

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT STUDIES

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APPLICATION DEADLINES*

March 1: Fall Semester
October 1: Spring Semester

ELIGIBILITY

GPA: 3.0
One college-level ecology or environmental studies class. 2 quarters of college-level Spanish.



COSTA RICA

CALENDAR

FALL SEMESTER: SEPTEMBER—DECEMBER

SPRING SEMESTER: FEBRUARY—MAY

PROGRAM

The University of Denver offers this program in cooperation with The School for Field Studies (SFS). Founded in 1980, SFS was established as an environmental study abroad program. SFS programs are hands-on, interdisciplinary, experiential, and emphasize working with community partners to examine environmental issues and identify conservation solutions.

ACADEMICS

The semester program in Sustainable Development Studies examines tropical ecology, globalization, economics, and the socio-cultural issues related to natural resource management in Costa Rica's protected areas. This program has a set curriculum. Students take courses in Tropical Ecology and Sustainable Development; Economic and Ethical Issues in Sustainable Development; Principles of Resource Management; Directed Research; and Language, Culture, and Society of Costa Rica (27 credits total). Students on SFS programs spend a minimum of 40% of their time in the field. This is a highly structured, intensive program with six days per week spent in academic activities.

COST

Billed by DU:

- DU Tuition
- DU Technology Fee
- Study Abroad Housing
- Study Abroad Meals

Non-Cherrington Global Scholars will be charged a \$50 application fee and a program fee.

Student Costs**:

The cost of living varies in other cities and countries. Talk to returnees from the program to find out what personal expenses to expect, but remember that they vary by lifestyle. Check www.xe.com for current exchange rates.

SFS offers scholarships; check their [website](#) for details.

LOCATION: ATENAS, COSTA RICA

The SFS Field Station is located west of San José in La Presa (pop. 200), on the outskirts of Atenas in the Central Valley. Four rivers converge in this area; the Field Station is surrounded by orange and mango orchards. La Presa has approximately 200 residents. Atenas, while still considered a small town, offers good public transportation, supermarkets, internet cafés, and banks.

HOUSING & MEALS

Students live in dormitories (up to four to a room) at the SFS Center for Sustainable Development Studies field station. The field station includes a large house, outdoor classroom, organic garden, library/computer room, and a small laboratory. Meals are included. Students will assist with cooking, cleaning, and working in the Center's garden.

CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

SFS participants are encouraged to become involved in community service projects such as teaching English, environmental education in local schools, and reforestation projects. Students will participate in program-sponsored field trips, which typically include visits to cloud forests, volcanic parks, rainforests, plantations, and an expedition to Nicaragua.

***Instructions on how to apply are on the back of this flyer →**

**For more details on student expenses, refer to DU's web site: <http://www.du.edu/intl/abroad/costs.html>

HOW TO APPLY

⇒ **Attend Study Abroad 101**

Held weekdays at the I-House. See website for schedule (www.du.edu/intl/abroad/info_sessions.html).

⇒ **Meet with a Study Abroad Program Coordinator**

Learn about your options and get answers to your questions.

⇒ **Apply for a passport—<http://travel.state.gov/passport>**

If you already have one, make sure you know where it is and when it expires.

⇒ **Apply to study abroad!**

If you are convinced the program described on this flyer is right for you, follow the steps below to apply.

Turn your COMPLETE application in to the front desk at the I-House.

ONLY COMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED. APPLY BY THE DEADLINE (SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR DATES). APPLICATIONS ARE REVIEWED BY THE STUDY ABROAD OFFICE AND THEN FORWARDED TO THE PROGRAM. YOU MAY NOT RECEIVE AN ADMISSIONS DECISION FROM THE PROGRAM FOR SEVERAL WEEKS. SFS TYPICALLY CONDUCTS A TELEPHONE INTERVIEW WITH APPLICANTS.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

University of Denver Application including:

- University of Denver Study Abroad Application on MyWeb
- Academic Advisor's signature on your completed and printed online application form
- DU short-answer essays
- Authorization to Release Information/Credit Transfer Policies
- Risks, Responsibilities Agreement and Release
- Student Responsibility Statement
- Student Code of Conduct
- Official transcript(s) from other universities attended, if applicable
- Cherrington Global Scholars (CGS) petition, if applicable
- Non-CGS students will be charged a \$50 application fee to their DU account.

Note: CGS status may be revoked at any time due to a change in your judicial or academic status.

SFS Application including:

- SFS Application for Admission (+ 1 copy); the application includes the Participant Approval Form, Academic Reference Form, Character Reference Form, and Essay responses.

These forms can be downloaded from the SFS website: http://www.fieldstudies.org/pages/261_admissions_forms.cfm

DO NOT use the SFS online application, as you will be charged an application fee. This fee is waived for DU students using the printed application.

- Optional: SFS Financial Aid Application. See http://www.fieldstudies.org/pages/225_financial_aid.cfm for more information on SFS scholarships.

Note: The Study Abroad Office will request your DU transcript.