

Short-Term Study Abroad Program Information

Please provide the following information:

Study Abroad Program Name: Tropical Ecology in Costa Rica

Study Abroad (SABD) Course ID: SABD 1007

Study Abroad (SABD) Course CRN: TBD

Semester Program will be Offered: Maymester 2025

Part of Term (Select Part of Term that most closely aligns with program dates)* : May Session

[Click Here for Part of Term Dates \("Classes Begin" and "Classes End"\)](#)

Program Director/Contact Name: Scott Connelly

Program Director/Contact Phone Number: 706-524-5233

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Program Start Date (First meeting with enrolled students) : 5/13/2024

Program End Date (Last meeting with enrolled students) : 6/3/2024

Travel Start Date: 5/13/2024

Travel End Date: 6/3/2024

Anticipated Number of Total Students Participating in Program: 16-20

Anticipated Number of UGA Students: 20

Anticipated Number of Transient Students: 0

Anticipated Number of Undergraduate Students in the Program: 20

Total Number of Credit Hours Taken by Each Undergraduate Student: 7

Anticipated Number of Graduate Students in the Program: 0

Total Number of Credit Hours Taken by Each Graduate Student: NA

Please list each course offered through the program on a separate row below:

Course Title	Course Prefix	Course Number	CRN(s)	Credit Hours	Schedule Type	Instructor(s)	Department of Instructor(s)	Course Start Date	Course End Date	Total Lecture Hours	Total Field/ Lab Hours	Total Contact Hours**
Tropical Field Ecology	ECOL	3100-3100L		4	Lecture	Scott Connelly, Sonia Her	Ecology	5/13/2025	6/3/2025	47.0	45.0	69.5
Ecology Laboratory	ECOL	3510		3	Supervised Laboratory	Sonia Hernandez, Scott C	Ecology	5/13/2025	6/3/2025	35.0	26.0	48.0

*Please work with department schedulers and OIE to ensure that all academic courses are scheduled in the same Part of Term as the program SABD course.

Please also complete the Academic Itinerary found on the second worksheet of this document.

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**Total Contact Hours = Total Lecture Hours + (Total Field Hours / 2)

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Academic Itinerary

Study Abroad Program Name: Tropical Ecology in Costa Rica
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 Program Start and End Dates: May 13, 2024 - June 3, 2025
 Instructors and Courses Taught:

Instructors	Course(s) Taught
Scott Connelly, Sonia Hernandez	ECOL 3100-3100L; ECOL 3510
Sonia Hernandez, Scott Connelly	ECOL 3100-3100L; ECOL 3510

*All courses should be taught independently. Please include individual class days and times for each course.

**If multiple courses are offered in the program, please use a new column for each course.

Date/Time	Activity Description*	Instructor(s)	Contact Hours			
			ECOL 3100-3100L		ECOL 3510	
			Lecture	Field/ Lab	Lecture	Field/ Lab
Wednesday, April 16	Program Orientation	Connelly / Hernandez	2.0			
Tuesday May 13	Fly to Costa Rica					
2-5pm	Introduction to CR organismal taxonomy	Connelly / Hernandez	3.0			
	Visit UCR Natural History Museum; lecture					
Wednesday May 14	Travel to La Selva					
1-5pm	Natural History hike	Connelly / Hernandez	3.0			
7-10pm	Nite Hike	Connelly / Hernandez		3.0		
Thursday May 15	La Selva					
5-8am	Ornithology	Connelly / Hernandez	1.0	2.0		
9am-noon	Plant taxonomy	Connelly / Hernandez	3.0			
2-5pm	Ornithology	Connelly / Hernandez		3.0		
7-9pm	Night hike	Connelly / Hernandez		2.0		
Friday May 16	La Selva					
6-9am	Ornithology	Connelly / Hernandez		3.0		
10am-noon	Amphibian taxonomy	Connelly / Hernandez	2.0			
1-4pm	Reptile taxonomy	Connelly / Hernandez	3.0			
7-10pm	Bat activity	Connelly / Hernandez		3.0		
Saturday May 17	La Selva					
8am-1pm	Old growth ecology	Connelly / Hernandez		5.0		
2-6pm	Land use change	Connelly / Hernandez		4.0		
7-9pm	Insect taxonomy	Connelly / Hernandez		2.0		
	Research questions					
Sunday May 18	La Selva					
8am-noon	Stream Ecology	Connelly / Hernandez		4.0		
1-5pm	Research expectations 50 questions	Connelly / Hernandez			4.0	
Monday May 19	La Selva					
8am-noon	Research design	Connelly / Hernandez			4.0	
1-6pm	Research troubleshooting	Connelly / Hernandez			5.0	
	River float natural history tour					
Tuesday May 20	La Selva					
9-11am	Research	Connelly / Hernandez				2.0
1-6pm	Research	Connelly / Hernandez				5.0
	Hot springs-geothermal energy					
Wednesday May 21	Travel to PocoSol Station					
7-9pm	Individual Research	Connelly / Hernandez			2.0	
1-5pm	Manuscript Writing	Connelly / Hernandez			4.0	
	Natural history hike					
Thursday May 22	PocoSol Station					
8am-1pm	New World Geology & Geography	Connelly / Hernandez		5.0		
Friday May 23	PocoSol Station					
1-3pm	Research writing	Connelly / Hernandez				2.0
	Plant taxonomy					

Saturday May 24	PocoSol Station					
9-11am	Primary literature reviews	Connelly / Hernandez				2.0
1-5pm	Research projects	Connelly / Hernandez				4.0
Sunday May 25	PocoSol Station					
9am-1pm	Cloud Forest Ecology	Connelly / Hernandez	4.0			
Monday May 26	Travel to Monteverde					
9am-noon	Plant taxonomy	Connelly / Hernandez	3.0			
1-2pm	Organic farming	Connelly / Hernandez		1.0		
Tuesday May 27	Monteverde					
8:30am-4pm	El Tigre waterfall hike	Connelly / Hernandez		4.0		
	Coffee Tour/sustainability					
	Night hike					
Wednesday May 28	Monteverde / Pocosol					
8am-noon	Monteverde Reserve activity	Connelly / Hernandez		4.0		
1-6pm	Visit women's cooperative	Connelly / Hernandez	5.0			
Thursday May 29	Monteverde					
1-4pm	Zip lining activity	Connelly / Hernandez	3.0			
6-8pm	Field practical exam	Connelly / Hernandez	2.0			
Friday May 30	Travel to Playa Grande					
9am-noon	Statistics & Analysis lecture #1	Connelly / Hernandez			3.0	
1-5pm	Research projects	Connelly / Hernandez				4.0
7-12pm	Research projects	Connelly / Hernandez				5.0
Saturday May 31	Playa Grande					
8-11am	Dry Forest Ecology	Connelly / Hernandez	3.0			
1-5pm	Mangrove ecology	Connelly / Hernandez	4.0			
7-9pm	Research feedback	Connelly / Hernandez				2.0
	Surfing activity					
Sunday June 1	Playa Grande					
8am-noon	Practical exams	Connelly / Hernandez	4.0			
1-5pm	Research writing / editing	Connelly / Hernandez			4.0	
7-10pm	Research writing / editing	Connelly / Hernandez			3.0	
Monday June 2	Travel to SJO					
1-3pm	Exams	Connelly / Hernandez	2.0			
4-6pm	Symposium Prep	Connelly / Hernandez			2.0	
7-11pm	Final Symposium	Connelly / Hernandez			4.0	
Tuesday June 3	Depart for airport					
Total Hours		Total Lecture Hours	47.0		35.0	
		Total Field/ Lab Hours		45.0		26.0

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Initial academic itineraries are understood to be tentative and subject to change. Please be as specific and accurate as possible.

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