



# Las Nubes Semester Abroad



**Mandatory Session**

January 24, 2018

HNES 140



# Agenda

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# Important Dates

- **February 13, 2018:** Deposit
- **March 2018:** Summer Term Enrolment
- **April 4, 2018:** Final Mandatory Meeting
- **April 23-27, 2018:** Orientation sessions for each course (TBA)

# Requirements

- Undergraduate Students
  - Make sure that you have at least 54 standing credits. We will verify this before you can register for the Summer term.
- Graduate Students
  - MES: Make sure to demonstrate how these courses fit into your POS. Talk to your advisor.
- ENVS 4446 – *Protected Area Management in Costa Rica*: all students should have basic familiarity with ecology

# February 13, 2018

## DEPOSIT

- CAN\$100 per course.
- Non-refundable
- Cash
- Please bring payment to HNES 139F during business hours
- Those who have not registered on the Las Nubes website will not be able to pay the deposit nor enroll in any of the courses.

## DEADLINE FOR [REGISTRATION](#).

Don't wait too long, courses are capped.

# March 2017

- York University official Summer registration starts at the beginning of the month.
- Verification of eligibility will be done before you can enroll in any of the courses.
- We will send reminders.

# April 4, 2018

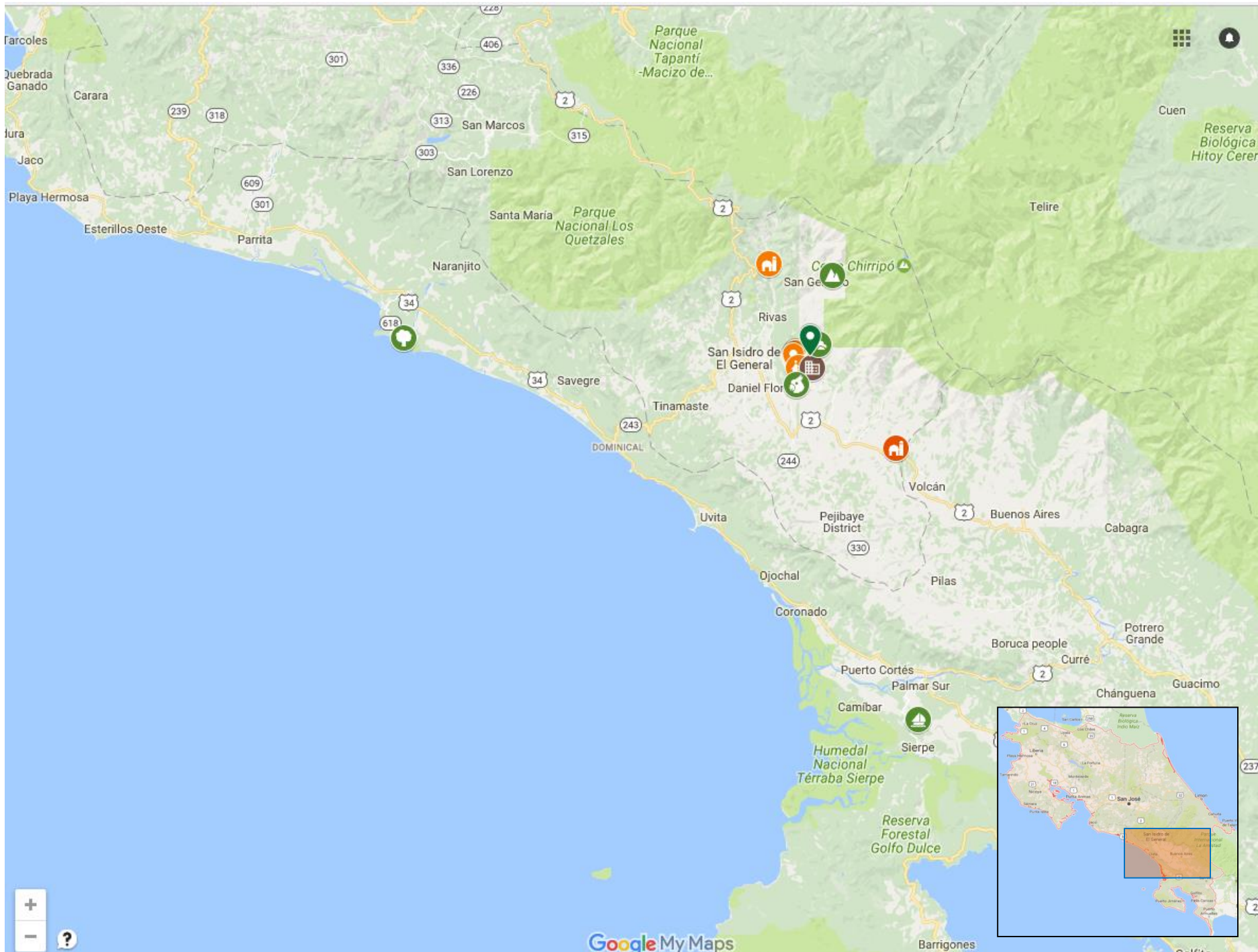
## Final Mandatory Meeting

- 12-2 PM, HNES 140.
- Risk assessment forms (links on the website)
- York International's Mobility Award form and instructions
- **Full course fee** must be paid at the meeting. Payments are payable to York University by money order, a certified bank cheque or cash. No personal cheques. No exceptions.

# April 23-27, 2018

- Several classes will have an orientation session during this week.
  - ENVS 4215: April 23, 2018, 1-4 PM, HNES 109
  - ENVS 4120: April 26, 2018, 1-4 PM, HNES 141
  - Other courses tba
- York University **tuition fees (not the same as the course fee)** must be paid before departure.





# GL/SP/COMS 4608: Narratives in/of Latin America. Individuals, Communities, and their Voices

Instructor: Maria Constanza Guzmán

April 30 - May 10, 2018

This course centers on the nature of narratives, with a focus on Latin America. Throughout the course we explore the ways in which the region is imagined and constructed narratively. Students engage with fiction and non-fiction and personal (life) and social narratives in various discursive modalities. They analyze them as they relate to the construction of subjects, identities, and social formations, and look at how language(s), power relations, and subjectivity intersect in the way we tell (these) stories. In addition, students are given the option of creating their own narratives, based on a personal experience in/of Latin America

- ✓ A minimum level of Spanish equivalent to GL/SP 3000
- ✓ Locations: York University Eco-Campus at Las Nubes; Visits to local bookstores, libraries, and local organizations; San Jose, San Isidro
- ✓ Two-day orientation at Glendon (April 30 & May 1, 2018)

## **Arrival:**

We will pick you up at the San Jose Airport (SJO) on May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 2 PM (must arrive by 2 PM)

## **Departure:**

We will drop you off at SJO on May 11<sup>th</sup> (book your flight after 2 PM)

# ENVS 4800: Environmental Arts and Food Sovereignty

Instructor: Deborah Barndt

May 11-20, 2018

This workshop offers students the opportunity to experience environmental arts that are integral to struggles for food sovereignty in Costa Rica, and to work with key artists on community-engaged artistic productions: mobile murals proclaiming small farmers' rights against corporate agriculture and youth art projects in a community permaculture garden. The course culminates with artistic participation in the annual Alexander Skutch Festival.

- ✓ There are no prerequisites
- ✓ Locations: York University Eco-Campus at Las Nubes; Field visits and production sites: Farmers' Market, San Isidro; Longo Mai.

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# ENVS 4215: Globalization and Indigenous Peoples

Instructor: Ravi de Costa

May 22-29, 2018

Indigenous peoples are distinct communities who have experienced the processes of globalization in particular ways. Focusing on the experience of Indigenous peoples in Costa Rica, the course examines the global historical processes of imperialism and colonialism and their legacies of racism, assimilation and marginalization. The course then examines Indigenous peoples' resistance to globalization and engagement with global networks, movements and institutions, in order to protect their cultures and assert their rights. We will think about these issues in context, by living with and learning from several Indigenous communities in the south of Costa Rica.

- ✓ There are no prerequisites
- ✓ Locations: York University Eco-Campus at Las Nubes; Alexander Skutch Biological Corridor; Aradikes, Salitre; Boruca

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# EDUC 3700: Education for a Sustainable Future

Instructor: Steve Alsop

May 31 – June 9, 2018

This course provides an introduction to the theory and practice of education for environmental sustainability. It traces approaches from its origins in outdoor, experiential and environmental education to contemporary expressions as an interdisciplinary approach that explores relations between education and social, economic, cultural and environmental justice. The course seeks to attract students with an interest in education and the possibilities and shortcomings that associated policies and practices might offer/foreclose. It draws from selected readings and experiences in Las Nubes to explore ESF (Education for a Sustainable Future) as an open-question for examination within selected social-ecological contexts within Costa Rica and Canada.

- ✓ There are no prerequisites
- ✓ Locations: York University Eco-Campus at Las Nubes; Alexander Skutch Corridor; San Isidro

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# ENVS 4120: Natural History: Political Ecology Encounters Environmental Education in Costa Rica

Instructor: Leesa Fawcett

June 11-20, 2018

Experiencing, appreciating and recognizing the biodiversity of the tropical forests in the Las Nubes area, while considering the political ecology of the region is the intention of this course. By studying the beliefs, theories and practices of naturalists (e.g. Darwin, Alexander Skutch and contemporary Costa Rican scholars), we will critically interpret differing historical narratives and images of nature. In the field, with close observation, students will describe and document the lives of mammals, amphibians, birds, plants, and insects in the Las Nubes area, the greater corridor, and its watershed.

- ✓ There are no prerequisites
- ✓ Locations: York University Eco-Campus at Las Nubes; Alexander Skutch Corridor; Dominical, Sierpe

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# ENVS 4446: Protected Area Management

Instructor: Sheila Colla

June 22 – July 1, 2018

This course will investigate the ecological, cultural and social components involved in protecting habitats to maintain biodiversity. Based at Las Nubes Eco Campus, case studies, readings and field trips will explore various governance issues including conflict, stakeholder interests and collaborations. Measures of successful conservation management will be discussed, including the use of biodiversity indicators. Students will be involved in the design and data collection of local protected area biodiversity monitoring schemes for a variety of taxa through group projects. Some prior knowledge of ecology is expected.

- ✓ No prerequisites, but some prior knowledge of ecology is expected.
- ✓ Locations: York University Eco-Campus at Las Nubes; Alexander Skutch Corridor

## **Arrival:**







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## **Departure:**








We will drop you off at SJO on July 2<sup>nd</sup> (book your flight after 2 PM)

# Possible Scenarios

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
MAY		30	1	2	3	4	5
	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	27	28	29	30	31	1	2
JUNE	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
JULY	1						

-  Narratives in/of Latin America: Individuals, Communities, and their Voices
-  Environmental Arts and Food Sovereignty in Costa Rica
-  Globalization and Indigenous Peoples
-  Education for a Sustainable Future
-  Natural History: Political Ecology Encounters Environmental Education in Costa Rica
-  Protected Area Management in Costa Rica
-  **Alexander Skutch Festival**

One course:	\$1,100
Two courses:	\$2,100
Three courses:	\$3,000
Four courses:	\$3,800
Five courses:	\$4,500

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 Arrival: May 10, 2018  
 Departure: May 21, 2018  
 CAN\$1,100
  
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 ESF
 
 Arrival: May 2, 2018  
 Departure: June 10, 2018  
 CAN\$2,100 plus \$\$ for 19 extra days  
 for homestay in COBAS or you can make your own plans
  
-  NH  
 PAM
 
 Arrival: June 10, 2018  
 Departure: July 2, 2018  
 CAN\$2,100