

- There will be a Blackboard site set-up soon for the trip
- One course will teach basic Spanish, and some business basics
- The other course, Doing Business in Panama, won't be all lectures – there will be a lot of site visits to businesses. You will visit businesses in the banking industry, health care industry, outsourcing industry, Dell, US Chamber of Commerce, etc. One of your class assignments will be to keep a journal from your site visits. You will also be doing case studies as part of this class.
- The Institute where you will be studying is located in the City of Knowledge, which is right next to the Panama Canal
- You should be receiving a day-by-day itinerary by the end of this week
- The currency is the US Dollar
- Panama is in the rainforest – it will rain everyday and will be *extremely* hot and humid (Dr. Crummett said that Florida's humidity is nothing compared to Panama!)
- Plan to bring several business casual outfits for the business site visits, and at least one professional outfit (men – tie & jacket; women – dress or skirt w/blazer)
- You will not need a power adapter for your electronics
- Your meals in Panama should be pretty inexpensive
- Right now you are booked to stay at this location:
  - The Balboa Inn
  - Plaza 5 de Mayo, Avenida Central
  - <http://www.ilisa.com/panama/balboa/index.htm>
- There will be several site visits in May before the trip to companies in Tampa that relate to the companies you will visit in Panama – these visits will not be required, but will be extremely beneficial for students who are in the area and can attend. More information to come on this.