

SUMMER

Spanish & Sustainability Practices in Costa Rica



Course Offering:

Sustainability Practices & Food Security in Rural Costa Rica

This course takes place on Finca La Flor in the province of Cartago and consists of a hands-on opportunity to learn about food security, sustainable farming techniques, and ecology in Costa Rica. Participating students in this three-week course will be exposed to and have a chance to work in the following main areas at Finca La Flor:

Water management: As in any farm involving agriculture and animal husbandry, the demand for water is high. Although the farm has policies and has implemented techniques to regulate and reduce the consumption of potable water, water management in the farm has room for improvement.

Organic agriculture: Excessive use of agrochemicals in conventional agriculture in the area has caused serious damage and degradation of the land. Thus, the farm has said 'No' to using chemicals and uses organic agriculture instead to avoid air pollution and food contamination.

The results of the students' work will help the farm leaders evaluate how efficient Finca La Flor's current efforts in both areas are and what newer techniques could be adopted. In this way, students will contribute to the farm's goals regarding improvement of their policies, practices, and techniques in their water management and organic agriculture endeavors by looking into what is being done, conducting a situational and ecological footprint analysis, and registering the changes and the externalities attached to those changes.



Spanish Language (all levels)

ICDS Spanish language courses are taught at three levels:

- 1. Basic Spanish I & II**
- 2. Intermediate Spanish I & II**
- 3. Advanced Spanish:**
 - Advanced Composition**
 - Spanish for Oral Communication**

A Spanish test is given at the beginning of the program to place students in the appropriate level.

