

# SAN JOSE, COSTA RICA

## SAVANNAH BEYER

**Savannah's Major:** Genetics

**Program:** UW Spanish Language in Costa Rica, Winter

**Academic Life:** I took Spanish 203: Third Semester Spanish. The classroom setting was wonderful! I was the only student and my professor was knowledgeable and friendly. She speaks Spanish and English so it worked out well for me.

**Housing:** I lived in Vargas Araya, a small community outside of San Jose. It took about 20 minutes by bus to get to the school. There are no street names, so you have to rely on landmarks to navigate the country. My host family has a nice one-story home that is similar to any house in the United States. They even had a cute little dog.

**What Skills Savannah Gained Abroad:** I'm now familiar with how to conduct myself while visiting another country and I know how to conduct myself in an unfamiliar environment, even while feeling out-of-place.

**Advice for Someone Considering this Program:** You should DEFINITELY go!!! I learned so much about the culture, language, country, entertainment, and lifestyle in Costa Rica. It was such a good and unique experience. There is a perfect balance of academics and free time, and Costa Ricans are friendly people. Go for it!!



Savannah visiting Poas Volcano, located outside of San Jose.

**“Going to the Poas Volcano was my most memorable experience. I had never been to a volcano before and the sight was breathtaking.”**