

COSTA RICA

Biodiversity and Conservation in the Tropics

ENTM 295

Maymester course, 3 credits

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Course description

Students will conduct field studies in lowland rainforest and cloud forest ecosystems, gaining valuable field experience and a firsthand knowledge of the rich flora and fauna of this remarkable Central American country. Students will stay at two institutions leading the way in modern conservation practices. Students will be expected to participate in all aspects of field sampling, including collection, preparation, and documentation of specimens. Required field activities will be physically demanding, often in wet and muddy conditions, and include both day and night hikes in the forest. Students will be required to keep a detailed research journal, work in teams, and give an oral presentation of their work. Students will also be required to participate in workshops before and after the Maymester course.

More information

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