

American Bar Associated Mandated Disclosures
Santa Clara University School of Law
2017 Summer Abroad Program in Costa Rica

The following disclosures are made pursuant to Part I.E. and II.E. of the 2016-17 American Bar Association [Criteria for Approval of Foreign Summer and Intersession Programs Offered by ABA-Approved Law Schools in a Location Outside the United States](#).

Part I.E. Disclosures

1. The program begins on Monday, May 22, 2017 and ends on Friday, June 9, 2017. The first two weeks of classes are held at the Inter-American Institute of Human Rights, and the third week of classes is held at the Inter-American Court of Human Rights. The program consists of classes in Human Rights in the Americas and possible internship opportunities. For details concerning the classes, see item 3 below.

2. Program description

A. Human Rights in the Americas (4 units)

The Costa Rica program in human rights takes advantage of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights and numerous human rights organizations which are located in San José, Costa Rica. Our *three-week* human rights course provides a broad, general overview of the international human rights system, before drilling deeper to explore human rights within the inter-American system.

The course introduces students to public international law, the origins and scope of the international human rights movement, global enforcement mechanisms and institutions – with a focus on the United Nations human rights system, covering treaty-based and Charter-based human rights institutions. Students examine both the law and politics of regional human rights through the lens of the inter-American system. These international human rights classes are taught in English Monday-Thursday. We also offer Spanish language instruction and a cultural immersion program at no additional charge. The final exam will be administered in-class at the end of the course, and will be a combination of multiple choice questions, short answers, and short essays.

Site visits may include:

- Meeting with union attorneys and workers who are suffering labor rights violations in banana and pineapple plantations
- Meeting with rural communities who lack basic access to clean water
- Visiting local human rights organizations
- Participating in a hearing before the Inter-American Court of Human Rights

The 2017 program offers internships in the following areas (4-5 units):

Students gain practical experience by doing legal work under the supervision of a legal professional in the host country, while receiving invaluable integration into the legal culture of the country and make invaluable professional contacts. The expectation of an intern is full-time work from the period of the internship (e.g., 40 hours or more a week of supervised legal work). Santa Clara Law requires a minimum of 50 hours of supervised legal work for each internship unit of credit.

B. Costa Rica, Mexico, Jamaica, Guatemala, Puerto Rico, Peru, & Dominican Republic Internships

Students may opt to participate in an internship after the conclusion of the class portion. Internships vary in duration but typically last 4-8 weeks. Spanish language ability is preferred for some, but not all, of the internships. A quick language evaluation will be arranged where Spanish language proficiency is necessary.

Costa Rica Internships: Representative placements include the Inter-American Court of Human Rights, the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees, international organizations & non-profits working in international human rights or international refugee law.

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Internships: Student placements include international organizations, non-profit organizations focused on human rights, international refugee law, indigenous people's rights, or nationality and immigration, as well as private law practice.

If students are interested in a different internship opportunity not listed above, please email Program Director Francisco Rivera and he will do his best to match students with an HR organization.

3. Contact information for an informed person(s) at Santa Clara University School of Law is:

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4. Tuition for the program is \$1,000/unit.

Students are responsible for the cost of round trip airfare to and from the destination,

breakfasts, lunches and dinners throughout the duration of the program, and all incidental living expenses. The costs of these items vary depending on the student's individual circumstances.

5. Students are responsible for making their own housing arrangements during classes and the internship period. Some available choices are listed here.

Hostels

[Hostel Casa Yoses](#): Very basic and inexpensive, dormitory style rooms (expect to “rough it” at \$11 per night – \$9 with youth hostel card), including breakfast. Tel (506) 2234-5486 or (506) 2839-2165

[Toruma Youth Hostel](#): Inexpensive (but we are told, ”nice”). Tel: (506) 224-4085

[Bekuo Hostel](#) (one block from classes): Tel: (506) 234-1090 E-mail info@hostelbekuo.com

Midrange Hotels: (Some visitors have stayed in each of these and had very positive reports. About three blocks from classes. \$52-67 per day with up to 15% discount for long term stay. Breakfast included).

Hotel Don Fadrique: Tel: (506) 225-8186

Hotel Le Bergerac: Tel: (506) 234-7850

6. Santa Clara University Law School does not anticipate the cancelling of the program. However, war, natural disaster, widespread contagious disease, terrorism, or comparable events, or insufficient enrollment, could cause cancellation. Should cancellation occur, students will be notified by e-mail and all deposits and tuition paid for the program will be refunded.

7. If, prior to commencement of the program, the U.S. State Department issues a Travel Warning or Travel Alert for Costa Rica, Santa Clara Law School will promptly notify all registrants in the program by e-mail and will give all registrants the opportunity to withdraw from the program. Students who withdraw shall receive a full refund of all deposits and fees paid to Santa Clara University.

If, during the course of the program, the U.S. State Department issues a Travel Warning or Travel Alert for Costa Rica, Santa Clara Law School will promptly notify all registrants in the program by e-mail and will give all registrants the opportunity to withdraw from the program. Students who withdraw will be refunded fees paid except for room and board payments (if applicable) used before the date of withdrawal.

See [here](#) for current State Department travel warnings.

8. In addition to the refund policies stated in items 6 and 7, above, if significant changes are made in the course offerings or other significant aspects of the program, those changes will be

communicated promptly by e-mail to any applicant who has paid a deposit or registered for the program, and an opportunity will be provided for that person to obtain a full refund of all monies paid or to transfer to another program should the student so desire.

Class and lecture schedules and topics may be adjusted based on the availability of an instructor or of facilities. Site visitations may be altered according to availability (such as unscheduled closings.) Participants will be provided prompt notice of any such changes and the program director will arrange for appropriate substitutions. All such adjustments do not constitute a "significant change" in the program.

Part II.E. Disclosures

- A. For students not matriculating at Santa Clara University School of Law, acceptance of credit or any grade for the program is subject to determination by the student's home school.