

# Spring 2014: Tropical Field Biology (Biol 335; LASC 10)

- Weekly meetings from Jan 2014 to Mar 2014 to discuss readings in:
  - Biodiversity and the ecology of tropical ecosystems
  - Socioeconomic aspects of conservation biology
  - Political and cultural aspects of conservation biology
  - Costa Rica as a case study in conservation of biodiversity



- “Lab” part of the course is an 11-day trip to Costa Rica:

**Friday (14th):** Fly to Liberia (Bagaces)

**Saturday (15th):** Visit Lomas Barbudal, Cataratas Ilanos de Cortes (Bagaces)

**Sunday (16th):** Travel to Ecolodge San Miguel (Cabo Blanco)

**Monday (17th):** San Miguel: birding, forest hike, snorkeling, tidepooling

**Tuesday (18th):** San Miguel: snorkeling, tidepooling, shell-o-rama

**Wednesday (19th):** drive to Ecolodge San Luis, settle in, volleyball

**Thursday (20th):** Cow milking, breakfast, lunch, Coffee Tour/Sustainability Tour/Horseback riding, night hike

**Friday (21st):** Monteverde (with guides), afternoon to the ventana, dinner at Ecolodge San Luis, insect lights at night

**Saturday (22nd):** Sky Walk in AM, Zip lining or free time in Santa Elena in afternoon, evening meal at Tree Top cafe

**Sunday (23rd):** Leave San Miguel, settle in Guayacán, explore geothermal energy production, hot springs, fiesta

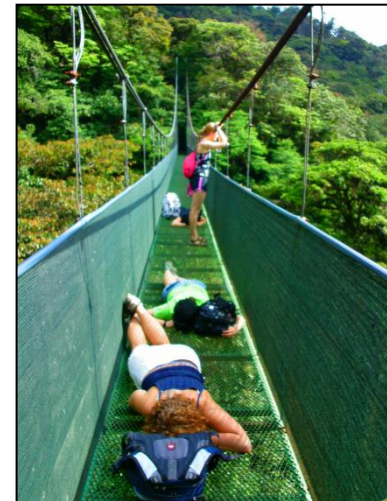
**Monday (24th):** Fly back to Fargo



Maximum number of students allowed is 18 (limited by space on the microbus).

- Post-trip:
  - Preparation for presentations at the Student Academic Conference
- Cost:

Flat rate of \$2400 (financial aid available, some refund may be available if course fully enrolls), which includes: airfare, ground transportation by microbus within Costa Rica, ferry fare, accommodations and food at all hotels and ecolodges, entrance fees to parks. Does not include spending money: about \$250, which you can withdraw in local currency from an ATM in Bagaces. Deposit of \$200 is due in Nov 2013. Full amount (the remaining \$2200) is due at end of January.



For more details, see [web.mnstate.edu/wisenden/TFB.htm](http://web.mnstate.edu/wisenden/TFB.htm) or

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