

BUNKER HILL COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Costa Rica 2012 - ITINERARY (tentative)
Saturday, May 18 to Wednesday, May 29

April/May Orientation & Course work at BHCC prior to leaving for Costa Rica
(schedule to be determined)

Day 1/May 18: Depart Boston. Arrive in San Jose CR early evening.
Overnight in San Jose.

Day 2/May 19: Travel to Mirador de Quetzales in the Talamancas
(cloud forest ecosystem). Overnight in Mirador de Quetzales.

Day 3/May 20: Early morning hike in cloud forest, hunt for the
resplendent quetzal. Late morning travel to Osa Peninsula.
Hike to remote indigenous reserve to visit a Guaymi village.
Overnight in the reserve as guests of a Guaymi family.



Day 4/May 21: Service-learning project with school in the reserve. In afternoon
travel to Village of Sierpe on the Sierpe river. Overnight in Sierpe.

Day 5/May 22: Early morning boat trip down the Rio Sierpe stopping along the
way to kayak through a mangrove forest. Arrive at the Campanario field
station in the early afternoon. Orientation to the station and introductory
hike into the forest. Overnight at Campanario.

Day 6/May 23: Early morning wildlife observation walk, afternoon tide pool study,
early evening bat capture and identification. Evening discussion and planning
for field projects.

Day 7/May 24: All day hike to Corcovado National Park. Late afternoon free time.
Evening preparations for field projects and reflections on trip to Corcovado.

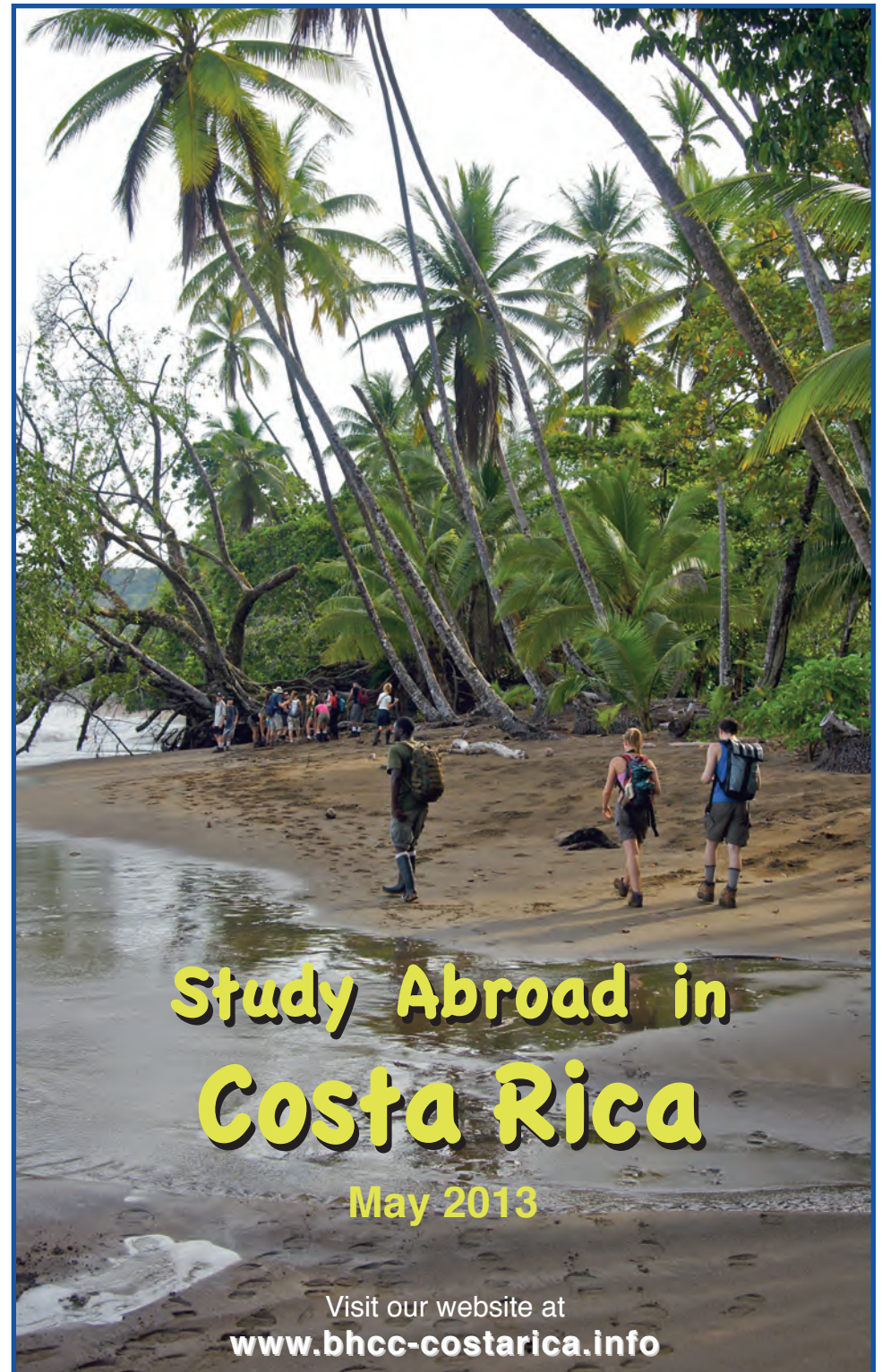
Day 8/May 25: Morning & early afternoon field investigations. Evening
presentations of field investigations. Night hike in the forest.

Day 9/May 26: Climb to canopy platform and zip line through forest. Personal solo
hour in forest. Evening discussion of Costa Rican conservation and protected
areas with a personal challenge. Final night in Campanario.

Day 10/May 27: Leave Campanario via the Rio Sierpe. Catch bus in Sierpe for trip
back to San Jose stopping for lunch and souvenir purchases. Overnight in San
Jose area.

Day 11/May 28: The day will be spent touring places of interest in the San Jose
Central Valley area. Additional opportunities to purchase souvenirs.
Farwell dinner in San Jose.

Day 12/May 29: Departure back to the USA.



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May 2013

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Study-Abroad in Costa Rica

Travel with a team of BHCC students and experience one of the last pristine lowland tropical rainforests in Central America. This BHCC sponsored study-abroad opportunity will take you to the Osa peninsula on the southwest coast of Costa Rica. We will be staying at the **Campanario Biological Field Station and Nature Reserve**. The station is on the edge of the forest and 100 feet from a secluded Pacific Ocean beach.

Past participants have observed and studied cave bats, scarlet macaws, howler monkeys, poison arrow frogs, toucans, eyelash vipers, green iguanas, and an amazing diversity of bird, insect, and plant species.

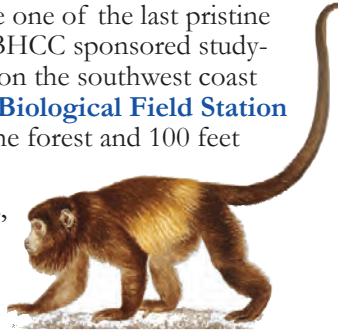
Through field research and lectures, you will study the rich biodiversity of Costa Rican mangrove swamps, lowland rainforests, costal tide pools, and coral reefs. Native Costa Rican guides will lead you through the forest and explain the efforts of Costa Rica to save their vanishing biodiversity.

Each evening will end with a group discussion of the day's activities and an introduction to the next day's projects. Activities will include hiking to **Corcovado National Park**, snorkeling a coral reef, repeling through the forest canopy on a cable tramway, kayaking in a mangrove swamp, night trekking into the forest, and conducting a field research project. There will also be free time scheduled so you can enjoy the stations secluded beach, play soccer with the local children, or just relax in a hammock under the palm trees.

The trip will also provide you with an opportunity to meet and interact with the local residents and experience their culture and customs. We will eat lunch at a local farm, learn some Spanish, and perform a community service project for a local elementary school.

You will be required to attend four classroom sessions at BHCC prior to the trip and to participate in all lectures, discussions, and activities as outlined in the course syllabus.

Professor Scott Benjamin and Professor Robert Steeper will be your faculty leaders during the trip. **Trip Duration: 12 days/11 nights**



Your can earn BHCC science credits and satisfy your General Education Menu 5 requirement "Science and Technology"

Study Abroad - Tropical Field Studies (ENV120) – 4 credits

This course is an investigation of the ecology, conservation, and diversity of tropical ecosystems. As part of a study-abroad student team, students will learn and participate in scientific field research methods on location in a tropical country. By participating in a variety of trips, and activities students will also investigate the interrelationship of local culture, ecotourism, and conservation. Students will be required to complete a self-designed scientific field research project and participate in a community services project while in the country of study. Past studies have occurred in Costa Rica and Nicaragua but future trips are not limited to these two tropical countries. Course requires additional travel fees and purchase of personal field supplies.

Course meets General Education Menu 5 requirements.

Prerequisite: Submission of Study-Abroad application and approval of the Science & Engineering Department. No previous sciences courses required.



Estimated Program Cost

Airline Fare: RT Boston to San Jose, CR	.....	\$500
Room and Board in Costa Rica	.....	\$1450
Park Entrance Fees	.....	\$50
Bus and Boat Transportation in Costa Rica	.....	\$200
Personal Expenses and Field Gear	.....	\$200
Total Program Cost	.....	\$2400*

Scholarships are available to cover 80% of total expenses.

Download scholarship application at:

www.bhcc.mass.edu/inside/186 or www.bhcc-costarica.info

***Your total estimated cost with scholarship: \$480**

(Does not include tuition and fees for BHCC academic credit)

Your total tuition and fees for ENV120

(Based on tuition and fees for fall semester 2011)

Massachusetts Residents
 | \$112.80 |

Non-resident/International students
 | \$277.60 |

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For More Information Contact:

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BHCC Study Abroad Program Website

<http://www.bhcc.mass.edu/inside/186>

Website for Campanario Biological Reserve

<http://www.campanario.org>



Scholarship application deadline is October 26, 2012 - 5:00PM

Non-scholarship participation available on a space available basis.

(Contact Professor Robert Steeper by January 15, 2013)

