This course helps students develop cultural competence through immersion in the Spanish language and culture for two weeks in Grecia, Costa Rica. In collaboration with the Academia Centroamericana de Español (ACCE), students spend mornings studying Spanish. In the afternoons, students will attend (1) lectures on Latin American history, culture, social policy, (2) visits to government agencies, NGOs, and (3) cultural events. ACCE teaches this course at all skill levels, in classes of 2-4 students per teacher. Weekend excursion opportunities are optional. In previous courses, excursions have been to rainforests, volcanoes, urban barrios, and beaches. Students will be housed during their stay with a local family, taking breakfast and dinner with their hosts each day.

Dates:
1/5/19 - 1/19/19

Program Fee:
TBD

Application Deadline:
October 1, 2018

Credits:
3 cr. Social Work or Criminal Justice (U/G)

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Costa Rica HBSSW: Spanish Language Immersion for Social Work
Scholarship Opportunities

Listed below are a few examples of grants and scholarships opportunities available for study abroad.

Wisconsin Study Abroad Grant
This grant provides funding for qualifying undergraduate UWM students. Funding is contingent upon state budget legislation and differs based on the number of qualified applicants. Students participating in semester- and year-long programs generally receive more than students on short-term programs. The maximum possible award is $2,000 with the average award of $1,000.

Study Abroad Diversity Scholarship
The purpose of this funding is to support students who have been traditionally under-represented in study abroad. Individuals from one or more groups may apply: (1) first-generation college students; (2) students with diverse ethnic backgrounds; and (3) students with disabilities. Awards vary per term.

Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies Scholarships
The Center for Latin American and Caribbean studies offers scholarships, fellowships, and a research-travel award to students demonstrating an academic interest in the Latin America and Caribbean region.

Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Program
The Gilman Scholarship Program provides awards for U.S. undergraduate students who are receiving Federal Pell Grant funding to participate in study abroad programs worldwide. Recipients are awarded up to $5,000 or $8,000 to study abroad for a semester or year.

Boren: NSEP Boren Awards for International Study
Boren Scholarships provide up to $20,000 to U.S. undergraduate students studying abroad in areas of the world that are critical to U.S. interests and underrepresented in study abroad. Broadly defined, Boren applicants must identify how their study abroad program, as well as their future academic and career goals, will contribute to U.S. national security. Students selected to receive a Boren Scholarship must commit to working for the U.S. government for at least a year following the completion of their education.

Financing Study Abroad 101
At these sessions students will learn about study abroad costs and budgets, how financial aid can be used for study abroad, as well as general information on how to search for scholarships and other funding resources.

Upcoming sessions:
- September 6, 11:00 am – 12:00 pm, Garland 104
- September 11, 12:30 – 1:30 pm, Garland 104
- September 14, 1:00 – 2:00 pm, Pearse 168
- September 17, 1:30 – 2:30 pm, Pearse 168
- September 19, 2:30 – 3:30 pm, Pearse 168
- September 25, 10:00 – 11:00 am, Garland 104
- September 27, 11:30 am – 12:30 pm, Garland 104
- September 28, 10:00 – 11:00 am, Garland 104

Can’t make it? Visit uwm.edu/cie/study-abroad/financial-planning or contact Gayla Jenkins at jenkinsg@uwm.edu for information about Financial Aid or Hunter Resler in CIE at hmresler@uwm.edu.