Objectives and Requirements:

The purpose of this course is to provide students with a short-term cultural travel experience designed to prepare them for meaningful participation in today's global society. This study abroad experience is conducted in different locations throughout the Spanish-speaking world. The course will emphasize developing an understanding and appreciation of the host country culture. Students will learn simple Spanish vocabulary to facilitate their interactions with the native population in the host country, and will also have the opportunity to tour various sites of interest. Students will be housed in family homestay accommodations for the duration of the travel experience (to the extent possible).

This course is open to all students, regardless of field study.

The course will provide outstanding opportunities for students to compare and contrast the culture of Costa Rica with that of the United States and, in so doing, develop a deeper appreciation of multicultural diversity as well as the student’s own role in the world as a global citizen. Students will also have ample opportunities to practice and refine their Spanish language skills by directly interacting with native speakers throughout the duration of the trip.

In addition, students will have the opportunity to improve writing skills, as every participant will be required to keep a detailed journal of observations and experiences throughout the trip. Online assignments will require students to demonstrate the ability to communicate these observations and experiences in writing (in either English or Spanish, according to the individual student’s ability).

Please note that this Study Abroad Course is a SUNY-approved Humanities Elective, and does not yield SUNY Foreign Language credits.

This course can only be taken for a letter grade. It is not possible to audit this course.

Participation in the course will require:

- A completed Program Application Form.
- Two (2) letters of recommendation.
- A valid passport from your country of citizenship.
- Cleared student conduct history at FLCC.
- Cleared prior felony conviction statement.
- Meeting all registration and financial deadlines.
- Submission of the Participation Packet, including waivers (to be completed after acceptance for course participation).

This course is a high-endurance travel experience. Students must understand the physical demands of the course. These demands include - but are not limited to - the ability to wake up on time and report to a designated gathering point each morning, a great deal of walking and stair climbing (including luggage), and the ability to keep up with the pace and itinerary established by the faculty co-leaders.

Application & Acceptance:

Prospective students MUST submit a completed application and TWO recommendations by NO LATER THAN the date indicated on the application form included in this packet.

Completing an application form does NOT guarantee a place in the course. Acceptance to the program will be based upon a combination of previous language experience, GPA of 2.0 or higher, letters of recommendation, and the student’s Personal Statement. A letter of acceptance will be sent to each qualifying student as soon as the application is complete.

Application Due By: 12:00pm Monday, October 5, 2020
Initial Deposit Due By: 12:00pm Monday, October 19, 2020
Final Deposit Due By: 12:00pm Monday, November 2, 2020

Nondiscrimination Notice:

Finger Lakes Community College does not discriminate based on an individual’s race, color, national origin, religion, creed, age, disability, sex, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, familial status, pregnancy, predisposing genetic characteristics, military status, domestic violence victim status, or criminal conviction.
What Can I Expect When I Study Abroad With FLCC?

First and foremost, Study Abroad - Costa Rica @ FLCC is an opportunity to immerse yourself in Hispanic culture while having the adventure of a lifetime!

- Guided excursions to ecological zones such as cloud forests, nature preserves, rivers, beaches, and volcanoes!
- Heart-racing activities such as zip-lining, canopy tours, aerial trams and wild animal encounters!
- City tours featuring artisan works, cathedrals, basilicas, plantations, festivals, and sporting and cultural events!
- Practical and interactive Spanish language lessons!
- Home-stay accommodations with local host families, including prepared meals!
- A wide selection of restaurants, markets, and local food!

Tentative travel dates: January 11 through January 24, 2021

Total estimated cost: $2500*

- Total cost includes airfare to and from Rochester, home-stay, excursions, tours, and events, and FLCC tuition
- Prices subject to change, depending on airfare, gas prices, and inflation.
- Total cost is split between two (2) installments, both to be paid during the Fall 2020 semester.
- Financial aid may apply towards the cost of the trip. Consult your financial aid office.
- Full-time matriculated FLCC students can apply for a $1000 Study Abroad scholarship. (Study Abroad Scholarship application included in this packet!)

Students are notified of their acceptance to the course within two weeks of receipt of program application and all supporting documents.

If you have specific questions about your application, or your ability to travel, please contact Professor Barbara Kruger as soon as possible.
WORLD LANGUAGES @ FLCC
HUM225: Study Abroad - Costa Rica
Finger Lakes Community College: Spring Semester 2021

Schedule of Payment
(estimates are subject to change...)

Please note that all payments are non-refundable.

AIRFARE DEPOSIT (DUE BY: 12:00pm MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2020) $1500.00
Cash, money order, or check payable to “Finger Lakes Community College” Payments accepted at FLCC OneStop Center (Student Accounts), Room 1070

FINAL BALANCE (DUE BY: 12:00pm MONDAY, NOVEMBER 02, 2020) $1000.00
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FLCC TUITION (Spring Semester Tuition)
Due to Bursar’s Office at time of Spring Semester Course Registration.
Any student who has not registered will be eliminated from the trip, AND ALL PAYMENTS ALREADY MADE WILL BE FORFEITED.

Total Projected Cost $2500.00*

* Cost subject to change depending on tuition, gas prices, and inflation.

For further information, please contact:

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HUM225 : Study Abroad - Costa Rica
Spring Semester 2021

Application Deadline:
12:00pm Monday, October 05, 2020

NOTE: Your initial trip deposit of $1500 is due by 12:00pm Monday, October 19, 2020. Final payment is due by 12:00pm Monday, November 02, 2020. See the “Schedule of Payment” page of this document for specific information about those payments.

SUBMIT APPLICATION & MATERIALS TO:
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I. PERSONAL INFORMATION

First Name: ___________________________ Middle Name: ___________________________
Last Name: ___________________________________________________________________
Date of Birth: ___________________________________________________________________
Place of Birth (city & state): ______________________________________________________
Country of Citizenship: ___________________________________________________________________
Student / Foreign VISA Status (If NOT a U.S. Citizen): _______________________________________
Local / School Address: ___________________________________________________________________
Permanent Address: ___________________________________________________________________
Cell Phone Number: ___________________________ Home Phone: ___________________________
OFFICIAL COLLEGE EMAIL ADDRESS: ___________________________________________________
* (ALL STUDY ABROAD COURSE CORRESPONDENCE WILL BE SENT TO YOUR COLLEGE EMAIL ADDRESS)
PERSONAL EMAIL ADDRESS: ___________________________________________________________________
FLCC COLLEGE ID NUMBER: ___________________________________________________________________

II. PASSPORT INFORMATION

Do you already have a VALID United States passport?  
(The expiration date should be at least 6 months AFTER the return date of this course.)

Yes: _____      No: _____

• IF YES, please provide:
  Your Full Name (EXACTLY as in passport): ________________________________________________
  Passport Number: ________________________________________________________________________
  Passport Expiration Date (Day/Month/Year): __________________________________________________________________________________

• IF NO, please indicate your full name EXACTLY as you intend to provide it on your passport application form: _____________________________________________________________________________

Apply for or renew your passport at this address:

https://passports.state.gov/
III. ACADEMIC STATUS
The administrators of this course will request a copy of your FLCC Academic Transcript and Degree Audit to determine institutional GPA, previous language experience, and other pertinent academic information.

IV. PERSONAL STATEMENT
World Languages @ FLCC expects all of its Study Abroad students to become ambassadors for the College and for the United States of America while visiting Costa Rica. Please write a DETAILED statement that addresses the following questions:

• Why would you make a responsible, upstanding student representative for FLCC and the United States?
• How will this experience relate to your personal and professional goals?
• Why is this travel experience important to YOU?
• What do you expect to gain from this experience?

Your Personal Statement will weigh heavily in your acceptance for participation in this course.

PLEASE ATTACH YOUR PERSONAL STATEMENT TO THE END OF THIS APPLICATION PACKET
V. STUDY ABROAD WITH WORLD LANGUAGES @ FLCC SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarship Description:

*Each semester in which this course is offered, FLCC will award one (1) scholarship in the amount of $1000 to be applied towards the course cost.*

Eligibility Criteria:

1. Student is in good academic standing and has a GPA of 3.0 or higher.
2. Student must be full-time at FLCC unless in the last semester of study.
3. Student must have demonstrated financial need.
4. Student has not received a previous Study Abroad with World Languages @ FLCC Scholarship award.
5. Applications accepted from students in any discipline at FLCC.
6. Preference is given to students who have completed/are in the process of completing language study at FLCC.

Are you interested in the Study Abroad with World Languages @ FLCC Scholarship?
(Only students matriculated at Finger Lakes Community College are eligible for this award.)

YES    NO

If YES: Please explain your personal and financial circumstances.

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PLEASE ATTACH YOUR SCHOLARSHIP STATEMENT TO THE END OF THIS APPLICATION PACKET

State and federal financial aid can be applied toward Study Abroad courses; connect with the Financial Aid Office for assistance. Additionally, you can apply for a $1000 Study Abroad with World Languages Scholarship; the scholarship criteria and application form are included in the course application packet above. Other funding may also be available. Check out the complete list of funding sources at WWW.FLCC.EDU/STUDYABROAD
VI. LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

You must provide at least TWO (2) letters of recommendation, EITHER sealed and sent on official college letterhead OR from a valid academic email address. The letters of recommendation should directly address your level of maturity, responsibility, and independence, as well as your academic abilities and work ethic. Acceptance and continuance in this Study Abroad course depends HEAVILY on these recommendations.

Your recommenders should complete the form provided on the next page of this packet.

Name of Reference #1:
__________________________________________________________

Relationship to you (professor, supervisor, clergy, coach, etc.):
__________________________________________________________

Name of Reference #2:
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STUDY ABROAD @ FLCC – PROGRAM RECOMMENDATION FORM

World Languages / Study Abroad @ FLCC
Professor Barbara Kruger – Barbara.Kruger@flcc.edu

1. First and last names of the applicant:
_______________________________________________________________________________________

2. Full name of the recommender (you!):
_______________________________________________________________________________________

3. Recommender email address:
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4. Organization / Affiliation to the applicant:
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