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# KEY CONTACTS AT THE OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

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Autumn is a dedicated International Education professional with 10+ years' experience working closely with study abroad students and international students from all corners of the globe. After her formative experience of studying abroad in Sevilla, Spain, she moved to Costa Rica for a year to obtain a Teach English as a Second Language (TESOL) certification. Autumn remained in the TESOL profession for 6 years and then transitioned into higher education administration. Throughout the last five years she has gained extensive experience in education abroad program coordination, development, advising and recruitment. Prior to her role at The University of Tampa, she managed all operations for Florida International University's International Student Exchange Program.

She has traveled extensively through over 20 countries including regions of Central America, Europe, Southeast Asia, North Africa and the Middle East. Autumn has bachelor's degrees in Art History and Cultural Anthropology from the University of Florida and a master's degree in International and Intercultural Education from Florida International University.

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Lisa Yarmosh received a Bachelor's of Science in Business Management in 1989 from Florida State University. She has been a member of The National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA) from 2014-present. She was a member of the Student Affairs' New Professional's Institute 2015-2016, and she is the spirituality chairperson on the La Victoria Mission Board at Nativity Catholic Church in Brandon, FL. Yarmosh was awarded the Krystal Schofield Outstanding Staff Contribution Award: Diversity in 2015.



# WHY STUDY ABROAD?

The American Institute for Foreign Study (AIFS) conducted a study of 1600 AIFS study abroad alumni and reported the following:



**96%** of study abroad alumni participants responded that their study abroad experiences made a difference in their career plan.



**86%** of study abroad alumni participants responded that their study abroad experiences helped them adapt to diverse workplace environments.



**85%** of study abroad alumni participants responded that studying abroad was the most meaningful experience of their undergraduate education.





**58%** of study abroad alumni participants responded that studying abroad helped develop skills that contributed towards receiving their first job.



**65%** of study abroad alumni participants responded that studying abroad contributed to the importance they place on finding a career they find interesting.



**70%** of study abroad alumni participants responded that studying abroad contributed to the importance placed on having personal fulfillment in their career.

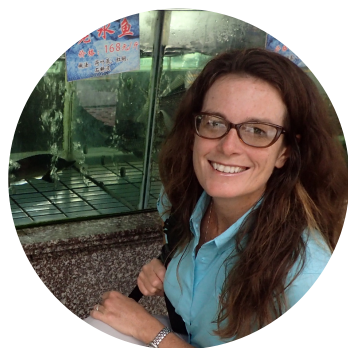




# COSTA RICA

## BIO 205 TROPICAL BIOLOGY AND CONSERVATION

This course is intended for students interested in the natural history, biology and ecology of the tropics, the most biologically diverse region of the world. Students will study evolutionary, ecological and other biological principles of tropical ecosystems and the natural history of the organisms that live there. We will examine conservation programs, sustainable development practices and the widespread impact of this region of the globe. The course culminates in a two-week travel experience where students will visit such places as lowland tropical rain forests, high elevation tropical cloud forests, coastal ecosystems, primary and secondary forests and more. In the field, students will conduct brief research programs designed to illustrate the possibilities of careers working in the tropics over a broad range of biological specialties, ranging from tropical biodiversity, evolution and sustainability to agriculture and medicine.



### About the Professor

Dr. Lori McRae is an Associate Professor in the Biology Department at the University of Tampa. She earned a Bachelors of Science Degree in Marine Science/Biology from the University of Tampa and a Ph.D. in Zoology from Louisiana State University. For her graduate work, she studied migratory fishes in the Hawaiian Islands and continued that work while teaching at UT. She currently studies estuarine fishes and invasive species in Florida, while teaching a variety of courses including Ichthyology, Vertebrate Zoology, and Marine Invertebrate Zoology. She also enjoys field trips and field work with students, including trips around the state of Florida and study abroad experiences.

### Location

Costa Rica

### Travel Dates

May 8, 2022 - May 21, 2022

### Language of Instruction

English

### Application Deadline

November 21, 2021

### Requirements

No prerequisites

### Activities

- Golden Fruit Pineapple Tour
- Rainforest Hike
- Explore Venado Caves
- Ecotermes Hot Springs
- Hike at the base of Arenal Volcano
- Tour of Life coffee farm
- Prepare and eat a typical Costa Rican dinner with a local family
- Explore mangroves in kayaks/paddle-boards
- Snorkeling





# UNITED KINGDOM

## BIO 401 AN ORIGIN OF SPECIES: DARWIN'S LONDON

The nature and biodiversity of the United Kingdom were on display throughout Charles Darwin's youth, stimulating the obsession that would eventually give rise to the single most important discovery in biology. "On the Origin of Species: Darwin's London" is a Spring semester course with Summer 2 study abroad program to London. It places you in many of the same surroundings that inspired Darwin to pursue his passion for biology that led to the discovery of evolution by natural selection, changing the world forever! In London, we will visit iconic and eminent institutions that helped set Darwin on the path to discovery and continue their discoveries to this day! With visits to the Zoological Society of London, London's Museum of Natural History, Kew Royal Botanical Gardens, Charles Darwin's home and more, we will learn about topics ranging from natural selection and evolution to paleontology, the history of biology, and the vertebrate diversity of the U.K. Students will become immersed in British culture and learn how Victorian society promoted scientific discovery, and how some of those values continue to do so today.

### About the Professor

Dr. Mason Meers attended Indiana University and The Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, where he earned his doctorate in Functional Anatomy & Evolution studying the evolution of crocodilians. Today he is recognized as a leading authority on reptile evolution and conducts research on a broad array of evolutionary topics from extinct fossil vertebrates to evolutionary medicine. His research has been featured on the National Geographic channel and in newspapers around the world. He has also served as a consultant on documentaries about evolution. A collections-based scientist, Dr. Meers has conducted research at London's famed Museum of Natural History since the late 1990's, studying specimens ranging from 200 million year old fossil crocodiles to living reptiles. Having traveled extensively, Dr. Meers has led study abroad courses to countries around the world.



### Location

United Kingdom

### Travel Dates

July 6, 2022 - July 16, 2022

### Language of Instruction

English

### Application Deadline

November 21, 2021

### Requirements

No prerequisites

### Activities

- Double Decker Tour Bus
- Museum of Natural History
- Kew Royal Botanical Gardens
- Down House Guided Tour
- Sea Life London Aquarium
- WWT Wildlife at London Wetland Centre
- ZLS London Zoo





# FRANCE & BELGIUM

## BIO 407 FERMENTATION MICROBIOLOGY

Fermented Foods: From Art to Science will explore both the history and present-day industries of fermented foods. Students will discover the applications of fermentation microbiology in this important industry through required international travel and visits to food producers in France and Belgium. We will also visit the Pasteur Museum in Paris, which will allow the students to see first-hand the famous instruments that Louis Pasteur used to discover the role that microbes play in fermentation. This travel course is the companion course to BIO407: Fermentation Microbiology, in which students will learn about the microbial species used in different food fermentations, metabolic activities of microorganisms and their influence on product characteristics, microbial interactions, processing of fermented foods, industrial applications of microbiology, and problems that may arise during fermentation.

### About the Professor

Eric Freundt has been teaching at UT since 2011 and came to UT because he loves teaching and doing research with students. He's originally from Chicago although grew up in Franklin, Tennessee, which is just south of Nashville, and attended Middle Tennessee State University, where he majored in Biology. Professor Freundt loved microbiology courses and got involved in research through the Honors program. The research was in virology where he became fascinated with virus-host interactions and decided to pursue a Ph.D. in viral pathogenesis. For grad school, he went to Oxford University as part of the Oxford-NIH partnership program and studied the accessory proteins of the SARS coronavirus. After that, he did a postdoc at Stanford University where he studied a couple topics - a virus that causes MS-like disease in mice as well as how proteins can spread like viruses in the central nervous system in diseases such as Parkinson's. He enjoys spending time with his wife, Ellie, and two sons, Emerson (11 yo) and Ethan (9 yo). He also tries to be outdoors as much as possible running, biking, swimming, hiking, skiing, etc.



### Location

France and Belgium

### Travel Dates

May 8, 2022 - May 21, 2022

### Language of Instruction

English

### Application Deadline

November 21, 2021

### Requirements

No prerequisites

### Activities

- Welcome dinner in Paris
- Seine River Cruise
- Cheesemonger visit (tour, tasting, and workshop)
- Guided tour at Institut Pasteur
- Daytrip to Loire Valley
- Visit Terra Laura Vineyard
- Visit goat cheese farm
- Visit Chenonceau Chateaux
- Guided tour of Musee du Vin
- Bread factory
- Visit Claude Monet's house & gardens
- Chocolate tour in Brussels
- Walking tour of Ghent
- Tour of Gentse Grut Stadsbrouwerij Brewery
- Guided tour at Cantillion Brewery & Museum
- Walking tour of Brugge
- Visit to De Halve Maan Brewery & Tasting
- Visit chocolate Museum
- Visit to La Maison des Brasseurs
- Farewell dinner in Brussels





# NORTHERN IRELAND

## EDU 416 SAINTS AND SCHOLARS

Stranmillis University College, a university college of Queen's University Belfast, is a recognized leader in educational research, teaching and learning, health, physical activity and sport and early year's education. Annually, they host over 100 international students for semester and short programs. This program provides opportunity for those interested in a short Study Abroad experience in the land of Saints and Scholars.

**"Having the opportunity to study abroad and student teach in Northern Ireland was an unforgettable experience. Not only was I able to be immersed into another culture, but I was also able to gain extremely valuable insight into another country's educational system. Stranmillis set up opportunities to tour different types of schools, attend a few classes at their college, and set up student teaching where I was able to not only teach math and reading, but also a music and physical education lesson! The teacher that I am today is because of two places: UT and Stranmillis." -Saran Hoffman**



### About the Professor

Professor Tankersley has worked in the Education Department at The University of Tampa since 1998. She traveled as program director with a group of students to Finland and England in spring 2014. She also traveled to Belfast, Ireland in May 2015 and April 2019 to meet the faculty and coordinators at the University where our students will be housed. Prof. Tankersley toured schools where students were placed for internships and was a program assistant for an experiential learning trip to Switzerland in spring 2018 and program director of a group who went to Belfast, Northern Ireland in spring 2019.

### Location

Northern Ireland

### Travel Dates

March 11, 2022 - March 19, 2022

### Language of Instruction

English

### Application Deadline

November 21, 2021

### Requirements

No prerequisites

### Activities

- St. George's Market
- Bus Tour of Belfast
- North Coast Visit
- Down Cathedral
- St Patrick Centre
- Titanic Quarter
- Maritime Mile



# TUNISIA

## EDU 495 CIVIL SOCIETY AND MIGRANTS' RIGHTS

This experiential learning program is designed to introduce learners to the topic of civil society and migrants' rights in Tunisia. The program includes a range of active educational and cultural experiences during 10-days of travel. Learners will participate in guest lectures, site visits, and excursions. Topics that will be included in the program are the history of migration, the Mediterranean and global politics, the Tunisian civil society and their efforts related to immigrant education and integration, and others. Cultural activities and excursions include: a tour of Carthage (Tunisia), walking tour of Sidi Bou Said, visit to the Kairouan (a UNESCO World Heritage site and home of The Great Mosque), travels to Mahdia (a coastal city) and a tour of El Jem Amphitheater (a UNESCO World Heritage site), among others. Learners will earn credits by enrolling in a 4-credit hour course: EDU495 Civil Society and Migrants' Rights during May Term 2022.

### About the Professor

Dr. Enilda Romero-Hall is an Associate Professor in the Department of Education at The University of Tampa. She is also the Graduate Coordinator of the Instructional Design and Technology program. Dr. Enilda Romero-Hall is fluent in both English and Spanish. She has served as program director for a UT travel course to Switzerland titled: "Innovation in Teaching and Learning in Switzerland." Additionally, she has extensive experience living (Panama and Canada) and traveling abroad. Dr. Romero-Hall was a participant in three international faculty development programs (to Turkey, Spain, and Tunisia) and a faculty exchange program (to Switzerland), which were extremely relevant to her role as program coordinator for an experiential education abroad program. The skills learned during these experiences were valuable and transfer towards leading and guiding student participants in a travel course. To learn more about Dr. Romero-Hall: <https://www.enildaromero.net>



### Location

Tunisia

### Travel Dates

May 15, 2022 - May 25, 2022

### Language of Instruction

English

### Application Deadline

November 21, 2021

### Requirements

No prerequisites

### Activities

- Travel to Carthage, the center or capital city of the ancient Carthaginian civilization widely considered the most important trading hub of the Ancient Mediterranean and one of the most affluent cities of the Ancient World.
- Travel to Kairouan, a city in northern Tunisia's inland desert and former trading hub and center of Islamic scholarship in the 9th century. The city is a major pilgrimage site for Muslims.
- Travel to Mahdia coastal city in Tunisia
- El Jem Amphitheater, a UNESCO World heritage, is one of the most well-preserved Roman stone ruins in the world
- Walking tour of Sidi Bou Said
- Lunch in the medina of Tunis & walking tour of the medina
- Visit to the Bardo Museum, one of the most important museums in the Mediterranean region and houses many artifacts and exhibits that diver into the long arc of Tunisia's history





# FIJI

## ENS 122 GLOBAL SUSTAINABILITY

Sustainability matters for every person on planet Earth. As the human population and the global economy grows, finding sustainable ways to utilize natural resources becomes increasingly vital. In this course, students will learn about modern issues in sustainability by studying successes, failures, and future opportunities for sustainability around the world. In Tampa, students will explore local issues in sustainability through a series of guided field trips and open discussions. Local topics will then be compared to international examples to see how the problems and solutions vary in different localities. The course will culminate by traveling to and exploring the beautiful island nation of Fiji, where students can see how sustainability is managed on a remote island in the tropical Pacific. Fiji, known for its friendly people and breathtaking tropical scenery, serves as an excellent location for studying international issues in sustainability. Topics covered include water supplies, agriculture, fisheries, sustainable tourism, ecology, energy production, and wildlife refuges.

### About the Professor



Dr. Michael Middlebrooks is an assistant professor of Biology at the University of Tampa. He is an invertebrate zoologist, underwater photographer, enthusiastic traveler, and a passionate explorer of the planet's wildlife and biodiversity. Dr. Middlebrooks conducts research on photosynthetic sea slugs in the Caribbean and has spent extensive time scuba diving and traveling in Southeast Asia, the South Pacific, and the Red Sea. He became a scuba instructor as an undergraduate student and today teaches Invertebrate Zoology, Marine Invertebrate Zoology, and Global Sustainability at the University of Tampa. Dr. Middlebrooks has traveled with students to a variety of international locations for courses and research including Australia, the Bahamas, Curacao, Dominica, and the Dominican Republic.

### Location

Fiji

### Travel Dates

May 9, 2022 - May 21, 2022

### Language of Instruction

English

### Application Deadline

November 21, 2021

### Requirements

No prerequisites

### Activities

- Nadi Municipal Market
- Koroyanitu National Park
- Sigatoka Sand Dunes
- Suva Municipal Parkland Handicraft Centre
- Colo-i-Suva Park Tour
- Beqa Island
- Lawaki Beach House
- Spear Throwing & Coconut Husking
- Lovo Dinner
- Hiking & Village Visit



# MOROCCO

## ENT 492 SEMINAR IN ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND INNOVATION

Enchanting, mysterious, and abundantly colorful. Life in Morocco is energetic, which has allowed the country to play a key role in the global economy throughout its history. In this course, we will explore how innovation and entrepreneurship have helped define Morocco and continue to act as a catalyst for regional growth. We will also explore the impact of several key regional industries (such as olive, copper, wine, salt, and tobacco) while we hear directly from entrepreneurs, innovators, and economic experts about how Morocco is poised to act as important gateway to the African continent.



### About the Professor

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### Location

Morocco

### Travel Dates

May 8, 2022 - May 14, 2022

### Language of Instruction

English

### Application Deadline

November 21, 2021

### Requirements

No prerequisites

### Activities

- Tour of Marrakech
- Camel ride to the Atlas Mountains
- Medina Treasure Hunt
- Tour of Fes, Casablanca or Tangier
- The Souqs of Marrakech
- Dar si said Museum
- El Badi Palace
- Quarzazate historic city and water falls





# NEW ZEALAND

## ESC 391 ENVIRONMENTAL EXERCISE, PHYSIOLOGY, AND OUTDOOR EDUCATION

This travel course will consist of two parts:

(1) review exercise physiology in different environments; (2) focus on physical activity, human performance and outdoor education, within the New Zealand landscape. The students will also experience local tourist activities as well as a comfortable level of immersion into the New Zealand culture. Students will explore physical activity from a variety of paradigms (recreation, sport, exercise science and health), delving into international perspective, practices, and cultural frame. Development or refinement of core knowledge in the physical activity domain as it relates to application of scientific principles, authentic experiences, personal development, health, and professional practice. Travel component includes outdoor activities and students are expected to be healthy to fully participate. This course consist of seven weeks of lectures/meetings at UT during second part of spring semester and two weeks traveling to New Zealand in May. If you like outdoor adventures, you would like to learn more about them and discover New Zealand at the same time – this is the course for you!

### About the Professor



Dr. Nauris Tamulevicius has extensive international experience. He believes that learning and respecting other cultures is an essential component of modern education. Dr. T grew up in Lithuania, speaks five languages and has multiple hobbies related to outdoor activities (mountaineering, fishing, kayaking, biking, tennis, etc.). For work or pleasure he has visited more than 70 countries. Dr.T is collaborating with colleagues all around the globe, as a result he has taken students and/or secured internships in Europe, South Africa, and New Zealand. As a Fulbright Core Scholar, he did extensive research and taught at North-West University in South Africa in 2015-16. Dr. T's research interests are in exercise/sports physiology and prevention of chronic medical conditions. Dr. Nauris Tamulevicius is an Associate Professor and Director of Graduate Exercise and Nutrition Sciences program at the Health Sciences and Human Performance department.

### Location

New Zealand

### Travel Dates

May 7, 2022 - May 22, 2022

### Language of Instruction

English

### Application Deadline

November 21, 2021

### Requirements

No prerequisites

### Activities

- Maungatautari sanctuary walk
- Canoeing Waikato River
- Day trip to Hobbiton and Mt Manganui
- Pirongia Forest Park
- Waitomo Caving
- Rock Climbing





# THAILAND

## HSC 401 INTERPROFESSIONAL GLOBAL HEALTH AND SCIENCE

Students will travel to the beautiful city of Chiang Mai, Thailand. They will visit the city's most important temples and markets, while learning about and applying community health promotion and disease prevention concepts. The travel component of the course will include two weeks in Thailand with guided interactive tours covering the history, culture, healthcare, and public health trends of the country. In addition, students will visit the local humane Elephant Sanctuary to learn about Thailand's elephant population, experience Thai cooking classes to learn about the cuisine and nutrition of the region, go hiking to visit hill-top villages and have two free days for exploration and play. A few of the local recommendations for exploration and play include ziplining excursions, trekking to hilltribes, visiting a local waterfall and a trip to the white temple in Chiang Rai. As a community health practicum, the service learning component will be held in the Doi Suthep-Pui National Park in a small hill-tribe village on the mountains. This experience will provide the students with opportunities to practice concepts of health promotion/disease prevention through community education activities.

**"My experience with Dr. Olsen was nothing short of fantastic! I had the best educational experience both in the classroom and in the community. I would highly recommend traveling with Dr. Olsen as part of your academic experience." – Claire Lillie**



### About the Professor

Dr. Rebecca Olsen is an Associate Professor of public health and has served at the University of Tampa for 16 years. Her scholarly work resides in healthcare quality from the patient perspective. In her 16 years at UT, she has taken students on seven study abroad trips. Traveling with students is a passion of hers, as it provides an opportunity to get to know the students in a completely different context and see the world through the eyes of the student. She has been to Guatemala, Honduras and Costa Rica (five times) with students. She always make a point to incorporate a service learning portion to the course, as it literally changes the life of everyone abroad. Seeing each student grow and develop as a result of this hard work is one of the most meaningful moments of her life.

### Location

Thailand

### Travel Dates

May 15, 2022 - May 28, 2022

### Language of Instruction

English

### Application Deadline

November 21, 2021

### Requirements

No prerequisites

### Activities

- Elephant Sanctuary Tour
- Zip Lining
- Hiking to Hilltops
- Visits to temples and Waterfalls
- Thai Cooking Classes
- Service Project in Mountain Village





# SOUTH AFRICA

## IBS 495 RESEARCH IN INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS

Commerce, conservation, and culture. In South Africa, these concepts are inextricably intertwined and this course will dive deeply into each as we learn how they impact international business. We will speak with South African influential authors, business leaders, politicians, seasoned park rangers, and conservation experts to better understand how these connections affect the future of South Africa. As learning is heightened through the experience of the phenomena studied, it is vital that we spend a bit of time on safari!



### About the Professor

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### Location

South Africa

### Travel Dates

June 7, 2022 - June 16, 2022

### Language of Instruction

English

### Application Deadline

November 21, 2021

### Requirements

No prerequisites

### Activities

- Johannesburg Tour
- Soweto Tour by Bicycle
- Apartheid Museum
- Nando's World Famous Peri-Peri Chicken
- Bushfire Cultural experience
- Mlilwane wildlife sanctuary
- Mkhaya game reserve
- Safari and Kruger National Park



# ITALY

## ITA 171/271 ITALY: ART, CULTURE, IDENTITY

Learn about the history, culture, and art of Renaissance Florence while in Tampa, then experience these firsthand by spending two weeks soaking them up in Florence as you visit the city's most famous landmarks, buildings, and museums. Take part in hands-on workshops on fresco painting, bookbinding, and cooking. Head to the Tuscan countryside for a tour of a winery and pasta production facility. Travel to Rome to experience her contributions to Italian culture and take in a bicycle tour of the countryside on the Via Appia Antica. Through your homestay in Florence and through language study with Professoressa Rukholm, this course will help you develop your intercultural competence as you learn how to gain a deeper understanding of and appreciation for cultural differences and will also help you develop your Italian language skills. Andiamo!

### About the Professor



Professoressa Rukholm has been teaching the Italian language and culture to college students for 20 years and has spent a considerable amount of time in Italy, particularly Florence, her favorite city in the world. She has a deep understanding and love of Italy's people and culture, and loves to share this passion with her students. She has travelled with UT students to Florence and Rome in the past, and looks forward to doing so again so that more students can see for themselves why Italy is truly a bel paese (beautiful country)!

### Location

Florence, Tuscany, and Rome, Italy

### Travel Dates

June 6, 2022 - June 19, 2022

### Language of Instruction

English and Italian

### Application Deadline

November 21, 2021

### Requirements

No prerequisites

### Activities

- Florence Guided Tour
- Mercato di San Lorenzo and Mercato Centrale
- Guided tour of Church of Santa Maria del Fiore
- Santa Croce Church visit
- Fresco Workshop & Palazzo Vecchio
- Hike to Piazzale Michelangelo and gelato
- Church of Santa Maria Novella guided tour
- Uffizi Gallery Museum
- Boboli Gardens
- Tuscan Countryside Winery tour, wine tasting and lunch, and visit local pasta producers
- Coliseum and Roman Forum guided tour
- Appia Antica by bike guided tour
- Capuchin Crypt guided tour
- Vatican Museums
- Sistine Chapel
- St. Peter's Basilica
- Picnic lunch in Villa Borghese





# PERU

## MGT/MKT 692 LEARNING BY TRAVEL: MANAGING AND MARKETING IN INTERNATIONAL MARKETS

What are some of the key issues facing global managers in Latin America? This course will explore business opportunities, regional competition, and the global marketplace from their travel destination in Peru. During this study abroad course, students will have an opportunity to hear directly from South American managers to gain a better understanding of the cultural and social factors affecting business in the region. Plus, you can't miss Machu Picchu!



### About the Professor

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### Location

Peru

### Travel Dates

January 11, 2022 - January 19, 2022

### Language of Instruction

English

### Application Deadline

November 21, 2021

### Requirements

Enrollment in the MBA Program

### Activities

- Gastronomy Experience
- Culinary tour of Lima
- Cajon Peruano Percussion and dance class
- Chocolate bean to bar workshop and Choco Museum
- Lima Bike Tour
- Lima City Tour
- Cusco City Tour
- Machu Picchu



# COSTA RICA

## NUR 392 TRANSCULTURAL HEALTHCARE IN LATIN AMERICA

This travel course is comprised of two parts. The first part (NUR 392) takes place in the classroom and focuses on the preparation of nursing and public health students regarding the practices of healthcare in Latin America. The students will be introduced to the Latin American cultural considerations as well as the major health issues of concern. Additionally, students will be exposed to concepts of the expected professional behavior and barriers to transcultural care of healthcare. The second part (NUR 392A) allows students to travel to Costa Rica to apply community health promotion and disease prevention concepts in a transcultural environment. The eleven-day travel component of the course includes guided tours covering the culture and history of the country. Three days are spent in the urban center of San Jose learning about the differences between public and private healthcare. The next week is spent in the rural/rainforest areas of Monteverde as an immersion homestay experience. Here, students have the ability to interact closely with the local people in the region. This is a community health practicum including patient care, health promotion, disease prevention, and community education activities.

**"My experience in Costa Rica was a once in a lifetime cultural and educational adventure. The benefits of meeting 'Ticos' opened my eyes to different ways of life, and I gained a better understanding of other health care systems. I am now able to incorporate these lessons into my patient care and it has made me a better nurse." – Rachel Airoidi, BSN, RN (2019)**

### About the Professor

Dr. Tressa Pedroff has over 25 years of clinical experience in the care of adults and older adults in the trauma/critical care setting. Areas of academic interest center on helping students to understand the specific needs of adult/older populations in the acute care setting. Additionally, she specializes in care of culturally diverse geriatrics in the community, including palliative and end-of-life care treatment options. Her research interests focus on palliative care, international travel abroad and the implementation of effective teaching strategies to improve student learning of difficult nursing concepts and clinical reasoning. Dr. Pedroff seeks to promote cultural competence and a greater global presence by leading international nursing travel courses to Latin America. She has traveled to Costa Rica annually with students for close to decade.



### Location

Costa Rica

### Travel Dates

May 9, 2022 - May 19, 2022

### Language of Instruction

English

### Application Deadline

November 21, 2021

### Requirements

No prerequisites

### Activities

- Visit San José's central market
- Yoga class with local women
- Tour Costa Rican healthcare facilities
- Costa Rican cooking class in Spanish
- Visit CASEM and cheese factory
- Latin danceclass
- Homestays with Costa Rican families
- Cloud forest natural history hike
- Visit hotsprings





# GHANA

## PSC 282 DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES & PROJECTS IN AFRICA

Ghana is called "Africa for beginners" because of its peaceful history, English speaking population, and traveler friendly infrastructure. It is a destination popular to those simply curious about Africa and those who want to spend years abroad as a volunteer, aid worker, international businessperson, or Foreign Service officer. On our trip we visit the bustling capital of Accra where you will homestay with families along the coast and Kumasi where you'll visit a king's palace and spend a day with a market woman in the central market. For most the highlight of our trip is the week spent in rural farming communities of Nabdam. Here students attune themselves to the daily rhythms of village life while implementing student and community designed development projects. Your life will be changed as you learn about the struggles of the world's poor and how to responsibly help your fellow man. Through this course, students design and implement small-scale development projects in the rural community of Nangodi.

**"My experience in Ghana was completely unforgettable. The people were so friendly, the culture was fascinating, and I'm still talking about my experiences in Nangodi and beyond over 10 years later. I'd go back in a heartbeat." – Sarah (2010)**



### About the Professor

Dr. Fridy came to The University of Tampa in 2007 after completing his graduate work at the University of Florida. He has published several articles in African studies and political science journals many of which can be downloaded from his website, [www.fridy.com](http://www.fridy.com). He has traveled extensively throughout West Africa over the course of his research. This travel has given him the opportunity to ride a camel on the edge of the Sahara, watch from the grandstands as the mighty Hearts of Oak defeated their nemesis Kumasi Asante Kotoko, learn what it feels like to ride down the highway on the top of a semi-truck cab, drink palm wine straight out of the tree and walk around the world's largest Catholic church. One of his proudest accomplishments at UT is his yearly study abroad course to Ghana that allows him to pass along his passions for West Africa and community service to his students.

### Location

Ghana

### Travel Dates

May 8, 2022 - May 23, 2022

### Language of Instruction

English

### Application Deadline

November 21, 2021

### Requirements

No prerequisites

### Activities

- Travel to Accra, Kumasi, Nangodi, and Mole
- Household Tour in Accra
- The University of Ghana
- Kumasi Market
- Developmental Projects in Nangodi
- Wildlife preserve in Mole





# SINGAPORE

## SPE 208 SPEECH FOR BUSINESS

This course is intended to introduce students to communication, business communication, and other issues commonly encountered in business and professional situations particularly in foreign cultures. In order to prepare students for communicating and conducting business in a non-western culture, students will learn about the history of Singapore while analyzing the social issues that this country faces in the 21st century. Additionally, this course focuses on fundamental communication and stylistic differences between Western and Non-Western cultures to include: non-verbal and verbal communication, high vs. low context cultures, and generally how cultural differences can impact business and relations. Students will also develop their own advanced public speaking skills through professional presentations and class activities prior to departure.

While anyone could benefit from such a course, this academic endeavor may be of particular interest to those currently studying communication, journalism, business, international business, consulting, public relations, interested in social media, or anyone with aspirations to enroll in advanced level public speaking and communication courses.

**"My experience studying abroad with UT faculty and students was so impactful. I was able to learn, live, and enjoy my time in abroad. The art, the history, the cuisine, the sights, the sounds...everything about the trip helped enable me to learn more about business communication and the world. Thank you Professor Foltz for allowing students to take part in trips like this."**



### About the Professor

Professor Foltz is an assistant professor of communication and speech studies. Having studied abroad 4 times in her own undergraduate and graduate programs, she recognizes the importance of having international experiences as a student. She has travelled to over 40 countries including studying or volunteering with UT students in Peru, China, and Ecuador. Most notably, she lived in the Amazon with students for ten days on a service trip. Clearly influenced by her love of travel, she has a certificate in international law, a master's degree in global strategic communication, and a master's degree in Spanish.

### Location

Singapore

### Travel Dates

May 9, 2022 - May 20, 2022

### Language of Instruction

English

### Application Deadline

November 21, 2021

### Requirements

No prerequisites

### Activities

- Riverboat Cruise
- Botanic Garden tour
- ArtScience Museum
- Chinatown food tour
- Sentosa Island
- Guest lectures and business visits
- Singapore walking tour
- Gardens by the Bay
- Singapore Cable Car
- Mount Faber Southern Ridges walk















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