



ACADEMIC INTERNSHIPS WITH THE MONTEVERDE INSTITUTE (MVI)

MODULES AND PRICES

General Academic Module Information: Students may choose if they would like to take academic modules and which during their internship, as well as decide whether or not they would like to take a Spanish course. For students who will be doing homestays, the Spanish course is strongly recommended.

Note: Five modules contribute to overall internship credits.

Modules: [est. contact hours, 15 lecture for 5 modules] *recommended credits, 1*

Spanish course: [est. contact hours, 30 lecture/discussion] *recommended credits, 2*

Internship, no modules: [est. contact hours, 30 lab/30 discussion] *recommended credits, 3*

Module	Contact Hours
Monteverde History and Culture	3
Research Methodology	3
Structured Decision Making Process (Overview)	3
Statistical Analysis	3
Group Dynamics and Conflict Resolution	3
Introduction to Scientific Illustration	3
Landscape Architecture: Concepts of Sustainable Design	3
Introduction to Grant Writing	3
Medicinal Plants: Intro to Ethnobotany	3
Native Species I: Local Ecology and Plant Taxonomy	3
Native Species II: Advanced Plant Taxonomy and Identification	3

Introduction to Methods of Teaching College Spanish	3
Introduction to Greywater Systems	3
Introduction to Library Science	3
Concepts of Photojournalism	3
Introduction to Soils: Testing and Diagnostics	3
Seasonality: Phenology, Seed Dispersal and Migration	3
Introduction to Biophysical Parameters and Nutritional Status	3
Introduction to Food Nutrition and Eating Habits	3
Avian Species of Monteverde	3
ArcGIS I: Introduction to ArcGIS	3
ArcGIS II: Advanced Programming	3
Lichenology I: Introduction to Lichenized Fungi	3
Lichenology II: Advanced Concepts	3
Biological Corridors and Current Threats to Local Wildlife	3
Permaculture: Introduction, Concepts of Design and Practices	3
Introduction to Journalism	3

Recommended Team Internship modules: Students who have chosen to participate in team internships should take these modules:

1. Monteverde History and Culture
2. Structured Decision Making Process (Overview)
3. Group dynamics and conflict resolution
4. Research methodology
5. Introduction to the statistical package “R”

Spanish course: During the Spanish course, students will practice their speaking skills, grow their Spanish vocabularies, learn new grammatical structures, and ultimately improve their overall management of the Spanish language. In addition, students will

learn more about Costa Rican culture, including food, mannerisms, sayings, traditions, and lifestyle. Past students have found that the Spanish course greatly increases their ability to communicate with their homestay families, make local acquaintances and friends, and participate in community events or lectures that are only given in Spanish.

Pricing: All internship prices include homestay, in-country transportation, and project fees.

Courses

Modules (5): \$750

Spanish: \$585

Modules and Spanish: \$1335

Basic internships (without modules and without Spanish); 3 credit equivalent:

4 weeks	6 weeks	8 weeks	10 weeks
\$1874	\$2581	\$3288	\$3995

Internships with 5 modules and Spanish; 6 credit equivalent:

4 weeks	6 weeks	8 weeks	10 weeks
\$3209	\$3916	\$4623	\$5330

Internships with Spanish (without modules); 5 credit equivalent:

4 weeks	6 weeks	8 weeks	10 weeks
\$2459	\$3166	\$3873	\$4580

Internships with 5 modules (without Spanish); 4 credit equivalent:

4 weeks	6 weeks	8 weeks	10 weeks
\$2624	\$3331	\$4038	\$4745

Continuing student internship: There is a special discount for MVI students who have finished their semester courses with the MVI, and are interested in continuing with an internship. If you are interested, please contact interns@mvinstitute.org, Tel. (506) 2645-5053 ext. 115