

## KU GLOBAL CONNECTIONS: COSTA RICA

*The University of Kansas has maintained academic partnerships in Costa Rica since 1958. It is one of the oldest cultural exchange agreements between a North American and a Latin American university. The following profile highlights KU research and teaching associated with Costa Rica.*

### STUDENTS & VISITING SCHOLARS

KU enrolled **seven students** from Costa Rica in Spring 2015.

### FACULTY ENGAGEMENT IN COSTA RICA

KU faculty teach and/or conduct research on Costa Rica and collaborate with Costa Rican researchers on a wide range of areas, some of which are highlighted below.

[Glenn Adams](#), Psychology ▪ [Santa Arias](#), Spanish & Portuguese ▪ [Elizabeth Asiedu](#), Economics ▪ [Ronald Aust](#), Educational Leadership and Policy Studies ▪ [Tamara Baker](#), Psychology ▪ [Sandra Billinger](#), Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Science ▪ [Ellen Bottorff](#), Music ▪ [Jeffrey Burns](#), Neurology ▪ [Caroline Chaboo](#), Ecology & Evolutionary Biology ▪ [Gregory Cheatham](#), Special Education ▪ [Yvonne Colgrove](#), Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Science ▪ [Michael Crawford](#), Anthropology ▪ [Gregory Cushman](#), International Environmental History ▪ [Earnhart Dietrich](#), Economics ▪ [Tamara Falicov](#), Film & Media Studies ▪ [Sarah Frisof](#), Music ▪ [Mugur Geana](#), Journalism ▪ [Jane Gibson](#), Anthropology ▪ [Manuela Gonzalez-Bueno](#), Curriculum and Teaching ▪ [Vince Gnojek](#), Music ▪ [Nancy Hamilton](#), Psychology ▪ [Peter Herlihy](#), Geography ▪ [Vicki Hicks](#), Nursing ▪ [John Hoopes](#), Archaeology ▪ [Eva Horn](#), Special Education ▪ [Luke Huan](#), Electrical Engineering and Computer Science ▪ [Kirsten Jensen](#), Ecology and Evolutionary Biology ▪ [David Johnson](#), Psychology ▪ [John Kennedy](#), Political Science ▪ [Mary Klayder](#), English ▪ [Margaret Marco](#), Music ▪ [Paul Markham](#), Curriculum and Teaching ▪ [Craig Martin](#), Ecology & Evolutionary Biology ▪ [Marshall Maude](#), Visual Art ▪ [Ludwin Molina](#), Psychology ▪ [Jennifer Roberts](#), Geology ▪ [Andrew Short](#), Ecology and Evolutionary Biology ▪ [Richard Spano](#), Social Welfare ▪ [Barbara Thompson](#), Special Education ▪ [Robert Timm](#), Ecology and Evolutionary Biology ▪ [Jarron Saint Onge](#), Sociology ▪ [Randy Stotler](#), Geology ▪ [Susan Twombly](#), Educational Leadership and Policy Studies ▪ [Eric Vidoni](#), Neurology ▪ [Barney Warf](#), Geography ▪ [Amber Watts](#), Psychology ▪ [Stephanie Zelnick](#), Music

### STUDY ABROAD PROGRAMS

KU students engage in comparative academic studies, receive practical training, and visit sites of academic and cultural relevance in Costa Rica. More than **300 students** have participated in KU faculty-led programs during the past five years.

## INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

The University of Kansas

*KU's [Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies](#) offers a Graduate Certificate for Central American Studies. The certificate program incorporates specialized courses, field research opportunities, and an extensive resource network. KU scholars also benefit from one of the largest library collections on Central America in the United States.*

# 15

*Academic units conduct research on or collaborate with Costa Rica*

# 99

*KU students studied abroad in Costa Rica*

# 2,400

*KU students in Spanish language courses*

# 106,000

*titles in KU Libraries' [collection](#) on Central America*

*Above data from 2014-2015*

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In addition to those below, Study Abroad offers a variety of programs in Costa Rica.

[Business Practices in Costa Rica](#) (Faculty-led Winter Break)

[Early Childhood Unified in Costa Rica](#) (Faculty-led Summer)

[Field Biology in Costa Rica](#) (Faculty-led Summer)

[International Social Services: A Costa Rican Perspective](#) (Faculty-led Summer)

[Preparing for International Careers in San José](#) (Faculty-led Spring Break)

[Travel Writing and the Costa Rica Experience](#) (Faculty-led Winter Break)

[Semester in Costa Rica with Grupo de Kansas](#)

## AGREEMENTS

University of Costa Rica

## RESOURCES

[Department of Spanish & Portuguese](#)

[Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies](#)

[KU Libraries Costa Rica Resource Guide](#)

[School of Languages, Literatures & Cultures](#)

[Center for Global and International Studies](#)

[International Programs](#) ▪ [Office of Study Abroad](#)

[KU Global Awareness Program \(GAP\)](#) ▪ [KU Global Scholars](#)

[International Undergraduate Admissions](#)

[Costa Rica World Factbook](#)



KU student Tim Mayes collects samples in the Costa Rican rain forest. Students, under the direction of Caroline Chaboo, an assistant professor in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, study arthropod communities on Zingiberales plants.

*Photo Courtesy of Dr. Chaboo*

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The University of Kansas

*Dr. Caroline Chaboo's [Field Biology in Costa Rica Program](#) moves research from the lab to the tropical rain forests of Costa Rica. KU undergraduates earn three credit hours in biology while gaining critical experience in the field.*

*During the two-week study abroad program, students examine life histories, ecology, and behavior of arthropod communities on Zingiberales plants. They learn to use high-resolution imaging and microscopes to study these diverse mini-ecosystems. Students not only participate in field work but also collaborate on the analysis and publication of the results.*

*"My experiences in Costa Rica were unforgettable. I have learned much about myself, the world, and field biology," said KU student Vickie Grotbeck. "The past two weeks have been not only incredibly informative, but lots of fun as well."*