Study Abroad Through Prairie State College

Costa Rica

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Why Study Abroad?
Here are a Few Reasons:

Study abroad programs give students a chance to travel during college and PSC offers a variety of programs to help you make the most of your undergraduate experience.

- **Learn about another culture** – By living in another country, you’ll have the opportunity to learn the aspects of that country.
- **Learn another language** – Learning a second language is easier when studying it in its native country. There are also additional languages you can learn that are not available at PSC.
- **Enhance your résumé** – Studying abroad will set you apart from other applicants because it shows that you are adaptable to new situations and adventurous.
- **Earn credit** – Take classes in another country that will count towards your degree. You can learn about Shakespeare in England or study Buddhism in China.
- **Travel** – Studying abroad during college is cheaper than traveling after you graduate.
- **Learn about your own culture** – You can reflect on your own culture as you interact with people from different backgrounds.
- **Make friends** – You can make lifelong friends around the world!

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Study Abroad Opportunities:

- **Costa Rica** (Summer Semester) – Learn or enhance Your Spanish speaking skills while viewing beautiful beaches and waterfalls.

**Program Description:**
- Students will receive 7 semester hours of credit in Spanish language (all levels) and Culture and Civilization of Costa Rica.
- The Culture and Civilization of Costa Rica class consists of lectures and discussions accompanied by field trips and activities designed to engage students in active learning and discover.

**The program fee is $3,049*, and will cover:**
- Round trip airfare from Chicago
- Hotel accommodations on overnight excursions
- Double occupancy home stay
- Breakfast and dinner during home stay
- Application fee
- Full-time administrative staff
- Transfers to and from the airport in San Jose
- Admissions and excursions listed as included in the cost of the program
- Textbooks for the language classes at Forester

**The program fee does not include:**
- College of DuPage tuition for 7 credits
- Passport fees (approx. $90)
- Visa fees (only if not a U.S. citizen)
- International Student Identification Card (approx. $22)
- Optional excursions
- Personal Expenses
- Tuition at home institution
- Telephone calls
- Lunches and other meals as indicated on the calendar
- Costa Rican departure tax (approx. $27)
- Transportation to and from O’Hare airport
- Transportation to and from Orientation

**Application Deadline:**
This program offers an open enrollment format. Therefore, interested applicants may apply as early as September 1. The application deadline is April 1. If the program is filled to capacity, a wait list will be created.

More information can be obtained by visiting www.icisp.org

*Prices subject to change

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Am I eligible to study abroad?

- All programs have the following requirements that you must meet to study abroad:
  - 2.75 or higher GPA, based on 12 or more credits of college study
  - Two faculty recommendations
  - English Composition completed with a grade of C or better
  - An essay outlining your goals for participation in the program
  - International Health Insurance Package (cost variable)

*additional requirements may be necessary depending on the program

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I’m interested. Now what?

- Visit Teresa McCann, Study Abroad Representative for PSC.
- Determine why you want to study abroad - Do you want to learn a language or do you need additional credits?
- Research the different opportunities available to you.
- Decide a location and a semester - Most programs need at least one semester’s advance notice to participate. All programs require a deposit and all fees must be paid in full before the trip.
- Money - While there are scholarships available, most of the time scholarships do not cover the full amount. Financial aid is available to those who qualify.
- Fill out the application - You also need a doctor’s release. You may need to write an essay about why you want to study abroad.
- Send in the application and the deposit.