



Sustainable Agriculture in Puerto Rico

Program Description:

Students will get first-hand experience of new generation small-scale farming at Govardhan Gardens, that practices environmentally sound and sustainable eco-organize cultivation, without the use of herbicides and fertilizers. They will learn different weed management alternatives for organic coffee agroforestry systems at the University of Puerto Rico and tour experimental plots that demonstrate the effectiveness of different sustainable weed management strategies. Students will visit El Departamento de la Comida at Santurce, farm-to-table restaurant with the concept of Community Supported Agriculture; gain in-depth knowledge of where food comes from through hands-on participation; and go behind scenes to understand what it takes to bring locally produced ingredients to the kitchen. Students will visit the El Yunque National Rainforest on the eastern side of the island to explore flora and fauna of the only tropical rainforest in the U.S. National Forest System. They will enjoy an all-day excursion to the beautiful island of Culebra, spending the day kayaking, snorkeling or “beaching it”. Finally, students will spend the day exploring and walking around Old San Juan, a UNESCO world heritage site, with its 16th century cobblestone streets, Spanish town houses with wrought iron balconies, busy plazas, museums and historical sites.

Program Dates:

May 14—May 28, 2017

Course:

PSS 4990/6990: Sustainable Agriculture in Puerto Rico (3 credit hours)

Requirements:

All students with at least a 2.5 GPA and sophomore standing are welcome to participate in this program. In addition to PSS students, other CALS departments and CFR students may find this course useful.



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Application Deadline:

February 17, 2017

Price: \$3,500*

February 17, 2017—\$150 (non-refundable)

March 3, 2017—Payment #1: \$1,675

March 17, 2017—Payment #2: \$1,675

*All program fees are charged to MSU student accounts. Once each payment deadline has passed and the student's account has been charged, the fee is non-refundable.

Program cost includes:

- International Health and Emergency Assistance insurance
- Lodging
- Daily breakfast and two lunches
- Round-trip airfare
- In-country transportation
- Excursions to El Yunque National Forest, the island of Culebra, and Old San Juan
- Entrance fees
- Professional tour guides

Cost does not include:

- MSU Tuition and Fees
- OSA Software Fee (\$28)
- All dinners and some lunches
- Personal expenditures

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