Experience the amazing biodiversity and warm culture of the tropics. Join us on a field study course as we explore the natural history of Costa Rica. This eleven-day field course includes an extensive survey of the flora, fauna, and earth history of this beautiful Central American country. Students will learn tropical biology first hand by participating in original field research as we visit major biomes of the tropics. Students will also engage in several exciting activities including visiting an active volcano, soaking in thermal hot springs, boating a river filled with giant salt water crocodiles, viewing exotic bird species, collecting tropical fishes, surfing at beaches where monkeys watch on, and hiking in five national parks. This program is led by BYU Professor Jerry Johnson, an evolutionary biologist with over 15 years of research experience in Costa Rica. Come make Costa Rica your spring term classroom!

DATES
Approximately 26 May–4 June 2016

HOUSING
Hotels throughout western Costa Rica

COURSES
Required

BIO 559R Tropical Biology Field Course (3 credit hours)

COST
Approximately $1,800–2,200

The cost includes LDS undergraduate tuition (3 credit hours), hotel accommodations, participation fees for activities in Costa Rica, three meals per day, local transportation, and international health insurance.

Cost does NOT include: international airfare or personal expenses. Students will be required to secure a valid passport.
PREPARATION
Accepted students are required to participate in an international preparation course (IAS 369R, 1 credit hour). This second block evening course will be held during winter semester.

Accompanying spouses need to be accepted into the program and must be credit-bearing participants. Spouses will need to apply online and take the preparation course.

FUNDING SOURCES
Regular BYU tuition scholarships, Pell Grants, and Federal Insured Student Loans may be applied to study abroad programs.

Academic departments and colleges may assist with scholarships and grants.

Private grants and scholarships outside of BYU may also assist (see kennedy.byu.edu/scholarships)

APPLICATION PROCESS
Complete the online application at kennedy.byu.edu/apply.

The application requires a $35 fee.

Applicants will be interviewed once the application is complete.

Students will be notified via e-mail of their acceptance into the program.

Deadline: 15 February 2016

FACULTY
Jerry Johnson, Associate Professor of Biology, is the faculty mentor for this program.

SCHEDULE AND TIME COMMITMENT
Students are allowed to remain in Costa Rica for up to three months without a visa. The field course is approximately eleven days.

INTERESTED STUDENTS SHOULD CONTACT
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PROGRAM ADJUSTMENTS
ISP reserves the right to cancel this program, revise its offerings, or make any adjustments to the preliminary cost estimates due to conditions beyond its control.