

**PSC 285T: Environmental Politics in the Developing World (Costa Rica)**  
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Objective:

Costa Rica is a country known for its robust environmental protection policies and relatively high standards of living. Yale's Environmental Protection Index consistently scores Costa Rica in the top third of all countries and well ahead of its Central American neighbors. Scoring similarly well on the UN's Human Development Index, Costa Rica currently ranks 66 out of 188 countries putting the country in the "high human development" category on the indicator.

In our two weeks in Costa Rica we explore the relationship between these two indicators. How does environmental protection (independent variable) shape human development (dependent variable) and vice versa? We begin this process in the hypothesis generation phase interviewing experts on environmental policy as well as Costa Ricans from across the socio-economic spectrum. As we progress through the course we develop models that try to answer our research questions and collect data to test them. Politics is about who gets what, when, and how. "Environmental Politics in the Developing World" explores the ways in which environmental policies, or lack thereof, benefit some while harming others.

Student Learning Outcomes:

This course is designed such that students who have immersed themselves in the readings, attended lectures regularly, completed all assignments diligently, studied for quizzes and exams, and participated fully in the course in general should be able to do the following by the end of the course:

- The student will be able to describe major theories on the relationship between policy and the environment.
- The student will be able to highlight the major environmental challenges facing Costa Rica today and explain the multi-faceted debates around proper responses.
- The student will be able to professionally conduct interviews and systematically record data from these interviews for use in social scientific analysis.
- The student will be able to engage critically and creatively with data we collect to test hypotheses.

Requirements:

Though it may be altered slightly and/or clarified by professorial edict either in class or via email, consider this syllabus a contract between you and your professors that lists both what you can expect from class and what is expected of you. Check it regularly and bring it to class with your notebook. Prior to leaving for Costa Rica you are expected to read EVERYTHING assigned on the

syllabus. As we travel you are also expected to attend EVERY lecture and presentation. This course is not a vacation so you are expected to bring your intellectual curiosity to our site visits and take notes as you would in a course in preparation for your course notebook assignment.

You will be evaluated in this class based on your performance in 4 areas. These areas, along with their relative weights, are as follows:

Pre-Trip Expectations Essay (10%) – Prior to leaving for Costa Rica all students will submit an expectations essay. While reflective in nature, this assignment is not informal. Connect your interests with likely experiences in Costa Rica to describe in no more than 2 pages (single-spaced, 1 inch margins, 12 point Times New Roman font) what you hope to gain from the course. Essays are due via Blackboard Assignments by 30 July. Unexcused late essays will be penalized at a rate of 10 points per day.

Exam #1 (20%) – Administered via Blackboard on Friday 4 August. The exam is open book (you MAY use your texts and/or notes but you MAY NOT collaborate with other individuals) and covers the assigned readings and pre-trip lectures. It will be available from 5:00am until 10:00pm Eastern Daylight Time. While you may start the exam any time during this window, you have only 1 hour from the time you begin to complete the exam. The exam includes multiple-choice and essay questions. There will be NO review sheet. Unexcused late exams will be penalized at a rate of 10 points per day. If you miss an exam it is YOUR responsibility to contact me as soon as possible to schedule a make-up.

Exam #2 (20%) – Given out near the end of the Costa Rica travel portion of the course. The exam covers all material from the assigned readings, lectures, and experiential education opportunities. The exam includes multiple-choice and essay questions. There will be NO review sheet. Unexcused late exams will be penalized at a rate of 10 points per day. If you miss an exam it is YOUR responsibility to contact me as soon as possible to schedule a make-up.

Course Notebook (30%) – This notebook should have (I) field notes, (II) a daily travel journal, and (III) two essays.

(I) When we employ interview and observation data collection techniques as part of fieldwork assignments your notes should be systematically recorded in your course notebook. This means a field note entry for every site we visit and all of your interviews.

(II) Additionally for each day we are in Costa Rica you should document the significant things you learned and experienced in a brief summary entry. The content of this daily travel journal may be shared with content in your BIO 112 notebook.

(III) To round out your course notebook you should complete two essay assignments prior to your return to the US. The questions these assignments focus on are “how have Costa Rica’s environmental protection projects impacted the natural environment and the people?” and “Compare and contrast Costa Rica’s environmental protection projects with those of your home country. Who benefits from each countries’ policies and who does not?” Essays should not be longer than 3 single-spaced pages in length. As the assignment counts for nearly a third of your course grade, I am looking for thoroughness and quality writing and presentation. You should consult readings but also evidence we collect in Costa Rica.

Notebooks are due via Blackboard no later than Friday 25 August. Unexcused late notebooks will be penalized at a rate of 10 points per day.

Participation (20%) – This is the type of course you need to be actively engaged in to reap the full benefit. What this means in practical terms is showing up and contributing to class discussions and fully engaging with the experiences in Costa Rica. These points are not automatic; you will need to work for them by going to all the course content presentations prepared to digest the information and displaying intellectual curiosity.

Important Due Dates:

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| Pre-Trip Essay  | Sunday 30 July        |
| Exam #1         | Friday 4 August       |
| #2              | sometime August 21-23 |
| Course Notebook | Friday 25 August      |

Grading:

The course letter grade will be determined according to the following scale:

| <i>Letter Grade</i> | <i>Quality Points</i> | <i>Numeric Scale*</i> |
|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| A                   | 4.0                   | 93-100                |
| AB                  | 3.5                   | 88-92                 |
| B                   | 3.0                   | 83-87                 |
| BC                  | 2.5                   | 78-82                 |
| C                   | 2.0                   | 73-77                 |
| CD                  | 1.5                   | 68-72                 |
| D                   | 1.0                   | 60-67                 |
| F                   | 0.0                   | Below 60              |

\*I will round up at the .5 and NOT before. For example, if you earn an 87.49 you will receive a B for the class. If you earn an 87.5 you will receive an AB. The only exception to this rule concerns the line between a D and an F. If you make below 60 points, even if it is by the smallest fraction of a point, I will NOT round up.

Required Readings:

- Campbell, Lisa M. 2002. "Conservation Narratives in Costa Rica: Conflict and Co-existence." *Development and Change* 33: 29-56.
- Kaimowitz, David. 2005. "Useful myths and intractable truths: the politics of the link between forests and water in Central America." In *Forests, Water and People in the Humid Tropics*, eds. M. Bonnell and L.A. Bruijnzeel. New York, NY: Cambridge.
- Ostrom, Elinor. 1990. *Governing the Commons: The Evolution of Institutions for Collective Action*. New York, NY: Cambridge.

### Course Note:

A draft itinerary of our time in Costa Rica follows. This itinerary gives you a rough idea of what we will be doing each day while in country. Though there are no immediate plans to alter this itinerary, it is not unusual to see adjustments happen prior to, and during, travel. Any alterations will be announced either in lecture, via Blackboard, or by email.

As this course has a healthy travel component, rules and guidelines of the University of Tampa International Programs Office (IPO) are in effect. It is important to be safe while abroad and respectful of both our host communities and fellow travelers. IPO offers suggestions on all these accounts on their website (<https://www.ut.edu/educationabroad/>) and via supplemental materials on our Blackboard site. While curricular inquiries should be directed my way, if you do not find an answer to your question about travel to Costa Rica or traveling as part of an academic course at UT in general, please direct queries to [abroad@ut.edu](mailto:abroad@ut.edu).

Like all courses at UT (both inside and outside of the classroom) this course is governed by the University of Tampa's academic policies. Though there are a number of these policies outlined on the Provost's webpage (<http://www.ut.edu/provost/>), all of which are important, two in particular are relevant to our pre-semester course. Please familiarize yourself with UT's academic integrity (<https://tinyurl.com/UTAcInteg>) and classroom disruption (<https://tinyurl.com/UTDisruption>) policies before the course begins. Though we will cover these topics in some detail in the fall semester via your HON101 course, you are expected to abide by these policies even in August.

This syllabus gives you the information you need now to plan for the two weeks of PSC285T in Costa Rica. As you read through the syllabus you learn what the expectations of the course are and what readings (ALL!) and assignments (pre-departure essays and Exam #1) you are responsible for prior to arriving in Tampa for pre-departure. Do not hesitate to send me an email if you have any questions.



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## University of Tampa

*“Environmental Policy and Ecology in Costa Rica”*

**August 9<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017**

*20 students, professors Mason Meers and Kevin Fridy, MVI coordinator Mark Wainwright (tel. 8704 8883)*

| DAY 1<br>WEDNESDAY<br>AUGUST 9 |  |
|--------------------------------|--|
|                                | ARRIVAL IN COSTA RICA  |
|                                | Afternoon arrival at Juan Santamaría Airport                             |
|                                | Airport transfer and hotel check-in                                      |
|                                | Lunch at restaurant  |
|                                | Program orientation & cultural norms (Meers, Fridy, and MVI Coordinator) |
|                                | Health & safety briefing (MVI Coordinator and Meers)                     |
|                                | Introduction to relevant legal framework in Costa Rica (MVI Coordinator) |
| Evening                        | Dinner at hotel/restaurant   |
|                                | Introduction to survey (with Fridy)                                      |
| LODGING                        | Hotel Kaps Place & Kaps Café (1) Tel: 506 2221-1169                      |

| DAY 2<br>THURSDAY<br>AUGUST 10 |  |
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|                                | WATER GOVERNANCE<br>URBAN WATER MANAGEMENT ISSUES<br>SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONNECTIVITY   |
| 7:00am                         | Breakfast at hotel   |
| 8:00am                         | Depart for Los Tajos   |
| 8:30am                         | Presentation: Urban Water Management Issues and Water Governance in Costa Rica (with AyA representative) <a href="http://www.accion-agua.com/pressroom/news/2015/september/accion-agua-inaugurates-los-tajos-wastewater-treatment-plant-costa-rica/">http://www.accion-agua.com/pressroom/news/2015/september/accion-agua-inaugurates-los-tajos-wastewater-treatment-plant-costa-rica/</a> |
| 10:30pm                        | Tour of Los Tajos wastewater treatment plant (with AyA representative)   |
| 11:30pm                        | Depart for restaurant  |
| 12:30pm                        | Lunch at restaurant  |
| 2:00pm                         | Presentation: Rutas Naturbanas – Connecting People with the City through Nature (by Rutas Naturbanas representative) <a href="http://rutasnaturbanas.org/">http://rutasnaturbanas.org/</a>   |
|                                | Interview Time #1 (San José)   |
| 6:00pm                         | Dinner at restaurant   |

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|                | Class discussion (Meers, Fridy, and MVI Coordinator)<br><b>BIO 112 Mini-Exam 1 (30 minutes; Meers)</b> |
| <b>LODGING</b> | <b>Hotel Kaps Place &amp; Kaps Café (2) Tel: 506 2221-1169</b>   |

| <b>DAY 3<br/>FRIDAY<br/>AUGUST 11</b>   |   |
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| <b>TRAVEL TO EARTH; INTRO TO EARTH AND FARM PROJECTS; HISTORY OF COSTA RICA</b> |   |
| <b>7:00am</b>   | Breakfast at hotel  |
|   | Load luggage onto bus   |
| <b>8:30am</b>   | Depart for EARTH University   |
|   | Stop en route to sample and discuss tropical fruits   |
| <b>10:30am</b>  | Approximate arrival time to EARTH University  |
|   | Check in and orientation at EARTH <a href="https://www.earth.ac.cr/">https://www.earth.ac.cr/</a> |
| <b>12:00pm</b>  | Lunch at EARTH cafeteria  |
| <b>1:00pm</b>   | Tour: Farm and Biodigester (with EARTH students)  |
|   | Free time on campus   |
| <b>6:00pm</b>   | Dinner at cafeteria   |
| <b>Evening</b>  | Presentation: History of Costa Rica (Mark)  |
| <b>LODGING</b>  | <b>EARTH University (1) Tel: 506 2713-0018</b>  |

| <b>DAY 4<br/>SATURDAY<br/>AUGUST 12</b>  |  |
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| <b>AGRICULTURE IN THE CARIBBEAN PLAINS ; TRAVEL TO LA SELVA BIOLOGICAL STATION</b> |  |
| <b>7:00am</b>  | Breakfast at cafeteria   |
| <b>8:00am</b>  | Tour: Banana Production and Packing (with EARTH students)  |
| <b>10:00am</b>   | Depart for Milano  |
| <b>10:30am</b>   | Tour the community of Milano, learn about the pineapple industry and its impact on the zone, view the community's water catchments, discuss land use change (with Xinia Briseño, ASADA President)<br><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3Pnt3UUJ3uA">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3Pnt3UUJ3uA</a> |
| <b>12:00pm</b>   | Lunch and discussion with ASADA members  |
| <b>1:00pm</b>  | <b>Interview Time #2 (Milano)</b>  |
| <b>2:00pm</b>  | Transfer to La Selva biological station  |
| <b>4:00pm</b>  | Arrive at La Selva for orientation to station<br><a href="http://www.tropicalstudies.org/index.php?option=com_content&amp;task=view&amp;id=162&amp;Itemid=348">http://www.tropicalstudies.org/index.php?option=com_content&amp;task=view&amp;id=162&amp;Itemid=348</a>                                     |
| <b>6:00pm</b>  | Dinner at station cafeteria  |

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| <b>Evening</b> | Presentation by Dr. Amanda Wendt, ecology and evolutionary biologist at La Selva Biological Station |
| <b>LODGING</b> | <b>La Selva Biological Station (1) Tel: 506 2766-6565</b>   |

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| <b>DAY 5<br/>SUNDAY<br/>AUGUST 13</b>  |  |
| <b>LOWLAND TROPICAL RAINFOREST ECOLOGY; ORGANIC PINEAPPLE PRODUCTION;<br/>NIGHT WALK</b> |  |
| <b>6:00 am</b>   | Optional birding around cafeteria (Mark)   |
| <b>7:00 am</b>   | Breakfast  |
| <b>8:00 am</b>   | Natural history hike in lowland tropical rainforest (half group with La Selva guide; half with Mark) |
|  | Overview of work at La Selva (with Kenneth Alfaro)   |
| <b>12:00pm</b>   | Lunch at station cafeteria   |
| <b>1:00pm</b>  | Depart for pineapple farm  |
| <b>1:30pm</b>  | Tour an organic pineapple farm   |
|  | <b>Interview Time #3 (Puerto Viejo de Sarapiquí)</b>   |
| <b>6:00pm</b>  | Dinner at station  |
| <b>Evening</b>   | Night walk (half group with La Selva guide; half with Mark)  |
| <b>LODGING</b>   | <b>La Selva Biological Station (2) Tel: 506 2766-6565</b>  |

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| <b>DAY 6<br/>MONDAY<br/>AUGUST 14</b>                                   |   |
| <b>INDEPENDENT ACTIVITIES; TRAVEL TO LA FORTUNA; AMPHIBIAN DECLINES</b> |   |
| <b>6:00 am</b>  | Optional birding around cafeteria (Mark)  |
| <b>7:00 am</b>  | Breakfast at station  |
|   | Free time for independent activities  |
| <b>12:00 pm</b>   | Lunch   |
| <b>1:00 pm</b>  | Depart for La Fortuna<br><b>BIO 112 Mini-Exam 2 (30 minutes [on bus ride]; Meers)</b> |
| <b>4:30 pm</b>  | Presentation: Amphibian declines and partial recovery (Mark)                          |
| <b>7:00 pm</b>  | Dinner in La Fortuna  |
| <b>LODGING</b>  | <b>Hotel Las Orquídeas (1) Tel: 506 2479-8090</b>                                     |



| <b>DAY 7</b><br><b>TUESDAY</b><br><b>AUGUST 15</b> |   | <b>ARENAL VOLCANO NATIONAL PARK; INDEPENDENT ACTIVITIES; HOT SPRINGS</b> |
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| <b>7:00am</b>                                      | Breakfast at hotel  |  |
| <b>8:00am</b>                                      | Depart for Arenal National Park   |  |
|  | Hike in Arenal Volcano National Park and learn about flora and fauna, and volcano's history |  |
| <b>12:30pm</b>                                     | Lunch in La Fortuna   |  |
| <b>After lunch</b>                                 | Interview Time #4 (La Fortuna)  |  |
| <b>4:30pm</b>                                      | Meet at location TBD  |  |
| <b>5:00pm</b>                                      | Dinner and relaxation at Ecotermas hot springs  |  |
| <b>LODGING</b>                                     | <b>Hotel Las Orquídeas (2) Tel: 506 2479-8090</b>   |  |

| <b>DAY 8</b><br><b>WEDNESDAY</b><br><b>AUGUST 16</b> |  | <b>HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT; TRAVEL TO MONTEVERDE</b> |
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| <b>7:00am</b>  | Breakfast  |  |
| <b>8:00am</b>  | Depart hotel   |  |
| <b>9:00am</b>  | Tour the Peñas Blancas hydroelectric plant (with ICE personnel)                      |  |
| <b>11:30am</b>                                       | Drive to Arenal lake   |  |
| <b>12:30pm</b>                                       | Bag lunch at lake  |  |
| <b>1:00pm</b>  | Boat across lake then drive to Monteverde; pass by and discuss wind turbines on way. |  |
| <b>3:30pm</b>  | Approximate arrival at hotel   |  |
| <b>6:00pm</b>  | Dinner at hotel  |  |
| <b>Evening</b>                                       | Class discussion (with Meers and Fridy)  |  |
| <b>LODGING</b>                                       | <b>Hotel Montaña (1) Tel: 506 2645-5046</b>  |  |

| <b>DAY 9</b><br><b>THURSDAY</b><br><b>AUGUST 17</b> |   | <b>MONTEVERDE CLOUD FOREST PRESERVE; THE MONTEVERDE INSTITUTE; CLIMATE CHANGE</b> |
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| <b>6:30am</b>                                       | Breakfast at lodge; collect bag lunch   |   |
| <b>7:30am</b>                                       | Drive to Monteverde Cloud Forest Preserve <a href="http://www.cloudforestmonteverde.com/">http://www.cloudforestmonteverde.com/</a>                 |   |
| <b>8:00am</b>                                       | Intro to hummingbirds at Hummingbird Gallery; Intro to cloud forest on hike to the continental divide (half group with local guide; half with Mark) |   |
| <b>12:00pm</b>                                      | Bag lunch on continental divide   |   |

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| <b>2:30pm</b>  | Leave Preserve for MVI  |
| <b>3:00pm</b>  | Welcome to MVI and informational tour: the Monteverde Institute and sustainability issues (with MVI representative) <a href="http://monteverde-institute.org/">http://monteverde-institute.org/</a> |
| <b>5:30pm</b>  | Dinner at MVI   |
| <b>6:15pm</b>  | Presentation: Climate Change Research in the Monteverde Cloud Forest Preserve (with Alan Pounds, MCFP Director of Research)   |
| <b>LODGING</b> | <b>Hotel Montaña (2) Tel: 506 2645-5046</b>   |

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| <b>DAY 10<br/>FRIDAY<br/>AUGUST 18</b>  |  |
| <b>COFFEE PRODUCTION; REFORESTATION AND WATER QUALITY FIELD WORK;<br/>MONTEVERDE WATER COMMISSION</b> |  |
| <b>7:00am</b>   | Breakfast  |
| <b>8:00am</b>   | Depart for Cañitas   |
| <b>8:30am</b>   | Coffee farm tour and sustainability discussion, including irrigation water concession (with LIFE representative). Refreshments on farm   |
| <b>10:30am</b>  | Transfer to Nacimiento y Vida<br><b>BIO 112 Mini-Exam 3 (30 minutes [on bus ride]; Meers)</b>  |
| <b>11:00am</b>  | Reforestation and water quality monitoring at Nacimiento y Vida in the Bellbird Biological Corridor (with Deb Hamilton or other FCC representative and MVI Adopt-A-Stream program coordinator). Bag lunch in the field |
| <b>2:00pm</b>   | Transfer to MVI  |
| <b>2:30pm</b>   | Refreshments at MVI  |
| <b>2:45pm</b>   | Data analysis (reforestation and carbon sequestration, – follow-up to previous reforestation work by UT tropical biology students)<br>Lab work (identify aquatic macroinvertebrates as indicators of water quality)    |
| <b>4:15pm</b>   | Reforestation and water quality groups present findings to each other and discuss connections  |
| <b>6:00pm</b>   | Dinner at hotel  |
| <b>After dinner</b>   | Presentation: The Children's Eternal Rainforest: past, present, and future (Mark)  |
| <b>LODGING</b>  | <b>Hotel Montaña (3) Tel: 506 2645-5046</b>  |

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| <b>DAY 11<br/>SATURDAY<br/>AUGUST 19</b>  |  |
| <b>INDEPENDENT MORNING; ADDRESSING CLIMATE CHANGE IN MONTEVERDE;<br/>RAINSHADOW FOREST BY NIGHT</b> |  |
| <b>7:00am</b>   | Breakfast  |
|   | Free time for independent activities<br><b>Interview Time #5 (Santa Elena)</b> |
| <b>12:00pm</b>  | Lunch at hotel   |
| <b>3:15pm</b>   | Transfer to MVI  |

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| 3:30pm         | Roundtable discussion with members/participants of CORCLIMA – Monteverde Climate Change Resilience Commission  |
| 5:15pm         | Walk to Bajo del Tigre Visitors Center in the Children’s Eternal Rainforest<br><a href="http://acmcr.org/bajo_tigre_en.htm">http://acmcr.org/bajo_tigre_en.htm</a> |
| 5:30pm         | Night walk in Bajo del Tigre (half group with local guide; half with Mark)   |
| 7:30pm         | Dinner at Tramonti Italian restaurant  |
| <b>LODGING</b> | <b>Hotel Montaña (4) Tel: 506 2645-5046</b>  |

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| <b>DAY 12</b><br><b>SUNDAY</b><br><b>AUGUST 20</b>                |   |
| <b>ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES AND BIODIVERSITY ON THE PACIFIC COAST</b> |   |
| 7:00am  | Breakfast   |
| 8:00am  | Depart for Pacific coast<br><b>BIO 112 Mini-Exam 4 (30 minutes [on bus ride]; Meers)</b>  |
| 10:30am   | Round table discussion with Costa de Pájaros community members regarding economic opportunities, and community initiatives and organization; opportunity for interviews afterwards<br><b>Interview Time #6 (Costa de Pájaros)</b> |
| 12:00pm   | Lunch at Mariposas del Golfo <a href="https://mariposadegolfo.com/">https://mariposadegolfo.com/</a>  |
| 1:00pm  | Continue south down coast   |
| 3:00pm  | Boat tour of Tárcoles river estuary and mangroves   |
| 6:00pm  | Dinner at dock  |
| 6:45pm  | Continue to Manuel Antonio (c. 1.5 hrs)   |
| <b>LODGING</b>  | <b>Hotel Karahe (1) Tel: 506 2777-0170</b>  |

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| <b>DAY 13</b><br><b>MONDAY</b><br><b>AUGUST 21</b> |  |
| <b>MANUEL ANTONIO NATIONAL PARK</b>                |  |
| 7:30am   | Breakfast  |
| 8:30am   | Depart for Manuel Antonio National Park  |
| 9:00 - 11:30am                                     | Natural history hike in the lowland Pacific rainforest of MANP (Mark); bag lunch on beach  |
| Afternoon  | Independent options of exploring more forest, beach, tidepools, snorkelling, or shopping at park entrance<br><b>Interview Time #7 (Manuel Antonio)</b> |
| 6:30pm   | Dinner   |
| After dinner                                       | <b>PSC285T Exam #2</b>   |
| <b>LODGING</b>                                     | <b>Hotel Karahe (2) Tel: 506 2777-0170</b>   |

| DAY 14<br>TUESDAY<br>AUGUST 22 |   | SNORKELLING; RETURN TO SAN JOSE |
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| 7:30am                         | Breakfast at lodge  |                                 |
| Morning                        | Option of snorkelling on boat tour or snorkelling at Beisanz beach                  |                                 |
| 12:30pm                        | Lunch at hotel  |                                 |
| 1:30pm                         | Depart for San José<br><b>BIO 112 Mini-Exam 5 (30 minutes [on bus ride]; Meers)</b> |                                 |
| 5:30pm                         | Approximate arrival in San José   |                                 |
| Evening                        | Dinner near hotel; closing thoughts from all participants                           |                                 |
| LODGING                        | Hotel El Sesteo (1) Tel: 506 2296-1802  |                                 |

| DAY 15<br>WEDNESDAY<br>AUGUST 23 |                                | DEPARTURE |
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| Morning                          | Transfer from hotel to airport |           |

• **Emergency Contact Information:**

• **University of Tampa**

- UT Campus Security: 813-257-7777 (from off-campus)
  - Campus Security maintains a phone-tree for contacting personnel in the International Programs Office. If you call after working hours, IPO personnel are “on-call,” and Campus Security can either route your call to the on-call person or have that person return your call as soon as possible. Consequently, this is the best number to call. That said... No parent wouldn’t want more numbers, so here they are:
    - International Programs Office, Main Number: 813-258-7433
      - e-mail: [international@ut.edu](mailto:international@ut.edu); or [abroad@ut.edu](mailto:abroad@ut.edu)
    - Dr. Marca Bear, Assoc. Dean: 813-257-3280; [mbear@ut.edu](mailto:mbear@ut.edu)
    - Mr. Stephen Farley, 813-258-7433, [sfarley@ut.edu](mailto:sfarley@ut.edu)

• **Costa Rica Phone Numbers**

- NOTE: Instructions are for calling from the US. Please consult local information if calling from outside the US.
- Instructions: 011 – gets an international line (from the US); 506 is the Country Code for Costa Rica, and the remainder is the individual phone number.
  - Monteverde Institute (Reception desk open 9am-5pm weekdays): 506-2645-5053
    - Note: Call UT Emergency Contacts first, and particularly if attempting to contact our group in the evenings or on weekends.
  - UT Professors: UT professors will acquire local SIM cards and provide these numbers to students in CR.
  - US Embassy in Costa Rica: 506-220-3939

• **Other Options:**

- Calling Your Child in Costa Rica on their Personal Cell Phone:
  - You may be able to reach your child in an emergency on their personal cell phone, only if they have “International roaming” set to “on” for their account. Please note that cell phone calls to someone who is roaming internationally vary widely from less than \$1 /min to as much as \$6/min, depending on your plan. Contact your carrier for more information. Text message rates vary similarly. Note that there are a number of cell phone apps that provide free international texting over wifi connections (e.g., Viber, Messenger, Skype, etc.). Wifi is occasionally available at places we visit/stay in Costa Rica.