

## COSTA RICA ~ FACULTY-LED PROGRAM 2020

**Meet Samantha, an International Studies and Environmental Science graduate! She participated in the Faculty-Led Study Abroad Program to Costa Rica.**

*“If you are considering studying abroad, I would say do it! It’s an incredible learning experience on multiple levels!”*



### **1 Why did you choose Costa Rica?**

-I wanted to study in Costa Rica because it was the perfect mix of my two programs of study. Costa Rica is a very environmentally conscious country and they speak Spanish, so having the opportunity to study both of my interests in one trip was fantastic.

### **2 Biggest cultural difference?**

-I noticed culturally that family played a very big role in Costa Rican culture. Our tour guide Wendy paid for her two sisters schooling and she lived on the same land as her parents. Additionally the land and nature of Costa Rica having autonomy and value is a big part of Costa Rican culture. Not having a military and being against violence was another big one.

### **3 How has study abroad impacted you?**

- Study abroad helped me feel more comfortable speaking Spanish and also taught me a lot about how to create environmentally sustainable communities. Professionally study abroad in Costa Rica helped me understand that I really like hands on work/learning and working with people directly.

*“Study abroad teaches you about your field of study, about yourself, and about what you want to do for a career. It also is a lot of fun, and you get to meet incredible people and make powerful connections!”*

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