



## GEOG 498.3 – COSTA RICA

### Local Water Securities

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October 31 – November 18, 2022

**Application deadline: SEPTEMBER 15, 2022**

#### Overview

In partnership with the United Nation's University for Peace students will travel to Costa Rica to learn about the "ripple" effects of water on local communities through classroom learning and field work. Funding is available to offset travel costs for eligible students. The instructor will provide absence letters for other classes while students are abroad. A virtual course option is available.

#### Course Description

The course will consist of an introduction to variations in water resources and uses over space and time, followed by an exploration of local water security, an understanding of the different ways in which we use and value water, consequences of water insecurity, the role of intersectionality in water (in)security, and examples of how to reduce local water insecurity.

The course will be interactive, consisting of presentations by the lecturer and students, readings, discussions, assignments, group work, and field trips.

#### Course Content

- Water resources around the world
- Water and health
- Water for society
- Local water security
- Enhancing local water security
- Inequities and environmental justice

#### Learning Objective

By the end of the course, students should be able to:

1. Critically deconstruct the drivers of local water security;
2. Identify and assess the socio-economic impacts of water insecurity on individuals, communities, and nation states; and,
3. Examine and suggest appropriate mechanisms through which water security can be strengthened.

#### Prerequisites:

GEOG 120 or GEOG 125 or GEOG 130, 6 cu senior College Arts/Sci courses and permission of the instructor. Students must have a cumulative weighted average of at least 65% to participate in this course. 60 c.u. of University study & permission of the instructor are equally welcome to apply!

#### Faculty Coordinators:

Corinne Schuster-Wallace; email: [cschuster.wallace@usask.ca](mailto:cschuster.wallace@usask.ca)

### How to Apply:

Application forms are available online from the Study Abroad Website now.

<https://students.usask.ca/academics/study-abroad/term-taughtabroad.php>

### For more information and to submit applications, contact:

LaVina Watts, Program Manager, ARTS 119.5, 306-966-4194. [AandS.Abroad@usask.ca](mailto:AandS.Abroad@usask.ca)

### Cost:

- **UofS tuition:** approx. ~\$730 for credit units (individual registration and payment)
- **Program fee:** approx. \$3,100 (incl. accommodation, meals, ground transport on-site, does NOT include USask tuition)
- **Lunches and some dinners:** approx. \$500
- **Other costs:** (travel and medical insurance; personal expenses (souvenirs), textbook, airport transfers etc.)

### Financial Assistance:

**Guaranteed TRAVEL FUNDING** of at min. \$1550 (for all Canadian undergrad students taking the course for credit.)

- ALL students taking the course for credit will receive \$1000 Global Engagement Scholarship. This scholarship is meant to help offset costs related to studying abroad (must be taking the course for credit to be eligible).
- The **Global Skills Opportunity award** (funded by Global Skills Opportunity, the Government of Canada's outbound mobility pilot program) provides **all Canadian undergraduate students in Arts and Science with a minimum of \$550.**
  - Students for whom international experiences have traditionally been less accessible—specifically Indigenous students, students from low-income backgrounds and those with disabilities, may be eligible to receive up to \$4000

### Arts and Science Study Abroad Awards and Scholarships Students Can Apply for if Eligible.

Name of Award	Value	Selection Criteria
<a href="#">Global Skill Opportunity Award</a> This project is funded by the Government of Canada's Outbound Student Mobility Pilot Program.	\$1,000 - \$6,000	Value: depending on eligibility This new funding opportunity is intended to increase the number of underrepresented students (indigenous, low income, or with disabilities) to study abroad. Application details to come.
<a href="#">Gail Appel Study Abroad Award</a>	\$1,000	Based on academic achievement and financial need
<a href="#">James Barney Smythe International Travel Scholarship</a>	\$1,000	Based on academic achievement and financial need
<a href="#">McEwan Student Travel Scholarship</a>	\$2,500	Based on academic achievement and financial need
<a href="#">That Ngo Fund for Study Abroad</a>	\$1,000	Based on academic achievement and financial need

### Payment Schedule:

A \$500 non-refundable deposit will be due upon acceptance into the program.

The remainder of the program fee is due in October 2022 (details will be specified in the acceptance letter).

Program fee payments will be made Online through a link provided after acceptance to program.