Application for Spring 2016
Course Abroad Program to Playa Grande, Costa Rica
March 19 – 27, 2016

If you are 18 years of age or over, please complete this application in its entirety and submit it before November 1, 2015 along with a non-refundable deposit of $850 (money order or cashier’s check ONLY) payable to WCSU to:
Ms. Lisa Taylor, Department of Biological and Environmental Sciences, Science Building
(203-837-8793 / Pinout@wcsu.edu)

I. Personal Information
Full Legal Name (as it appears on your passport):

WCSU ID number: _____________________ E-Mail Address: _____________________

Date of Birth: _______________________ Gender: ☐ Male ☐ Female

Nationality *: ______________________ Current Citizenship*: __________________

U.S. Green card number*, if applicable: ______________________________

Permanent Address
Street: _______________________________ Street: _______________________________

City: ________________________________ City: ________________________________

State: __________________ Zip: ________ State: _____________ Zip: ____________

Telephone: ( ________ ) ____________________ Telephone: ( ________ ) ____________

Cell Phone: ( ________ ) ____________________ Cell Phone: ( ________ ) ____________

Passport #: ___________________________ Country of Passport Issue:____________

Date of Passport Expiration: ___________________________

If you do not have a passport or if it has expired, you MUST immediately apply for new passport!

II. Academic Information

Academic Major: _____________________ Minor/Concentration: _____________________

Academic Standing: ☐ Freshman ☐ Sophomore ☐ Junior ☐ Senior ☐ Grad Student

Number of Credit Hours Completed to date: ____________ Current G.P.A.: ____________

Have you met with the faculty member(s) leading this program to discuss the academic components?
☐ Yes ☐ No

Have you met with your academic advisor to discuss how this course fits in your degree program?
☐ Yes ☐ No

Are you currently in Good Academic Standing? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Uncertain

* This information is requested solely for the purpose of determining whether you need to obtain a visa for travel to the country/countries in which this program will take place.
III. Students with Special Needs
Any student wishing to assert a disability that requires accommodation must submit supporting documentation from the appropriate professional(s) to the AccessAbility Services Office. The documentation must demonstrate how the disability affects the learning situation for which the student seeks accommodation and that information must be shared with the faculty member(s) whose courses are involved in the requested accommodation. The AccessAbility Services Office will notify the faculty affected of the accommodation request in a form that identifies the student, the disability, and the type of accommodation sought, as well as any additional information that will assist in the determination of a reasonable accommodation.

IV. Statement of Understanding
I understand the following statements, as they pertain to my participation in the stated Course Abroad program, and understand that I will be financially responsible for the cost:

Overall Program Cost:

- The program travel cost is $2,500. This includes round-trip airfare from the NY/NJ metro area, transportation to/from the US airport, field station accommodations in Costa Rica, two meals/day, emergency health insurance, airport transfers in Costa Rica, and transportation to all lab related activities.
- A **non-refundable** $850 deposit is due with this application. It MUST be submitted with this application - money order or cashier’s check only - payable to WCSU. (Bring to Ms. Lisa Taylor, Biology Department Business Office, 2nd floor Science Building and she will give you a permission slip to register)
- A $1500 payment is due by January 4, 2016. (Bring to Ms. Lisa Taylor, Biology Department, 2nd floor Science Building). Refunds for this money will go according to university policy, and no refunds will be issued after February 8th.
- A $150 payment is due by February 29, 2016. (Bring to Ms. Lisa Taylor, Biology Department, 2nd floor science building).

The program cost does NOT include:

- WCSU tuition and fees (These 4 credits should be part of your Spring Full Time Tuition. Special and non-matriculating students are welcome but they need to pay tuition and fees for 4-credits separately).
- Visa, if required / Passport (required)
- Recommended trip cancellation insurance (available through an insurance company)
- Personal expenses / incidental items

**Note:** In the event that WCSU is charged additional direct costs by 3rd party providers, WCSU will charge participants for these direct costs. For example, on occasion, the airline will charge a gas surcharge. This direct cost would be added to your program travel cost. It is rare that this happens, but there is a possibility.
Cancellation Policy and Fees:
The deposit of $850 is non-refundable. Anyone cancelling after January 4th will lose 10% of the $1,500 payment, after the second week of classes students will lose 40% of their $1,500 payment. There is no refund after the third week of classes. In order to cancel travel arrangements without further penalty, written notice of the withdrawal must be received by Ms. Lisa Taylor, prior to close of business day (5 pm) on February 8, 2016. If cancelling after this date, you will be charged for any direct costs incurred by WCSU on your behalf, as well as a $200 cancellation penalty. Because cancellation fees can be as high as the full cost of the travel program, purchasing independent trip cancellation insurance/interruption insurance from an insurance company is highly recommended. If WCSU cancels the program for any reason, all monies will be refunded. Withdrawal/cancellation of the course(s) should be addressed with Dr. Theodora Pinou (SB 242). (Registration drop fees may also be charged, depending when you cancel/drop.)

Applicant’s Name: _________________________

Approved by Dr. Pinou:

_____________________________ _______________________
Signature Date

I certify that the information submitted on this application form is correct. I understand that additional forms will be required after I am accepted into the program and have paid my deposit. I agree to complete forms as required and pay by the required deadlines or risk losing a place in this program. I also understand that program information is subject to change.

_____________________________ _______________________
Student Signature Date