2019 Program Registration
UM Students should register in Wolverine Access for a 15 credit placeholder:
**STDABRD 303** - CGIS: Environment and Sustainable Development in San Jose, Costa Rica
Class Number 18581

As a U-M student participating in a CGIS program, you will be enrolled at U-M simultaneously while you are studying at ICADS. Before you leave Ann Arbor, you need to register for 15 credits of **STDABRD 303** in Wolverine Access for the term in which you participating in the program. If you are participating for the full academic year program then you will need to register for Fall and then register again for Winter term (following the U-M calendar), for the same credits and course number. This is the only course you will be registered for at U-M, and it serves as a “place holder,” maintaining your status as a fully-enrolled student at U-M.

2019 Program Dates
Program Begins September 3, 2019
Pass/Fail Declaration Form Deadline*three weeks after the start of classes on-site
Program Ends December 6, 2019

Grades
Grades and credits will be taken from the ICADS transcript without conversion. Grades will factor towards cumulative GPA for LSA students. CGIS will receive students’ transcripts directly from ICADS; a Hampshire College Transcript Request Form is not required for UM students.

Courses and Credits
Students will earn 15 in-residence LSA credits on this program. To determine how these 15 credits may meet certain graduation requirements or count towards a major and/or minor students need to work with their individual departments.

In preparation for registration for your courses at ICADS it is expected that prior to traveling to Costa Rica, you have met with a U-M concentration and/or general advisor prior to discuss with the advisors the courses you plan to take at ICADS and how they may be used toward your
degree. If, for some reason, your final enrolled classes on site differ from what you had originally discussed with your U-M advisor, you should contact the U-M advisor and review with him/her your new selections. (It is useful to cc the CGIS on these e-mail messages, as it will then become part of your CGIS file and can be referred to when you return.)

Pass/Fail Option
Students may elect to take courses on a Pass/Fail basis. The Pass/Fail deadline for this program is three weeks after you start classes. The form is located in the ‘Documents’ section of M-Compass. Students are encouraged to consult with their academic advisors prior to selecting a course as Pass/Fail.

PACKING

Please see your ICADS materials for specific packing information. You can also find general packing advice on the CGIS website.

PHONES

You are required to have a cell phone on the program, so that program staff may contact you in the event of an emergency. Please see your ICADS Materials for more information.

DRESS

When visiting a new place, remember that it is polite to dress according to place and custom. Be prepared that some sites may require students to dress modestly. ICADS will inform students if there is anything else they need to pack.

Travel to Program Site

All students are responsible for making their own travel arrangements in order to arrive in San José by the program start date. ICADS may provide a recommended travel agency. The visa process will be done together with the ICADS staff. All students will enter the country on a 90 day tourist visa and then renew after the program excursion to Nicaragua.

Visa

Non U.S. citizens should refer to the website of the Thai consulate in your home country to research whether a visa is required; if so, you will be responsible to research the requirements and apply.

U.S. citizens are not required to obtain a tourist visa in order to participate on the program.


The CGIS office does not arrange the visa application for you, nor is the CGIS office responsible in the event that you cannot obtain your visa; it will be your responsibility to research the requirements and apply.
HEALTH & SAFETY

Please see your ICADS materials for specific information. General safety information will also be presented to you at your CGIS program orientation.

International health insurance coverage

All university of Michigan students will be covered by U-M’s health insurance policy with GeoBlue for your program dates. CGIS will automatically enroll you in the plan and the cost is included in your program fee. Details of your plan can be found here: https://geobluestudents.com/

A FINAL WORD

Enjoy your experience abroad – it will be a truly unique period in your life, and will pass more quickly than you think. Make time to pursue interests and take advantage of opportunities that might not present themselves here. If there is anything our office can do to make your stay easier, please let us know.
CONTACT INFORMATION

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EMERGENCIES

Contact your local program/on-site staff immediately if you are the victim of crime or need emergency assistance. Please also contact the University of Michigan to let us know of the situation as soon as you are able. The University of Michigan Department of Public Safety has a 24 hour number which is (734) 763-1131. They will then contact the necessary on-campus offices, including CGIS, to respond to your situation. You may provide this same 24 hour number to your parents should they experience an emergency and need to get a hold of you while you are abroad and are unable to contact you directly. To contact GeoBlue in the event of an emergency, call +1-610-254-8771 or email globalhealth@geo-blue.com