CONFLICT MANAGEMENT IN CROSS-CULTURAL PERSPECTIVE
PEACE THEORY AND PRACTICE IN COSTA RICA
Social Sciences 183E, Anthropology 136D, Political Science 154G or International Studies 183E (4 units) (fulfills UCI GE Requirement VIII)

This course will examine the concepts behind the causes and effects of peace along with the projects and programs that work to create a culture of peace. Examples from organizations and programs working in Costa Rica in response to conflict and the promotion of peace will be studied. Students will then apply the theories from readings in Global Peace to analyze these projects.

Instructor: Dr. Steven Hawkins, Professor of Peace and Conflict Studies.

Interested in studying Public Health?
With a proven commitment to public health care (98% of Ticos have access to health care), and thriving indigenous traditions, Costa Rica is a rich environment in which to study Public Health.

Interested in studying World Peace?
Where better to study World Peace than in Costa Rica, which ranked #1 out of 148 different nations when citizens were asked to rate their own happiness? Learn more about Costa Rica’s remarkable 1949 decision to dissolve its armed forces and invest instead in education, which created a more stable society less prone to the conflicts that have raged elsewhere in Central America (and globally).

Interested in studying Biodiversity and Sustainability?
Costa Rica is an ecological pioneer, introducing a carbon tax in 1997. With its extraordinary conservation system of national parks, wildlife refuges, protected forests, and biological reserves, it is an ideal location to study Biodiversity and Sustainability. The Happy Plant Index, which combines happiness and longevity but adjusts for environmental impact, ranks Costa Rica at the very top for achieving contentment and longevity in an environmentally sustainable way.

Included Trips and Excursions:
- Visit Hacienda Palmichal, including a coffee mill, a local cheese maker and an organic orchard
- Tour the town of Heredia and learn about the local resources
- Visit the National Museum
- Learn about local Latin cuisine

This program is proud to partner with the National Biodiversity Institute (INBio), which boasts a catalog of over 3 million specimens, to provide opportunities for you to better understand and explore the rich biodiversity that Costa Rica has to offer. This institute has conducted groundbreaking medical research by providing well-known companies such as Merck with chemical extracts from wild plants, insects, and microorganisms.

HUMAN ENVIRONMENTS
Public Health 30 (4 units) (fulfills UCI GE Requirement II)
Study of natural and physical components of earth’s environmental problems due to human activities. Topics include global air, water, soil, biodiversity, rainforests, energy, demographics, agriculture, and urbanization. Theme is sustainability. Integrated into the science are social, legal, and economic considerations.

Instructor: Dr. Juan Antonio Aguirre Gonzalez, Professor of Agricultural Economics

Plus three amazing trips – all included in the program!

ARENAL VOLCANO REGION (3 days, 2 nights)
- Includes transportation to and from ULatina to Arenal region
- Includes 2 nights lodging and most meals
- See the famous continually active Arenal volcano
- Hike through lush forests
- Enjoy a swim at the base of a rushing waterfall
- Relax at the Arenal natural hot springs

MANUEL ANTONIO PACIFIC COAST TRIP (3 days, 2 nights)
- Includes transportation to and from ULatina to Central Pacific Coast region
- Includes 2 nights lodging and most meals
- Visit the Tarcoles River crocodile site
- Visit Manuel Antonio National Park
- Enjoy the picturesque white sandy beaches

MONTEVERDE CLOUD FOREST PRESERVE (3 days, 2 nights)
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- Spend time touring the preserve and maybe enjoy a horseback ride!
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Courses are taught on campus at the Universidad Latina de Costa Rica in Heredia, which incorporates traditional brick and plaster architecture with casual courtyards, lounge areas and state-of-the-art computer labs. Classes are small and interactive, with many hands-on field trips and exploratory excursions, through which you will discover this Central American treasure.

**BIODIVERSITY & CONSERVATION**  
Biological Sciences 65 (4 units) (fulfills UCI GE Requirement II)  
This course is taught on-site at the National Biodiversity Institute (INBio), and provides students with a biological perspective on the current environmental crisis. Trace the origin, evolution, and value of biological diversity. Examine extinction and depletion processes caused by overexploitation, habitat loss, and pollution. Conservation through habitat preservation and restoration, captive breeding, and cryopreservation.  
**Instructors:** Dr. Carlos Valerio, Professor of Biology, has served as an advisor at the National Biodiversity Institute (INBio) in Costa Rica since 1993 and Álvaro Herrera Villalobos, the National Biodiversity Institute (INBio).

More Perks!  
• Two special group meals  
• University private shuttle available to transport students to excursions  
• On-site staff and local assistants dedicated to your program  
• Expert local tour guide to show you the best of Costa Rica

**Live.**  
• Double room with private bathroom  
• 3 star hotel in San Jose  
• Daily breakfast at the hotel  
• Lunch on campus

Live in a nearby three-star hotel in the town of San Jose. Breakfast will be provided each morning and the university’s private shuttle will transport you to campus.

In addition to being centrally situated, with local resources and places to eat and gather, the hotel itself has common living rooms and an on-site restaurant for participants to enjoy.

**Fee Includes:**  
**Travel.**  
• Three-day, two-night trip to Arenal Volcano  
• Three-day, two-night trip to Manuel Antonio Park on the Pacific Coast  
• Three-day, two-night trip to the Monteverde Cloud Forest Reserve

**Study.**  
• Enroll in two 4.0 quarter unit courses offered (8.0 units total)  
• All courses taught by local faculty  
• Free access to on-campus library

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**Estimated Fee Information** (includes Program Fee and per-unit fees):  
UC Undergrads:  
approx. $4700 - $4900

All Others:  
approx. $5200 - $5400

Deposit:  
$500 (applied towards total fee)  
Due May 1: Remaining balance of fees

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