

# COSTA RICA

Winter 2020 Travel Course

Geography of Coffee



**Jan 3-Jan 14, 2020**

\*dates subject to change +/- 1-3 days

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## Geography of Coffee in Costa Rica

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### Course Info

Undergrad: GEOG 295  
Graduate: GEOG 520

### Program Cost

\$3,275

### Program Includes

BSU 3-credits, airfare, accommodations, in-country transportation, itinerary activities & most meals.

**Additional costs:** Application fee, airline baggage fees, spending money & a few meals.

### Pre & Post Travel Meetings

To be determined

### Application Deadline

September 27, 2019

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### Rolling Acceptance

Applications are reviewed and students are accepted on a rolling basis. Students are expected to pay the \$300 deposit within one week of acceptance.

### Course Description

Geography of Coffee is a travel course that examines the human, physical, and environmental geography of coffee production and trade. Course readings focus on the economic geography of the coffee trade. The course will also have a focus on the 17 UN Global Goals. Pre-departure lectures provide an overview of the global patterns of coffee production and its agronomy and processing. The two-week travel portion includes carefully chosen activities in coffee lands and elsewhere in a coffee-producing country. Activities include hikes in coffee plantations and related environments; detailed presentations by coffee producers, processors, traders, and labor organizers; and visits to non-governmental and academic institutions in the coffee-growing regions. Group meetings and student writing are used to integrate the lessons about geography that arise from readings and the travel experience.

### Sites & Highlights

Hike on Poás Volcano; visit Doka Estate and small coffee farms in Sarchi Valley, Tarrazu, Dota and Orosu; see world-class coffee research at CATIE; stay with families in Turrialba; explore banana, pineapple, and chocolate (cacao) plantations, and enjoy local, live Calypso music!