



GEOG 421.3 – COSTA RICA

Local Water Securities

Dr. Corinne Schuster Wallace

3 weeks –October 30 – November, 2024 (over the November break)

Application deadline: April 30, 2024

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.

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 Coordinator:

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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:

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Financial Assistance:

TRAVEL FUNDING

- 1) 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 \$4000** to be used toward, tuition, program fees, and flights.
 - 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 \$6,000, to be used toward, tuition, program fees, and flights.
- 2) **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). This is provided once all USask International Travel Registry requirements (Pre-departure) are complete.

Cost of Program

Students are responsible for:

- 1) **UofS tuition:** approx. ~\$760.80 for 3 credit units (individual registration and payment)
- 2) **Program fee:**
 - a) For students that **do** qualify for the GSO funding (see above), will be provided enough funding to cover the flights (to and from Saskatoon), accommodations, and the UPeace/USask course tuition)
 - b) For students who **do not** qualify for the GSO funding: the program fee is approx. ~\$2,500. This does NOT include tuition, accommodations or flights) – Final amount confirmed in the Fall
- 3) **Lunches and some dinners:** approx. \$600
- 4) **Other costs may include:** (travel and medical insurance; personal expenses (souvenirs), textbook, airport transfers etc.)

Payment Schedule:

A \$500 non-refundable deposit will be due upon acceptance into the program.
The remainder of the program fee is due in of June 2024 (details will be specified in the acceptance letter).
Program fee payments will be made online through a link provided after acceptance to program.