	Arrive San Jose (noon) Depart for Carara N.P. (Lunch in route) Evening in Puntarenas Dinner in Puntarenas Class meets	Orientation to Costa Rica (culture, biomes, geology, history) Basic Spanish
Thursday	May 20	Breakfast at hotel Visit Parque Marino de Pacifico Mangrove tour with Flor Trejos Lunch at Finca Aguacultura and tour of Isla San Lucas w/ Flor Trejos Dinner at hotel Class meets	Mangrove forest, wetlands, ornithology, biodiversity of Costa Rica, aquaculture and fisheries
Friday	May 21	Breakfast at hotel (early) Depart for Monteverde NP Zipline (optional \$45) Lunch at lodge Coffee Plantation tour Dinner at lodge Class meets	Ecotourism, cloud/rain forest, ecology, biodiversity, ethno botany, scientific research
Saturday	May 22	Early morning bird hike in dry forest (5:30 – 8:00 am) Breakfast at lodge Rain forest hike (10 am – 12 pm) Lunch at lodge Free time available for exploring (optional activities include horseback riding and canyoning \$45 - \$60) Dinner at lodge Class meets	Dry forest, ornithology, geological history, mountain biodiversity, culture, electricity generation, sustainable agriculture
Sunday	May 23	Breakfast at lodge Depart for Volcan Arenal Horseback Ride to La Fortuna (optional \$85) Lunch in La Fortuna Hike to the waterfalls of Rio La Fortuna Dinner at Thermal Hot Springs Free evening	Electricity generation, sustainable agriculture, vulcanology and thermal pools
Monday	May 24	Breakfast at lodge and early departure for EARTH University Lunch at Traditional Farms Tour of Macadamia Nut farm and processing plant Dinner at Traditional Farms Class time	Environmental education, community development, conservation, tourism
Tuesday	May 25	Breakfast at EARTH University Tour of EARTH University and meetings with students and faculty	Environmental education, community development, conservation, tourism

		Lunch at EARTH U. Depart for Puerto Viejo Dinner in Puerto Viejo Free time	
Wednesday	May 26	Breakfast at lodge Tour Butterfly Garden and Botanical Garden Lunch in Puerto Viejo Service-Learning Project w/ El Puente and the Bribri indigenous people Dinner in Puerto Viejo Class meets	Entomology, service project, indigenous cultures
Thursday	May 27	Early morning hike in the Talamanca Mountains w/local guide (5:30 am) Breakfast at lodge Service-Learning project at Bribri Iguana Farm Lunch in Puerto Viejo Free afternoon Dinner in Puerto Viejo Night time turtle hike along the beach	Humid forest ecology, banana agriculture, sea turtle biology, iguana biology, service-project
Friday	May 28	Breakfast at lodge Visit the Gandoca – Manzanillo National Wildlife Refuge Lunch at the Refuge Dinner in Puerto Viejo Class time	Canal or lagoon ecology, wetlands, ornithology, tidal pool ecology, marine ecosystems, conservation
Saturday	May 29	Breakfast at the lodge Kayaking on the Rio Uva Lunch at Punta Uva Snorkeling in Cahuita Dinner in Puerto Viejo Free time	River ecology, beach ecology, ocean and coral reef ecology and sustainability, ecotourism
Sunday	May 30	Breakfast at the lodge Return to San Jose Visit Sloth Sanctuary in route Lunch at Sloth Sanctuary Dinner in Aljuela (on your own) Class time – wrap up and reflection	Mammal rescue, tropical wildlife, ecotourism
Monday	May 31	Depart for Mississippi All meals (on your own)	