

Fall Term in Costa Rica

The North Central College study abroad program in Costa Rica is a 15-week program beginning each fall in late August/early September and ending in mid-December. All full-time faculty members are eligible to participate.

Teaching and Credits

The NCC faculty member's responsibilities include:

1. Teach one course, carefully adapted to the Central American environment, usually taught twice weekly for a minimum of eight weeks.
2. Work closely with local staff to coordinate the course with other program activities.
3. Travel with students to (a) Costa Rica and back and (b) Nicaragua for a four-day visa-resetting excursion at the end of October.
4. Assist North Central students as an on-site advisor/mentor.
5. Arrange to spend student activity fee (\$30 per person).

Each faculty leader will earn six credit hours for the 15-week program in Costa Rica; they count in the professional term cycle. The appointment is made under the condition that the faculty member:

- is not scheduled for a pro-term during the academic year of the program abroad
- will make arrangements, well in advance, to cover responsibilities such as committee work, advising, and administrative assignments.
- will travel with the NCC students to Costa Rica, Nicaragua, and back to the U.S.

Other Requirements

1. Syllabi must be approved by spring before summer departure.
2. At least two informal meetings should be arranged with students in spring term.
3. Three meetings with Director of the Center for Global Education should be set up in the year before departure.
4. Full knowledge of safety rules/regulations and participant's responsibilities must be reviewed in spring term before departure.
5. With the assistance of the Center for Global Education staff, faculty should make appropriate connections and/or arrangements at overseas sites in the year before going abroad.
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Housing and Airfare

The College will provide a homestay for the faculty member through the partner institution in Costa Rica; if a faculty member decides to find his or her own housing, he or she is responsible for the difference in rental fees.

Travel Times

- Weekend trips
- Four days free following Nicaragua excursion in late October

Pre-Departure Responsibilities

- Develop course taking advantage of Costa Rican setting
- Meet with Director of the Center for Global Education
- Participate in orientations with students spring term
- Meet with students spring term (twice if possible)
- Review handbook
- Learn safety procedures

Sites

- 8 weeks in Quepos
- 4 days in Granada, Nicaragua
- 6 weeks in San Jose

Dependents Policy

Current College policy provides assistance for dependents to travel with the faculty leader. For Costa Rica, faculty can receive \$650 for the first dependent and \$500 for additional dependents.

Previous NCC Faculty Directors

The following faculty members have participated in the NCC-in-Costa Rica programs and may be available for consultation:

FACULTY	DEPARTMENT	TERM IN COSTA RICA
Phil Flahive*	MCL (Spanish)	Fall 1994
Diane Kincaid*	SPC	Fall 1995
Jeordano Martinez*	Music	Fall 1996
Tom McFaul*	Religious Studies	Fall 1997
Roger Smitter*	SPC	Fall 1998
Jack Phend*	SPC	Fall 1999
Beverly Richard-Cook	MCL (Spanish)	Fall 2000
Tom Cavenagh	LEV/Business	Fall 2001
Robert Moussetis	Business	Fall 2002
Gerald Gems*	HPE	Fall 2003
Judy Walters*	Computer Science	Fall 2004
Barrie Mason*	SPC	Fall 2006
Steve Davis*	Psychology	Fall 2007
Judy Walters*	Computer Science	Fall 2008
Jeff Anstine	Business	Fall 2009
Christine Weilhoefer*	Biology	Fall 2010
Alberto Fonseca	MCL (Spanish)	Fall 2011
Jonathon Kirk	Music	Fall 2012
Beverly Richard-Cook	MCL (Spanish)	Fall 2013
Gregory Ruthig	Biology	Fall 2014
Judy Walters*	Computer Science	Fall 2015
Elizabeth Bracken*	Theater	Fall 2016
Costa Rica Faculty	Environmental Studies	Fall 2017

*no longer employed at North Central College