

THE PROGRAM

This study abroad program will provide a unique experience for the faculty and students at Texas A&M University to not only obtain knowledge on the cultural issues of Panama, but to also participate in the education of Panamanian engineers and planning for the design and construction of a major Civil accomplishment. Visits to both cultural and canal sites will be scheduled.

Track A: Courses will focus on planning, assessing risks, project/construction management techniques, and analysis of construction methods. Students will be housed at the City of Knowledge and have direct interaction with Panamanian students not only in a social setting, but in the classrooms as well.

Track B: Courses will focus on water quality assessment of natural environmental systems, occurrence, distribution and properties of natural water, measurement and engineering analysis. Students will study in Panama for three weeks and then travel to Costa Rica for three weeks. Students will reside in the brand new TAMU Costa Rica Study Center.

COURSES

Track A—Dr. David Trejo

- CVEN 349—Civil Engineering Project Management
- CVEN 405—Construction Management of Field Operations

Track B—Dr. Tony Cahill

- CVEN 301—Environmental Engineering
- CVEN 463—Engineering Hydrology



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Panama

Engineering



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May 18—June 26, 2009
(Summer 1)

THE CITY OF KNOWLEDGE

The City of Knowledge is located in the heart of the Panama Canal Watershed. The City of Knowledge is spacious and normally very tranquil, especially in the evening and early morning. There is lush green, open



spaces for jogging, an Olympic size swimming pool and gymnasium, and there are 3 cafeterias, all at walking distance from the Villas.



CULTURAL AND TECHNICAL TRIPS

Visits to both cultural and technical sites will be scheduled and included in the program. Visits may include:

- Cultural trip of the city (i.e., historical sites, museums, etc.)
- 1/2 day trip down the canal, lunch at the Miraflores Locks; Construction site of the third canal
- Indian Village; Trump Tower; Container port

ELIGIBILITY

- Open to all Engineering majors with a minimum GPA of 2.5.
- Good standing with TAMU and approval of professor.
- Students must attend all Study Abroad program-specific meetings and the General Orientation Workshop in the semester prior to departure.

INTERNATIONAL CERTIFICATE INFO

<http://essap.tamu.edu/international-cert.htm>

APPLICATION

Applications are available online

<http://studyabroad.tamu.edu/application.asp>.

WEBSITE

<http://iee.tamu.edu> OR <http://studyabroad.tamu.edu>



COST

At this time the exact cost is under negotiation. Cost includes Study Abroad administrative fees, group meals, accommodations in the City of Knowledge, program-related transportation, excursions to the Panama Canal, international health insurance, and various field trip expenses. **Not included in the cost are TAMU tuition & fees, textbook(s) & course supplies, airfare, passport, meals and personal expenses.**

FINANCIAL AID

As soon as you decide to participate in a study abroad program, you will want to look into types of financial assistance that are available. For complete information on funding opportunities, please visit the Study Abroad Program Office, or website. Scholarships designated specifically for study abroad include the Study Abroad Fellowship and the International Education Fee Scholarship. These awards are based on merit or financial need. Federal and state financial aid and some scholarships may often be used toward the cost of TAMU study abroad programs. Contact a Financial Aid Counselor at 845-3236 for information.