

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://lmu.studioabroad.com/index.cfm?FuseAction=Programs.ViewProgram&Progr
Step 3:	Mail in your Deposit 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>