

Rainforest Ecology in Costa Rica
Estimated Budget
Fall 2026

Fees billed to Student's ISU Account by Study Abroad Office

Billed July 1, balance due in full August 1¹	14 students	16 students	18 students
Study Abroad Non-Instructional Costs			
OTS Program Fee Deposit*	\$ 350.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 350.00
OTS Program Fee** (minus program deposit)	\$ 1,294.29	\$ 1,241.06	\$ 1,199.61
Faculty Support	\$ 222.07	\$ 194.31	\$ 172.72
Study Abroad Non-Refundable Application Fee (billed upon acceptance)	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
Mandatory International Travel Health Insurance	\$ 39.67	\$ 39.67	\$ 39.67
Total Study Abroad Billable Costs:	\$ 2,206.03	\$ 2,125.05	\$ 2,062.00

***Note:** An advance **\$350.00** program deposit is required for this program. The deposit will be billed in June and is due the first week in July.

The remaining OTS program fee balance, faculty support, and mandatory international health insurance will be billed in July and is due the first week in August

**OTS Program Fee Includes: Lodging at La Selva Biological Station, one night lodging at Hotel Presidente, airport transfer, daily meals

Estimated Independent Costs - NOT billed to student account

Round-Trip Airfare from BMI	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Passport (if you do not already have one)	\$ 165.00	\$ 165.00	\$ 165.00
Student Visa (not required for US citizens for stays under 90 days)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Additional Meals	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
Personal Expenses (does not include travel)	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Total Estimated Independent Costs:	\$ 1,315.00	\$ 1,315.00	\$ 1,315.00

Tuition billed by ISU Student Accounts²

ISU Undergraduate Tuition (2 hours based on 2025-2026 catalog year)	\$ 804.38	\$ 804.38	\$ 804.38
Total ISU Tuition:	\$ 804.38	\$ 804.38	\$ 804.38

Total Estimated Cost of Program: \$ 4,325.41 \$ 4,244.43 \$ 4,181.38

Please note that this itemized budget sheet is a per term estimate accurate at the time of publication and is subject to change. The "Estimated Independent Costs Paid Directly by the Student" section is based on estimates and it addresses basic necessities and light to moderate personal expenses. Costs can fluctuate based on changes in currency exchange rates, tuition and fees increases, varying personal lifestyles, etc.

¹ **Financial Aid:** Financial Aid may be applied to the costs of studying abroad. Please contact your Financial Aid Advisor to discuss student's individual eligibility towards the cost of your study abroad program fees payment. <http://financialaid.illinoisstate.edu/>

**Any study abroad cost that is not covered by the financial aid package will be the responsibility of the student participating in the program.*

² **ISU Tuition:** All students participating in an OIE-sponsored Study Abroad Program are billed for two credit hours of tuition based on the catalog year they first enrolled at ISU. For more information on your tuition rate please visit: <https://studentaccounts.illinoisstate.edu/billing/undergraduate-tuition/>

OIE Study Abroad Withdrawal Policy: Please visit: <https://studyabroad.illinoisstate.edu/cost/withdrawal/>

Fall 2026 Program Dates:

Depart US: November 19

Return to US: December 1