

GRADE AND CREDIT CONVERSION – MSU Office of Study Abroad

PROGRAM: Sustainable Development in the Humid Tropics at EARTH University - Costa Rica

SPONSOR: College of Agriculture and Natural Resources and College of Social Science

EARTH Scale*	MSU Grade Equivalent	EARTH Credits	MSU Credits
9.0-10	4.0	1	1
8.5-8.9	3.5	2	2
8.0-8.4	3.0	3	3
7.5-7.9	2.5		
7.0-7.4	2.0		
6.0-6.9	1.0		
0-6.0	0.0		

* Adapted from <http://www.wes.org/gradeconversionguide/costarica.htm> and MSU Admissions

Other academic information:

The academic year runs from mid-January through mid-December, with a week of vacation between trimesters (May and September). Each trimester lasts approximately 14 weeks. Class size is small, averaging 25 students. Local students enroll in 15-23 EARTH credits per trimester.

Nearly all courses are taught in Spanish.

The following are examples of MSU courses for which study abroad students at EARTH may receive credit:

ANR 475	International Studies in Agriculture and Natural Resources	2-6 cr.
ANR 489	Integrated Approaches in Agriculture and Natural Resource Problems (waived)	3 cr.
ANS 315	Anatomy and Physiology of Farm Animals	4 cr.
ANS 480	Animal Systems in International Development	3 cr.
CSS 210	Fundamentals of Soil and Landscape Science	3 cr.
FOR 220	Forests and the Global Environment	3 cr.
HRT 341	Vegetable Production and Management	3 cr.
ISS 300	General credit (300 level)	4 cr.
RD 326	Introduction to Waste Management	3 cr.
RD 460	Resource and Environmental Economics	3 cr.
SSC 496	Field Study Abroad	3-4 cr.

Useful Web Sites:

<http://www.earth.ac.cr/> (general information available in English, including course listings)

