

First Study Abroad Program on Climate Change and Sustainable Development in Latin America and the Caribbean

Panama City, Panama. November 11, 2009 -- The Water Center for the Humid Tropics of Latin America and the Caribbean (CATHALAC) introduces an eight-week Study Abroad Program, focusing on Climate Change and Sustainable Development in Latin America and the Caribbean. Through professional training, hands-on learning, and cultural immersion, students will embark on experiencing how global climate change influences sustainable development in Latin America and the Caribbean.

Students will have the opportunity to explore firsthand the diverse direct and indirect effects of a changing climate on natural and human systems. Students are encouraged both individually and as a group to delve into complex topics and address challenging questions relevant to contemporary regional and national climate change problems.

This international program includes a professional training course on Climate Change and Sustainable Development in Latin America and the Caribbean, which delivers hands-on training in climate change research methods and tools currently used by climate change practitioners in multilateral and bilateral development agencies, as well as Governments in both developed and developing countries, and engages students in a month-long internship. Students will be culturally immersed through home-stays and excursions in Panama, and will receive intensive Spanish language classes from native speakers.

The Study Abroad Program on Climate Change and Sustainable Development in Latin America and the Caribbean is accredited by the University of Alabama in Huntsville (UAH) and qualifies for six undergraduate credit hours through the Earth System Science academic program. These credits are available for transfer from UAH to any US college or university for current non-UAH students who wish to enroll at UAH for the summer course. CATHALAC also welcomes other universities to accredit the program directly. Consult your study-abroad office for your university's specific credit and transfer policy for this program.

Students who wish to receive credits through UAH must enroll in two sections of the Special Topics summer course entitled: "Climate Change and Sustainable Development in Latin America and the Caribbean". Payment of tuition (credit hours), which is in addition to the CATHALAC program fee, should be handled directly with the university at enrollment. Students who wish to participate but do not want to receive credits for the Study Abroad Program need only to pay the Program fee directly to CATHALAC.

Apply online now for summer 2010!

Further information is available on: www.cathalac.org/study_abroad
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About CATHALAC

Established in 1992, CATHALAC is an autonomous international organization dedicated to promote sustainable development through applied research and development, education, and technology transfer in the areas of integrated watershed management, climate change, environmental modeling and analysis, and risk management in Latin America and the Caribbean.

About UAH

Founded in 1950, UAH is an autonomous campus of The University of Alabama System dedicated to excellence in teaching, research, and service. UAH is a key participant in one of the nation's major international centers for advanced technological research and utilizes its position in this environment to provide unique opportunities and creative programs for students, faculty, and the community. UAH is committed to maintaining a diverse academic community of the highest quality, and to providing an environment that facilitates intellectual, cultural, personal, and professional growth. UAH fosters leadership, creative and critical thinking, clear communication, a respect for knowledge and the pursuit of truth, and an engagement in the challenge and pleasure of a lifetime of learning.

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