Study Spanish in Costa Rica or Mexico

Rogue Community College and the Oregon International Education Consortium are offering two Study Abroad opportunities this summer.

Spend four weeks of Spanish immersion in Costa Rica, from June 26 to July 24 while exploring non-science major field biology in three different ecological zones.

Participants will spend the first two weeks of the program with a local host family while earning 3-4 credits of college Spanish at their own level of proficiency. Language classes are held in the morning at the Instituto de Cultura y Lengua Costariccense in Alejuela with afternoon activities including traditional Costa Rican games, cultural activities and biology outings.

The second portion of the trip is spent traveling throughout Costa Rica to study facilities in each ecological zone and earning 4 credits in field biology. Students will have the opportunity to explore marine biology at the Cabo Blanco Preserve on the Pacific Coast, tropical rainforest ecology at the La Selva Preserve in the Caribbean foothills, and the Montverde cloud forest at Ecolodge San Luis in the mountains northwest of San Jose.

There will be additional opportunities for exploration individually or through group outings such as rafting on the Paquorí River, visiting a local coffee plantation, the Psosas volcano, and snorkeling.

Cost is $3,500 (includes airfare and lodging) plus tuition. Deadline to apply is Feb. 19. More details and an application are available at www.roguecc.edu/StudyAbroad/CostaRica/. Or call RCC foreign language instructor Dorcas Herr at 541-245-7543.

Students can spend two weeks studying Spanish in Mexico July 10-25, earn 3-4 language credits, and learn about the local culture while staying with a Mexican host family. Classes are held in the mornings at the Esquela Don Quixote with cultural classes and Latin-American film viewings available in the afternoon and evening.

Students are offered the opportunity to explore Guanajuato, one of the most beautiful colonial cities in Mexico, with winding cobblestone streets, charming plazas and pastel-colored houses. Other excursions include a visit to the Valencia silver mine, the Mummy Museum, and nearby historical towns of Dolores Hidalgo or San Miguel de Allende.

The cost is $2,100 (includes airfare), plus tuition. The deadline to apply is March 11. More details and an application are available online at www.roguecc.edu/StudyAbroad/Mexico/. Or call 541-245-7543.

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