

Tropical Botany 2025



ABOUT

The course covers the taxonomy, systematics, and conservation of tropical plants.

Students will study over 1,400 species across more than 150 families with daily botanical garden collections in addition to field trips to the Florida Keys and Everglades. Students will then travel to Costa Rica for a field component where they will learn how to design and implement tropical plant diversity monitoring plots across a gradient of habitat types. They will process and analyze associated samples and contribute to peer-reviewed manuscripts and presentations.

This course is for graduate students and professionals.



May - June
2025



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WHERE

On-site student housing is located at The International Center for Tropical Botany (ICTB) at The Kampong, in Coconut Grove, FL. In Costa Rica, we will lodge adjacent to forest sites around Braulio Carillo National Park.

APPLICATIONS

Submit a letter stating your reasons for taking the course, a CV, and contact information for one reference. Applications will be reviewed beginning in mid Oct 2024. Send all documents early to ICTBKampong@fiu.edu, especially if you will require visas for the US and/or Costa Rica.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Available for both US and international students. In your application, please include a statement about other funding efforts (e.g., from your home institution), how you'll contribute to tropical plant biology and conservation, and the amounts requested (travel, fees, lodging).

FEES

Course fees are \$1500, plus \$30/night for lodging. Expenses for the field practical course are provided by external funding.

COLLABORATION

The course has a 50-year legacy of collaboration with The Kampong, Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, Montgomery Botanical Center, and the Gifford Arboretum. The field portion in Costa Rica is in collaboration with NGO FUNDECOR, and is supported by funding from the US National Science Foundation IRES program and other generous donors.



For more information about the course please email ICTBKampong@fiu.edu