

USF Globalization and Community Health Field School Dates: June 22 – July 27, 2009

A unique program takes place in the highlands of northwestern Costa Rica. Monteverde, the program site, is part of the famous Monteverde Reserve Complex, an area of preserves protecting over 100,000 acres of endangered tropical forest. USF partners with the Monteverde Institute (MVI) to offer The Globalization and Community Health Field School. The Monteverde Institute is a non-profit educational and research association, which works in partnership with universities around the world. It provides educational, cultural and social programs to the Monteverde community. The summer field school provides graduate and undergraduate students with training on qualitative and quantitative methods used to conduct community-based health related research in areas undergoing changes associated with globalization. In addition to learning the methods, students work in small groups conducting research on issues identified by the local community and present their results to various stakeholders.

The program collaborates with the School of Public Health of the University of Costa Rica, several governmental and non-government organizations, and hospitals and clinics in the capital city and Puntarenas province, as well as in Monteverde. Research areas focus on nutrition, reproductive health, water and sewage, and more. Local members from Monteverde serve as community advisors for students as they carry out their research projects.

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ANT 4495 / ANG7750 (3 credits) Methods in Cultural Research
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FACULTY BIO

Nancy Romero-Dazo, along with David Himmelgreen, has directed five seasons of the Globalization and Community Health Field School in Monteverde, Costa Rica. She has also conducted two research projects in Monteverde in collaboration with the Monteverde Institute, the host institution for the field school. At present, Himmelgreen (PI) and Romero-Daza (Co-PI) are running a three year research project funded by NSF on the impact of tourism on food security in the area.

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Estimated Program Fee:

Undergraduate: \$5741

Graduate: \$6397

Included Program Features:

- Group ground transportation to and from San Jose airport
- 3 weeks of classes and 1 week of structured research
- Homestay accommodations with all meals
- All program-related excursions and site visits
- Accompaniment of USF Program Directors/Instructors
- Guest lectures by internationally renowned anthropologists, nutritionists and other international health experts
- Instructional equivalent of 6 USF credit hours (graduate and undergraduate levels)
- USF-provided sickness & accident, emergency medical evacuation insurance

Not Included in Program:

- International Airfare
- Personal spending

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