

# OSU FACULTY-LED PROGRAMS | Food, Sustainable Agriculture and Biodiversity in Costa Rica



Deepen your understanding and appreciation of the complex relationships between farming, sustainability, ecotourism and culture in Costa Rica.

Students will enroll in FST 399 /599 "Food, Sustainable Agriculture and Biodiversity in Costa Rica" for 4 credits.

**PROGRAM DATES: June 19 – July 1, 2025**

## Program Description:

Explore the intertwining of food, from production to process, cultural heritage, and biodiversity in Costa Rica. This program offers insights into diverse farming methods, highlighting sustainability, as well as negative practices. Delve into the effects of monoculture within the sugar industry, contrasted with more sustainable agricultural practices in the Monteverde region. Additionally, students will have the chance to explore Costa Rica's rich ecosystems, including the Bellbird Biological Corridor and its socio-economic significance and impact of ecotourism.

## Program Leaders:

**Dave Stone**, College of Agricultural Sciences Assoc. Dean of International Programs

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<https://bit.ly/3svigEY>

Application  
Deadline:  
March 15

Next information meeting:

Friday, February 28

12:00 to 1:00 p.m.

ZOOM Link:

<https://oregonstate.zoom.us/j/95996282006?pwd=5RtMyGGBLzGBGG8yy1pHttABVdPLxO.1>

Meeting ID: 959 9628 2006  
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