

Furman University Study Away Program: Academic, Environmental, Physical & Health Expectations

Program: Costa Rica / Tropical Ecology

Dates: May 13-3, 2020

Request accommodations through the Student Office for Accessibility Resources (SOAR)

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS	Frequency						
	Never	Seldom	Sometimes	Often	Optional	Recommended	Required
Course work in a foreign language	X						
Course work in English				X			X
Use of laptop				X			X
Use of smart device			X			X	
Traditional Classroom		X					X
Indoor Course Work		X					X
Outdoor Course Work				X			X
Group Work				X			X
Presentations			X				X
Interactions with local residents			X		X		
Field Work				X			X
Internship	X						
Research				X			X
Comments: Individuals & group research projects are an important aspect of course.							

STUDY AWAY ENVIRONMENT	Frequency				
	Never	Seldom	Sometimes	Usually	Always
Foreign Language Environment				X	
Mountainous			X		
Tropical					X
Desert		X			
Urban	X				
Rural				X	
High Elevation			X		
Dusty			X		
Air Pollution		X			
Recent Terrorism	X				
Mosquito Borne Risk of Illness		X			
Earthquakes		X			
Other Natural Disaster		X			
Comments: Mosquito protection advised even though risks are					

PHYSICAL EXPECTATIONS	Frequency				
	Never	Seldom	Sometimes	Often	Daily
Lifting luggage				X	
Carrying luggage upstairs		X			
Carrying equipment			X		
Carrying groceries		X			
Standing 30+ minutes			X		
Walking 1+ miles					X
Hiking (easy)					X
Hiking (strenuous)				X	
Sitting 5+ hours	X				
Use of public transportation	X				
Flat terrain				X	
Hilly terrain					X
Stairs		X			
Comments:					

HEALTH & DIET	Frequency				
	Never	Seldom	Sometimes	Usually	Always
Vegetarian Options					X
Vegan Options				X	
Food Allergy Accommodations					X
Group Meals				X	
Cooking for oneself	X				
Host family prepares meals	X				
Healthcare easily accessible				X	
Comments:					

LIVING ARRANGEMENTS	Frequency				
	Never	Seldom	Sometimes	Often	Always
Host Family	X				
Roommate					X
Shared Apartment	X				
Dormitory				X	
Camping	X				
Hotel			X		
Cell phone signal available				X	
Internet signal available				X	
Comments: Cellular communication may incur significant expense.					

WATER ACTIVITIES	Frequency					Optional	Required
	Never	Seldom	Sometimes	Often	Optional		
Swimming			X			X	
Snorkeling		X				X	
SCUBA	X						
Boating (speed boat)		X				X	
Rowing		X				X	
Comments: Slow sightseeing boat trips included/required.							
Center for Disease Control Recommendations: measles/tetanus up to date; typhoid, hepatitis A rec. for rural areas (but facilities we use have safe food & water); antimalarials NOT recommended, but avoid mosquitoes.							