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| Program and Language Requirements | • Minimum overall GPA of 3.0 (School of Management students must also maintain a 2.75 GPA within their major).  
  • Good academic and disciplinary standing  
  • Students must have 4 semesters of college level Spanish.  
  • Students are required to enroll in a Spanish language course and 13 units of specific coursework listed below.  
  * Consult academic dean for below minimum GPA approvals and major-specific requirements. Check with study abroad advisor or program website for country and program specific requirements. |
| Language of Instruction | Courses are taught in Spanish |
| Application Deadline | Applying to study abroad for a semester is a two-step process. You should plan to apply at the beginning of the Fall semester of your Sophomore year.  
1. Students must meet with a Study Abroad Advisor and complete a USF Study Abroad Pre-application for their program of choice and an alternate through the Center for Global Education’s website. Pre-Applications completed by the Dec 1st deadline will be reviewed and students will be notified of their program nomination by the 3rd week of January.  
2. Accepted students can then apply for their nominated program. Students are responsible for submitting the host program’s application and required documentation by the program’s deadline. Please note that nomination by USF does not guarantee acceptance by the host program. |
| Program Dates | Fall: September-December  
Spring: January-May |
| Program Layout | • Seminars/courses and homestay in Panama City: 4 weeks  
• Field Studies throughout Panama and part of Costa Rica: 7 weeks  
• Independent Study Project in cloud forest highlands, coral reefs, lowland forests, mangroves, rural villages, indigenous communities, or other places appropriate to the topic. Students are on their own with minimal supervision: 4 weeks  
• Final seminar where students present their project and participate in a reentry program: 3-4 days |
| Course Subjects | Students enroll in a 16-unit course load consisting of the following 3 unit courses:  
Comparative Tropical Ecology; Human Ecology and Conservation in the Tropics; Intensive Spanish Language Study: Spanish for the Natural Sciences; Environmental Research Methods and Ethics; and Independent Study Project (4 units). *Courses subject to change |
| Special Courses, Internships, and/or Scholarships | SIT offers matching Pell Grant. SIT scholarships are available at:  
http://studyabroad.sit.edu/how-to-apply/scholarships-and-financial-aid/ |
| Accommodation | Students will be housed primarily in homestays and some hostels, farmhouses, cabins, or small hotels.  
*USF Program Fee: Includes room and board. Board includes all meals. |
| Other Expenses Not Included in USF Tuition | Airfare, passport, visa, books, local transportation, independent travel, and incidentals.  
*Print the Budget Planning Worksheet to determine cost estimates |
| Supplemental Health and Travel Assist Services | Enrollment in USF sponsored programs include automatic coverage through ACE/AXA ASSISTANCE USA, Inc. while abroad. Students are also covered by SIT insurance. |
| Visa Requirements | Students with U.S. passports will enter the country with a tourist status. Upon arrival in Panama, students will be issued a 90-day tourist card. When passing through Panamanian immigration, students will be asked to provide an in-country mailing address. Please use the mailing address listed in your "Country Overview" document. Later in the semester, the program will facilitate a renewal process to provide students... |
with legal status in the country for the duration of the semester.

*CGE is not responsible for applying for and/or obtaining your student visa.

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