TROPICAL BIOLOGY ON A CHANGING PLANET  
SEMESTER IN COSTA RICA

Costa Rica's breathtaking natural resources are the classroom in which you learn about tropical ecology, conservation, natural resource management and field research.

WHEN:
- Aug 21-Dec 5, 2017 (Fall)
- Jan 22-May 8, 2018 (Spring)

WHERE: Costa Rica & Bocas del Toro, Panama
Field Stations in dry forest, rain forest, montain forest, as well as mangrove and coral reef ecosystems. Including OTS’s three famous field stations.

The Program:
We take you off the beaten path and into the heart of Costa Rica and Panama’s ecosystems where we live at field stations surrounded by forest and/or marine systems. Get out of the classroom and into the field to explore tropical ecology and interact with local stakeholders to examine conservation challenges. The program includes faculty led and independent research as well as cultural immersion during Spanish language study. The program consists of 4 Duke University accredited courses:

- Fundamentals of Tropical Biology Duke BIO 280A
- Research Methods in Tropical Biology Duke BIO 281LA
- Env. Science and Policy of the Tropics Duke ENVIRON 282A
- Culture and Language in Costa Rica Duke SPANISH 92A

Why Costa Rica:
Costa Rica is one of the 20 most ecologically diverse countries on the planet and contains a stunning diversity of species and ecosystems in just a small area. This biodiversity has suffered losses, and continues to be vulnerable to human activities. Despite its small size, Costa Rica has emerged as a global leader in exploring innovative ways to fund biodiversity conservation and to incorporate people into conservation strategies. Nowhere else can you so easily explore the diversity of the tropics, as well as the diversity of conservation challenges that different ecosystems face.

APPLICATION DEADLINE:
- Extended April 15th (Fall)
- November 1st (Spring)

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