Cost Information Sheet – Fall 2010/Spring 2011 (semester)
Costa Rica programs

ASSOCIATED COLLEGES OF THE MIDWEST

	ACM Students	Non-ACM Students
Educational Costs	$15,000	$16,700
Program Fee	$1,800	$1,800

**The program fee covers housing and partial meals (breakfast and dinner M-F and all meals on the weekends), laundry, HTH insurance, and visa related expenses. The $400 non-refundable deposit will be applied toward the program fee. Program sponsored field trips and excursions are included in the education cost.*

Campus tuition charges and/or fees	Varies	Varies

**Additional tuition charges and/or fees for off-campus study are likely to apply at most colleges. These additional campus charges typically relate to expenses for academic support services and the awarding of academic credit and/or financial aid. Please consult your Financial Aid office or Off-Campus Study office for more details about your college's policies.*

Estimate for Out-Of-Pocket Expenses

The information below is provided so you are able to budget for additional out-of-pocket expenses while in Costa Rica. Figures provided are estimates given by past students and vary depending on your lifestyle and budget.

	USD
Passport	$100
Visa	N/A
**Included in the program fee*	
Pre-Departure Medical Costs	Varies
**Physical, medications, etc.*	
Airfare	$350
**From Chicago to San José, Costa Rica*	
Local Transportation	$110
**For the semester, from host family to ACM on the public bus for 4 months at a rate of 500 colones/day*	
Personal Expenses	$800-1,600
**Depending on individual interest and how often one travels during the semester*	
Meals	$675
**Lunch M-F for four months at a rate of 3500 colones/day.*	
Books and Supplies	$75
Other	$50
**Taxi to airport at the end of the program and airport departure tax paid in US dollars.*	

Sample of Personal Purchases

The information below is an estimate of how much standard purchases cost in Costa Rica. Please refer to www.xe.com for the most current exchange rate. As of February 2010, **1 US Dollar** equaled **556 Costa Rican Colones**.

Item	Colones:	Item	Colones:
La Nacion Newspaper	₡200	Ibuprofen	₡2,500
Bus within San Jose area	₡350	Shampoo	₡1,500-4000
Bus to Caribbean or Pacific coast	₡1,500-5,000	Soap	₡700
Taxi from ACM to downtown San Jose	₡2,000	Notebook	₡1,000
Movie theater ticket	₡2,800	Headset for Skype	₡1,500
Bottle of beer	₡500	Internet Café/hour	₡250-500
Lunch near ACM	₡3,000	Chicky cookies	₡800
Sunscreen	₡4,000	Bag of 1820 coffee	₡2,500
Towel	₡3,500	Jazz Café cover charge	₡2,500-3,500
Toothpaste	₡1,000	Ticket to Teatro Nacional	₡2,500-4,000
Tampon/pads	₡1,000	Entrance to national parks-per day	₡5,700