



CATHALAC
Water Center for the Humid Tropics
of Latin America and the Caribbean

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

Develop **professional skills**,
gain a **global perspective**, and experience
the change you are going to **create!**

Benefits of Studying Abroad at CATHALAC

- ▶ Specialized interdisciplinary training in new, emerging fields related to climate change and sustainable development
- ▶ Extensive, practical, hands-on experience at CATHALAC and at field sites
- ▶ Study at a globally recognized international organization, gain expertise, contacts, and professional skills
- ▶ Enhance technical and scientific knowledge
- ▶ Develop critical-thinking skills
- ▶ Build up environmental consciousness
- ▶ Be part of innovating solutions to environmental problems
- ▶ Cultural immersion through home-stays and excursions



CATHALAC introduces an eight-week study abroad program focusing on Climate Change and Sustainable Development.

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. CATHALAC provides knowledgeable, experienced professionals who guide and mentor students in their learning process. This unique program offers university students and young professionals the opportunity to experience a new culture while working towards promoting sustainable development in Latin America and the Caribbean.

Academic Requirements

Applicants must have successfully completed at least 2 semesters of undergraduate work. Basic Spanish proficiency is a plus but NOT a must.

Academic Credits

The Study Abroad Program (SAP) is accredited by the University of Alabama in Huntsville (UAH) and qualifies for 6 undergraduate credit hours through the Earth System Science academic 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.

Cost

The program fee is USD \$5,000
(payment is handled directly with CATHALAC)

This fee includes:

- ☑ A course on Climate Change and Sustainable Development in Latin America and the Caribbean comprised of 4 specific topics:
 - Introduction to Sustainable Development;
 - Introduction to Climate Change Science and Policy;
 - Social and Political Aspects of Climate Change;
 - Methods and tools for Climate Change Research.
- ☑ Intensive Spanish language training
- ☑ Four weeks conducting an Internship research project & supervision
- ☑ Room and partial board (breakfast and dinner)
- ☑ Airport pick-up
- ☑ Excursions and cultural activities



IMPORTANT DATES

Program Dates: June 7- July 30
Application Deadline - March 8, 2010 (we encourage early application)

For further information on program description and application process,
please visit www.cathalac.org/study_abroad

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**Apply now for
Summer 2010!**