



# ICDS FALL 2020 COSTA RICA

## Course offering:

### **Community Engagement & Sustainable Development: A Service Learning Course**

**Professor: Danielle Jean-Pierre**

This course offers students the possibility to carry out community work within the context of local development processes and reflect upon their learning experience. Through workshops, lectures, course readings, videos, discussions, and their practical work with NGOs, students actively participate in their own learning community. Ongoing reflection, class discussions, and course activities help students develop their own experiences and competencies while empowering them as global citizens.

### **Current Environmental Issues in Latin America**

**Professor: Yanina Rovinski**

This course provides theoretical and practical knowledge and information about environmental and sustainable development issues and policies, illustrated with examples and case studies from Latin America, particularly Costa Rica. The course has been developed around a practical approach to the environmental green, blue, grey and brown agendas, selected case studies (INBio, ecotourism, PES) and selected cross-cutting issues of critical interest (energy, climate change, tourism and economics).

### **Democracy in Central America: An Ongoing Question**

**Professor: Jairo Hernández**

This course explores Central American politics, human rights and development both from a historical and contemporary perspective, with the idea of showing the links between an unstable past and an uncertain future. The course is mainly focused on how historical events in Central American nations have shaped the changing relations between the state, the economy and society and have impacted the settling of democracy in the region, particularly in terms of human rights and development in the region.



## Human Rights in Latin America: A Critical Approach

**Professor: Sharon López**

This course is aimed at providing students with a profound understanding of the essence of Human Rights in the Latin American context, by analyzing the history of colonialism, euro-centrism, patriarchalism, and neoliberalism that perpetuate structures of violence in the region, and the perpetuation of human rights violations that particularly affect women, children, migrants, and indigenous peoples.

## Rural & Urban Sustainable Development: Global & Local Perspectives

**Professor: Helen Temple**

This course looks at the global context of urban and rural development with a focus on local issues and cases from Costa Rica and Latin America. It is designed to provide a historical understanding as well as the current context surrounding urban and rural development. A multi-dimensional approach is taken to analyze the causes and effects of development from social, environmental, and economic perspectives.

## Sustainable Tourism & Local Development

**Professor: Yanina Rovinski**

This course analyzes the main trends of sustainable tourism and local development. It looks at the nature-based activities involving education and understanding of the natural environment. The course will focus on the relationship of this activity to local communities, managed so as to be ecologically, socially, and economically sustainable. The course is enriched by Costa Rica's experience in tourism and ecotourism, as well as other Latin American case studies.

## Corporate Social Responsibility & Sustainable Development

**Professor: Aitor Llodio & Gabriela Nowalski**

This course explores strategies aimed at reducing the external impacts of businesses and corporations, creating value through corporate programs and policies, and contributing to the sustainable development of countries and communities where they operate. Students will learn about the evolution of corporate social responsibility throughout the years, its relevance to the private sector, and how corporate social responsibility strategies are constructed and put in practice. Additionally, the course looks into Public-Private Partnerships for Development (PPDs) as an instrument to implement social responsibility strategies. Classroom topics will be supported by site visits to relevant organizations and businesses for experiential learning and an immersive experience in course themes.

## Culture & Development in Central America

**Professor: Ruth Corrales**

This class examines the concept of culture and its influence on development. It explores implications and applications towards shaping one's cultural identity and world view; it examines theoretical aspects of culture and development, issues of diversity, identity and migration. The aim of this class is to understand Central America, its history, its culture, and how different concepts of development have been adopted and adapted to it.