

College of Alameda's
Summer 2018
Physical Geography
with 2 weeks
in Costa Rica

Summer 2018 GEOG 1
Instructor Gary Hasbrouck
(gmasbrouck@peralta.edu)

🔗 **6-week summer course**
(June 18 through July 28):
Four weeks of classroom sessions,
MTuWTh 7-9 pm, followed by
2 weeks in Costa Rica (July 15-July 28)

APPLY HERE:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/peraltapretravel>

International Services Manager:
Drew Gephart (dgephart@peralta.edu)
or 510-587-7834)

Physical Geography (GEOG-1) is a transferable 3-unit earth science course.

The course is a systems approach to understanding the major interacting systems that shape our planet. We discuss such topics as seasonality, atmosphere, climates, the dynamic crust, stream processes, volcanoes, earthquakes, oceans and the major environmental challenges that we face today.



Marino Ballena National Park, Costa Rica
(PhotosForClass.com)

Photos and maps: Creative Commons

Costa Rica is a small tropical country famous for its ready access to tropical rain forests, volcanoes and beaches within a world class system of National Parks and Nature Reserves.

Field trip emphasis is on the physical geography of Costa Rica based in what was covered in class. Along the way, we will walk rainforest trails, look over a volcanic crater rim, observe abundant wildlife and snorkel in the warm tropical Pacific Ocean.



Arenal Volcano, Costa Rica
(PhotosForClass.com)

Program Cost

- Enrollment fee for 3-unit earth science course at College of Alameda (no textbook purchase required)
- Travel for two weeks in Costa Rica: \$1800.00 (Includes hotel, meals, in-country transportation, naturalist/driver and entrance fees)
- Other expenses: Avianca airfare (approximately \$700-850, varies), travel insurance and passport.

Pay schedule for Costa Rica portion:

March 1 - Deposits due (\$400)

April 1 – Second payment due (\$700)

May 1 – Final payment due (\$700)

Please send checks made out to
“Linden Travel”, Subject “COA Costa Rica”
936 Clay St, Oakland, CA 94607

Financial Aid:

Check with **student services** on your campus, such as for College of Alameda:
<http://alameda.peralta.edu/student-services-administration/>

Peralta Foundation:

<https://pcf.scholarships.ngwebsolutions.com>

IIE Generation Study abroad Travel

Grants: www.generationstudyabroad.org

Peralta International Services:

Drew Gephart: dgephart@peralta.edu



Prior to departure, each student will need to complete the following items:

- Complete Online pre-travel information form (Includes students personal information, emergency contact info, demographics data and a student code of conduct agreement) – <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/peraltapretravel>
- Make payments to “Linden Travel” by deadlines as listed above
- Apply for a Passport (if you do not have one already)
- Purchase travel insurance through iNEXT insurance – Link to be provided
- Reserve and purchase Avianca airfare (through Linden Travel)
- Sign Assumption of Risk/Waiver forms <http://web.peralta.edu/international/wp-content/uploads/2014/07/Waiver-Release-AOR-2.doc>
- *Enroll into GEOG 1 course associated with the trip*
- Attend mandatory pre-departure orientations
- Obtain proper immunizations as listed on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website: <https://www.cdc.gov/>
- Register with the US Department of State’s Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP) - <https://step.state.gov/step/>



Tentative Itinerary

Day 1. July 15

Flight Arrival in San Jose, Costa Rica
Dinner and overnight at Casa Cielo Hotel

Day 2. July 16

Departure to Poás Volcano National Park.
Lunch at CoopeSarapiquí, Coffee Tour
Dinner and overnight at Tirimbina Field Station.

Day 3. July 17

8:00 am Natural History walk at Tirimbina
Rainforest Reserve, box lunch and return to
Field Station. After dinner night walk in
search of tropical frogs.

Day 4. July 18

6:00 am. Birding on the gardens
After breakfast field work in the rain forest
5:00 pm Back to Field Station.
Bats mist netting after dinner
Overnight at Tirimbina Field Station

Day 5. July 19

After breakfast depart to La Fortuna. Visit
Observatory Point at Arenal Volcano
National Park. Dinner and overnight at Cabins
de La Catarata, La Fortuna.

Day 6. July 20

After breakfast, Rainforest Chocolate Tour
Visit community owned La Fortuna Waterfall
and Los Laureles Hot Springs. Dinner and
overnight at La Fortuna

Day 7. July 21

After breakfast depart for Curú National
Wildlife Refuge. Boat trip on Tarcoles
River, (crocodiles and great birding).
Ferry to Nicoya Peninsula. Check in at
Alkamar Hotel on Tambor Beach. Free
afternoon to enjoy the beach. Overnight
at Alkamar

Day 8. July 22

Visit Curu National Wildlife Refuge.
Snorkeling at Tortuga Island. Walk
Curú trails. Dinner and overnight at
Alkamar

Day 9. July 23

Depart by Ferry to Puntarenas.
Continue south along the Pacific
Coast to town of Uvita and Marino
Ballena National Park. Overnight at
Dominical

Day 10. July 24

Visit Marino Ballena National Park.
(Great study case about conservation
and community development.) Dinner
and overnight at Uvita.

Day 11. July 25

Depart to San Gerardo de Dota in the
mountains. Lunch along the way
Overnight at Querc Field Station

Day 12. July 26

Early birding: Resplendent Quetzal
and other great species. After
breakfast, travel by us to the Paramo
(high mountain grassland), and walk
through the timber line into the great
Oak Forest.
Overnight at Querc Field Station

Day 13. July 27

After breakfast visit to Rio Savegre
Waterfall. Lunch at Querc Field
Station.
Depart to San José, the capital
Farewell dinner at Casa de Cielo

Day 14. July 28

7:30 am Breakfast
Transfer to the Airport. Back to USA

Provided by:

