



API SUMMER SERVICE-LEARNING PROGRAMS COSTA RICA • ECUADOR



THE BASICS

- Apply essential elements of learning and serving by observing and engaging in local community projects, as an integrated aspect of your academic program
- Earn 3 U.S. semester credits through online coursework taught in English
- Live with a local host family, practice your Spanish, and immerse yourself in the community

REQUIREMENTS

- 18+ years old
- Minimum 2.75 G.P.A.
- Open to rising sophomores, juniors, and seniors
- Open to all levels of Spanish speakers

ACADEMIC PROGRAM

TOTAL CREDIT HOURS

SUMMER 3 SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS

Students who choose to participate in the Service-Learning program with API will divide their time between volunteering at local projects and completing online coursework. Students will **learn by doing** and by **reflecting on their actions**, all the while **committing to the long-term and strategic goals of a community partner abroad**. Students will serve abroad under the guidance of a local site supervisor and a U.S.-based faculty member or assessment coordinator.

SAN JOAQUÍN DE FLORES, COSTA RICA

Project areas involve working with children in schools or with children and the elderly in social aid projects, as well as working on a sustainable farm on the outskirts of San José.

QUITO, ECUADOR

Project areas involve working with children in varied social aid projects.

THE TRANSCRIPT FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS IS ISSUED BY SIENA COLLEGE.



WHAT'S INCLUDED

PRE-DEPARTURE SERVICES

- Advising
- @api Online System
- Orientation Materials and Resources
- Access to International Phone Plans
- API Alumni Network
- Social Networking
- Scholarships

ON-SITE SERVICES

- Airport Reception
- Resident Directors
- On-Site Orientation
- Housing (including meals and laundry)
- Tuition
- Tutoring
- Group Reflection Sessions
- Language & Culture Tools
- Medical & Life Insurance
- Excursions (for supplemental fee)
- Social & Cultural Activities
- Welcome and Farewell Group Meals

RE-ENTRY SERVICES

- Re-Entry Materials & Support
- Post-Program Evaluation
- Transcript
- Alumni Network & Global Leadership Academy

COURSE INFORMATION

SERVICE-LEARNING 101: INTERNATIONAL EDITION

This course explores the role of culture and service in shaping students personally and professionally for their future roles in both their careers and their communities.

Students will:

- learn about intercultural communication and competence, as well as cultural understanding;
- engage with underserved and under-represented populations; and
- gain soft skills through the challenges and opportunities of living and working abroad.

Students will be engaged in ongoing service through partnerships with community agencies as an integral part of the course.

The course integrates three main areas of focus:

- engagement in service activities with a selected community partner in a mutually beneficial relationship based on a spirit of collaboration;
- reflection upon larger issues that affect communities through readings, journal entries and discussion; and
- integration of community engagement and academic learning through discussions, papers, presentations and experiential activities.

TO APPLY PLEASE SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING TO API:

- Online API application form
- Housing form
- One letter of recommendation
- A \$150 application deposit
- University contact information form
- Official transcript

APPLICANTS ARE SCREENED AND ACCEPTED BY API.

DEADLINES, DATES & FEES

APPLICATION DEADLINES

COSTA RICA
APPLICATION DEADLINE APRIL 1, 2018

ECUADOR
APPLICATION DEADLINE MARCH 15, 2018

SAN JOAQUIN DE FLORES, COSTA RICA SUMMER 2018

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| SUMMER 1 | May 26 - June 28, 2018 | \$2,980 |
| SUMMER 2 | May 26 - July 26, 2018 | \$3,880 |

QUITO, ECUADOR SUMMER 2018

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| SUMMER 1 | May 26 - June 28, 2018 | \$3,850 |
| SUMMER 2 | May 26 - July 26, 2018 | \$4,480 |