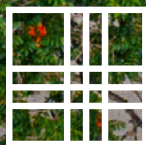


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STUDY ABROAD

@COSTA RICA 2021



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Global Education Services at ULACIT

The Latin American University of Science and Technology (ULACIT in its Spanish acronym) has been providing culturally immersive, academic experiences to students from around the world in Costa Rica since 1987; we attract international students from 26 different countries and maintain cooperation agreements and student exchange agreements with over 60 universities worldwide.

Our Global Education Office (GEO) offers international students the opportunity to enroll in ULACIT's regular degree courses. Students can choose between three and five subjects per academic period, each course consisting of forty-five contact hours. At the end of the program, students will receive an accredited transcript of grades.

If your home university is among the list of our partner universities, you are welcome to apply for studying as an exchange student exempt from tuition fees at ULACIT, other fees (transfer, housing, visa extension etc.) may apply.

How to apply?

Start by selecting your Study in Costa Rica Academic Program of choice and reviewing the Study Abroad at ULACIT Academic Calendar for 2021; please check the application periods and deadlines below from our Study Abroad options:

- **Spring, Summer and Fall Academic Periods:** join our undergraduate student community and enroll in Regular Degree Courses taught 100% in English from our International Relations, Business Management and Liberal Arts and Humanities Academic Programs.
- **Two 5-week Summer Program Seasons** (starting in May and in July) in either International Business or Sustainable Development Studies
- **Year Round Spanish Language Immersion Program**

For more information on the application process please contact our Global Education Office at: studyincostarica@ulacit.ac.cr





Study in Costa Rica to cover more credits within a year

We work annually with three quarterly academic periods (Spring, Summer and Fall), which have a 15-week duration each, with two week vacations between them. By enrolling in ULACIT, you can cover more credits within a year. Each course covers 45 contact hours per season (1 lesson each week for 15 weeks), representing 3US credits or 6 ECTS credits per course.

All our teaching strategies are project-based, with no traditional exams. Learning's grounded on inquiry, research, case studies, problem-solving and service learning experiences, under the Teaching for Understanding (TfU) framework, developed by Harvard University's Project Zero.

Study Abroad with your classmates in Costa Rica learning in its best-ranked private university, combining academic and Spanish lessons with extensive tours to Costa Rica's amazing natural sites.

Join us, make new friends, acquire intercultural skills and discover the natural treasures and culture of our beautiful country.

STUDY ABROAD @ ULACIT

ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2021

SPRING, SUMMER AND FALL ACADEMIC PERIODS

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SPRING ACADEMIC PERIOD 2021

• Application dates:	August 24th to October 23rd 2020
• Total Payment Deadline:	December 18th 2020
• Class Start & End Dates:	January 13th to April 24th 2021
• Add/Drop Dates:	January 13th to January 15th 2021
• Withdrawal Deadline:	January 15th 2021

SUMMER ACADEMIC PERIOD 2021

• Application dates:	February 8th to April 9th 2021
• Total Payment Deadline:	April 23rd 2021
• Class Start & End Dates:	May 10th to August 24th 2021
• Add/Drop Dates:	May 10th to May 15th 2021
• Withdrawal Deadline:	May 15th 2021

FALL ACADEMIC PERIOD 2021

• Application dates:	June 7th to August 6th 2021
• Total Payment Deadline:	August 20th 2021
• Class Start & End Dates:	September 6th to December 18th 2021
• Add/Drop Dates:	September 6th to September 10th 2021
• Withdrawal Deadline:	September 10th 2021

SPANISH IMMERSION PROGRAM 2021

The Spanish Immersion Program consists of seven levels of language proficiency. Students can enroll in one or two consecutive Spanish level courses per academic period. Our Spanish Professors will administer a language placement test. According to their proficiency level students will be recommended enrollment in any of our entry level courses: 1. Introductory Spanish; 2. Basic Spanish; 3. Low-Beginning Spanish; 4. High-Beginning Spanish; 5. Low-Intermediate Spanish; 6. High-Intermediate Spanish; 7. Advanced Spanish

Two 4-week Spanish Immersion Level Courses per Academic Period

SPRING SPANISH PERIOD 2021

• Application dates:	August 24th to October 23rd 2020
• Total Payment Deadline:	December 18th 2020
• Course 1 Class Start & End Dates	January 13th to February 7th 2021
• Course 2 Class Start & End Dates:	February 10th to March 6th 2021
• Withdrawal Deadline:	January 15th 2021

SUMMER SPANISH PERIOD 2021

• Application dates:	February 8th to April 9th 2021
• Total Payment Deadline:	April 23rd 2021
• Course 1 Class Start & End Dates:	May 10th 2021 to June 4th 2021
• Course 2 Class Start & End Dates:	June 7th to July 2nd 2021
• Withdrawal Deadline:	June 4th 2021

FALL SPANISH PERIOD 2021

• Application dates:	June 7th to August 6th 2021 2021
• Total Payment Deadline:	August 20th 2021
• Course 1: Class Start & End Dates:	September 6th to October 1st 2021
• Course 2: Class Start & End Dates:	October 4th to October 29th 2021
• Withdrawal Deadline:	September 10th 2021

SUMMER PROGRAM 2020

Join the 5-week Summer Programs aimed at university student groups. Our summer programs are designed as an integral and dynamic experience combining academic lessons with one-day academic field trips and extensive tours to Costa Rica's amazing natural sites. Each summer program spans two seasons (Summer 1 and Summer 2) each season contains two Specialized Academic Courses relevant to each of the program's academic emphasis. Choose between the International Business Management Summer Program or the Sustainable Development Studies Summer Program.

SUMMER SEASON 1

• Application Deadline:	April 23rd 2021
• Total Payment Deadline:	May 6th 2021
• Class Start & End Dates:	May 24st to June 26th 2021

SUMMER SEASON 2

• Application Deadline:	June 4th 2021
• Total Payment Deadline:	June 18th
• Class Start & End Dates:	July 5th to August 7th 2021

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM COURSES IN ENGLISH:

Spring, Summer & Fall Academic Periods

Program Description:

Study throughout the year with us on our regular undergraduate programs taught 100% in English, choosing courses from our International Relations and Latin American Studies, Business Management and Economics or Liberal Arts and Humanities study programs to acquire a unique analytical perspective on global development and improve intercultural competences.

Our academic courses cover diverse areas of interest such as Latin American culture and history, International Relations, Political Science, Economics, Business Management, Social Sciences, Humanities and Spanish language.

All our courses —except for the Spanish language classes—are taught in 100% English and you will be able to take classes with both Costa Rican students as well as other international students from around the world!

Available Sessions:

15-Week Semester Program

Session	Credits	Contact Hours
Spring	12-16 US / 24-32 ECTS	180-195
Summer	12-16 US / 24-32 ECTS	180-195
Fall	12-16 US / 24-32 ECTS	180-195

Program Structure:

Enroll in any of our 15-week academic periods and join our local undergraduate student community along other international students from around the world!

- Spring academic period starting early January,
- Summer academic period starting early May and
- Fall academic period starting early September.

Students can take up to 5 courses of their choosing (3 US credits or 6 ECTS credits each) per academic period as well as Spanish Immersion Courses for all levels.

Credits and Contact Hours:

Academic courses meet for 45 contact hours/3-4 US credits or 6-8 ECTS. Spanish language classes meet for 60 contact hours/4 US credits or 8 ECTS. Spanish classes are intensive, and each is 4 weeks long allowing you to take two consecutive Spanish courses during your semester or in Costa Rica if you wish.

In a Semester, you may earn a total of up to 16 US credits or 32 ECTS (up to 195 contact hours)

Sample Course Enrollment

Sample Course Enrollment with emphasis on Business Management

3 business courses:

- Strategic Management
- Corporate Finances
- Quality Management

1 elective course:

- Intercultural Communication

1 Spanish Course:

- Introductory Spanish

Sample Course Enrollment with emphasis on International Relations

3 Latin American Studies Courses:

- Comparative Political Systems
- Peaceful Conflict Negotiation and Resolution
- International Political Economy

1 elective course:

- Moral Reasoning and Ethical Decisions

1 Spanish Language Course:

- High-Intermediate Spanish

Sample Course Enrollment with emphasis on Latin American Studies

3 Latin American Studies Courses

- Contemporary Latin American History
- Latin American Literature and Society
- Free Trade Agreements in Latin America

1 elective course:

- Argumentation and Rhetoric

1 Spanish Language Course:

- Low-Intermediate Spanish

Sample Course Enrollment with emphasis on Sustainable Development Studies

3 Sustainable Development Studies Courses:

- Globalization, Environment and Human Development
- Poverty, Economics and Development in Latin America
- Environmental Sustainability and Development in Latin America

1 Elective Course:

- Research Seminar: Costa Rica and the World

1 Spanish Language Course:

- Advanced Spanish

COURSE OFFERING FOR 2021

CHOOSE COURSES FROM THE FOLLOWING UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION AND ECONOMICS

Principles of Marketing
Human Resource Management
Elements of Microeconomics
Financial Accounting
Math for Business and Economics
Managerial Skills Development
Cost Accounting
Managerial Decision Modeling
Financial Reporting and Analysis
International Business
Quality Management

Managerial Accounting
Probability and Statistics Foundation
Marketing Management
Applied Microeconomics
Calculus
Business Law Foundation
E-Commerce
Organizational Behavior
Quantitative Methods
Innovation and Technology
International Trade

Corporate Finance
Costs and Productivity
Advanced Probability and Statistics
International Marketing
Intercultural Communication
International Finance
Project Management
Elements of Macroeconomics
Information Systems Management
Strategic Management
Investments

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES

International Relations Theory (4)*
Environmental Sustainability and
Development in Latin America
International Organizations (4)
Peaceful Conflict Negotiation and Resolution
Latin American Literature and Society
Contemporary Latin American History
Theory of the State

The Costa Rican Political System (4)
International Public Law
Peace and War in International Relations (4)
Diplomatic and Consular Law (4)
Western Civilization
Poverty, Economics and Development in
Latin America
Costa Rican Foreign Policy (4)

Human Rights
Free Trade Agreements in Latin America
and the Caribbean (4)
Latin American Cultural Identity
International Political Economy
Management of Non-Profit Organization

LIBERAL ARTS AND HUMANITIES

Courses available for all 3 terms (Spring, Summer and Fall)

Moral Reasoning and Ethical Decisions
Seminar: Costa Rica & World Affairs

Globalization, Environment and Human
Development
Expressions of the Human Spirit (Arts)

Argumentation and Rhetoric
Spanish Language Courses (see page 25)

*All courses have 3 credits, except for those who have a different number specified right next to the name of the course (IR) Each credit at ULACIT is equivalent to 2 ECTS, so, if your class has 3 ULACIT credits, it would transfer to 6 ECTS.



BUSINESS

ADMINISTRATION

AND ECONOMICS UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM

ULACIT's Business Administration And Economics Undergraduate Program meets the needs required by national and international business environments. The program taught 100% in the english language, covers all major areas of business administration (economics, finance, management and marketing), emphasizing on managerial skills required to prosper in a global business environment. All program courses provide students with the competencies demanded in business organizations of all dimensions serving both domestic and global markets.

FRESHMAN SEMINAR

The Freshman Seminar will provide you with assistance in making the transition to the university to obtain a preview of what's to come for upper-level courses.

The purpose of this course is to develop in all freshman students the ability to make an adequate transition to the life and demands at a university level, to promote the development of the student's skills and help them gain intellectual confidence by building an expectation of academic success.

PRINCIPLES OF MARKETING

Marketing is about understanding people. It focuses on how consumers think, feel and react to all products and services around the world.

You will envision the evolution of modern management toward a marketing-oriented view of business; stressing the underlying principle of the "marketing concept"; and integrating concepts in relation to consumer needs, marketing information, product development, pricing, distribution, selling, advertising, and promotions.

HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

Knowing about human resource management is the most powerful tool to generate revenue through the use of people's skills and abilities. The effective performance of a company requires understanding a wide range of elements such as Labor law, planning, job analysis, recruitment, selection, training, employee development and performance appraisal.

ELEMENTS OF MICROECONOMICS

The economic world is far more complex than we give it credit, and in this course you will understand the how's and why's of our everyday decision-making and the impact we cause to the worldwide economic phenomenon.

You will become capable of analyzing structures of costs, making decisions of production, setting up price policies, estimate costs, revenues, and profit, understand demand, and choose optimal combinations of factors for production.

FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING

This course focuses on the language that managers use to communicate the firm's financial and economic information to external parties such as shareholders and creditors.

This course will provide you with the necessary background to understand the concepts and measurements that underlie financial statements; develop the skills needed to analyze financial statements effectively, and gain an understanding of the choices enterprises make in reporting the results of their business activities.

MATH FOR BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS

Throughout this course, you will learn to solve linear and quadratic equations; solve rational and radical equations; graph polynomial, rational, piece-wise, exponential and logarithmic functions; find integer roots of polynomial equations; solve exponential and logarithm equations; understand the inverse relations between exponential and logarithm equations, and compute values of exponential and logarithm expressions using basic properties.

COST ACCOUNTING

The course introduces the nature and purpose of cost accounting as an information system for planning and control.

You will evaluate the cost structure a company utilizes and issue optimal recommendations for improvement. You are expected to sharpen your problem-solving ability facing cost constraints and understand and apply cost-effective solutions to protect the company from an unforeseen liquidity problem.

MANAGERIAL DECISION MODELING

In this course, you will use the features of Microsoft Excel to study product costs, determine pricing, and track payroll.

You will develop mathematical models that can be used to improve decision making within an organization, increase their ability to structure problems and to perform logical analyses, practice how to translate descriptions of decision problems into formal models, and investigate those models in an organized method.

FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ANALYSIS

This course describes the analysis of financial statements and company valuation.

Financial statement analysis is the application of analytical tools, technology and techniques to general-purpose financial statements and related data to derive estimates and inferences useful in business analysis.

MANAGERIAL SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

Management is about understanding people, getting things done and making organizations work. It's a job where you can make a significant difference in employees, customers and co-workers.

As a manager you will become responsible for motivating others and creating a positive work environment. In this course, you will have an opportunity to practice, analyze and apply the managerial skills to your own work, and to real-life situations while working your way into becoming a more effective business leader.



INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS

Learning international business will provide you with skills to identify international opportunities and threats and analyze their respective impacts, as well as with knowledge on how to formulate appropriate strategies and implement applicable action plans to achieve company goals.

Having an International Business has to do with adapting social strategies, translate across multiple languages, understanding the key success factors, and the unique challenges faced by local and multinational companies operating in mature, emerging and rapidly changing markets.

QUALITY MANAGEMENT

Quality management will introduce you to the main concepts and principles of quality management and to study their implementation.

You will learn continuous improvement philosophies and methodologies and techniques required to improve product quality and process efficiency. You will be able to use quality management concepts easily and identify peculiarities of evolution of quality management and its significance for the management of modern organizations.

INTERNATIONAL TRADE

This course will teach you how to analyze the causes and consequences of international trade and investment. We will investigate why nations trade, what they trade, and who gains (or not). You will analyze the motives for countries or organizations to restrict or regulate international trade and study the effects of such policies on economic welfare.





INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS **AND** LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM

ULACIT's International Relations and Latin American Studies Undergraduate Program trains highly competent professionals with the skills required of policymakers in the field of international relation and the capacity to lead complex organizations in establishing, administering and improving their policies, relations and operations across national borders and within them.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS THEORY

This course is a broad introduction to the key theories, concepts, and issues in international relations. It begins with an overview of the leading theoretical approaches to understanding international relations and then uses these frameworks to understand historical and contemporary events and issues, including international political economy, energy trade, the global environment, weapons of mass destruction, ethnic and civil conflicts, and terrorism.

The goal of the course is to help you better understand why we observe certain policy outcomes in the international arena, to help them devise policy responses that are consistent with international realities and thus more likely to succeed.

INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

The aim of this course is to strength your understanding of the mechanics of the international organizations that promote peace, integration, sustainable development, world stability, economic growth, among others in order to promote specific topics and positions within the international system and these organizations.



ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND DEVELOPMENT IN LATIN AMERICA

Sustainable Development is a philosophy that integrates economic, environmental and social criteria, with a strong focus on long-term shareholder value. Responsible behavior is not something new in business life.

You will be working along with communities, developing answers to these questions and understanding of the real environmental problems they face, while at the same time exploring and reflecting on course content, providing concrete service (ranging from hands-on tasks to strategic advice) to these communities, and seeking to integrate the experience as a whole.

LATIN AMERICAN LITERATURE AND SOCIETY

The course helps you to contribute to the cultural development of Latin America through the understanding of the impact of the great Hispanic-American literary works on the socio-political evolution of the region.

The purpose of the course is to help you in the exercise of critical thinking when analyzing the relation between the literary evolution in the region and its socio-political development, which allows them to link past events and literary works of historical transcendence with present facts and their future projection.

CONTEMPORARY LATIN AMERICAN HISTORY

This course surveys the history of Latin America from the period of the Wars for Independence in the early nineteenth century until the present.

Drawing upon primary documents, audio/visual materials, and works produced by historians, the class will explore the racial, class, and gender hierarchies that emerged out of the region's colonial and pre-colonial past and their impact on the creation of the regions identity and the lives of Latin American people. You will explore the struggle to create "nations" and the emergence of a neocolonial order in the nineteenth century.

INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL ECONOMY

In this “Global Economic Policy” course, students integrate the skills acquired in the economic area of their career in a creative manner, applied to a variety of factors that constitute current international economics, in its different dimensions: national, regional, and international.

Using the report logbook on global economic topics, as well as the case studies presented before a panel of peers, students study, analyze, and discuss, both in and out of class, critical areas of contemporary international economic policy, applying concepts to cases and phenomena that model international reality. Furthermore, by producing an opinion article, they develop their argumentative and critical abilities, while they assess the pertinence of their peers’ analysis, and even dissenting with them and the professor, while offering alternate and relevant approaches.

This course is foundational for shaping professionals in international relations, since it enables the student to develop analysis and research skills, in order to provide consulting to individuals, organizations, corporations, and governments, regarding the evolution, current relevance, and perspectives of global economic policy, with the purpose of promoting stability and developing international economic relations.

MANAGEMENT OF NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

In this course students develop the necessary skills to manage nonprofit organizations, aiming to fulfill their reason for existence, their mission. Professionals in International Relations must be equipped to be part of these organizations, whether in positions of leadership, or as specialists and consultants. They must possess detailed knowledge of the main aspects for its successful operation. Throughout the course, students will carry out a series of activities to prepare them to lead and be part of the highest levels of these organizations. This is achieved through group discussion, a reflection blog, and by creating and defending the profile of a project seeking funding from a donor, according to the rules for development with effective cooperation.

Furthermore, by means of the research report, they will analyze the best practices for fulfilling the mission of nonprofits, by studying this type of organization, at a national or regional level.

Thus, for the future professionals in International Relations, this course not only provides the knowledge of the key components to successfully manage a nonprofit organization, in the midst of today’s challenges for international cooperation for development, but also hones their skills in preparing project proposals requiring funding, as well as assessing the performance of these entities, both nationally and regionally.

POVERTY, ECONOMICS AND DEVELOPMENT IN LATIN AMERICA

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COSTA RICA FOREIGN POLICY

This course allows students to analyze the meaning and evolution of the Foreign Policy of Costa Rica and its projection in the current circumstances. It also aims to develop the ability to distinguish, analyze and propose guidelines for national foreign policy, considering its fundamental principles, based on the interpretation its historical development and current challenges of international order. “Costa Rican Foreign Policy” provides ample opportunities to students to support critical arguments about the evolution of the national foreign policy and project recommendations and scenarios for future developments, in order to contribute to the proper development of our foreign policy according to its values and guiding principles.

HUMAN RIGHTS

The course helps students handle human rights adequately in order to assist, research, and decide regarding violations of such rights within the framework of international relations. The aim is to promote and strengthen harmony, stability, and peace in the world. With the teacher’s guidance, students are able to adequately apply the concepts and standard framework of International Law for Human Rights, in emblematic jurisprudence of various international tribunals.

Through the presentation and discussion of jurisprudence, as well as the presentation and defense of resolved final cases, students develop not only their oral argumentative abilities, but also the skills necessary to maintain and defend their viewpoints, based on what they learned in the course.

Furthermore, through the analysis of the final case, students apply the skill set learned throughout the course in a comprehensive manner, specifically to a violation of human rights on the international stage in this case.

Likewise, through the systematizing video on resolving final cases, students practice novel and creative ways to communicate the results of their group discussions and decisions, whether to their same group, the University, or the general public. This course enables students not only to develop a necessary sensitivity to the main challenges for the effective fulfillment of Human Rights, but also the required skills to apply them to complex cases on an international setting. Hence, the foundational importance of a comprehensive training of professionals in International Relations.

FREE TRADE AGREEMENTS

In the context of a globalized world, free trade is fundamental mechanism for governments to promote the development of their country. Furthermore, it is a global trend that does not seem to decrease. This course allows the student to promote global free trade from the comprehensive understanding of the role and impact of regional trade agreements on industries and communities across the globe; the legal and political mechanisms involved in this practice, the different dynamics of regional integration, different mechanism and negotiation practices. In the course the student develops the competence to analyze and advise decision makers and to become a decision maker that promotes free trade in general and especially in the region while understanding the different implications of the decisions that are taken.

DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR LAW

In this course students develop the ability to operate diplomatic and consular law adequately, according to international standards and regulations. This is achieved through the understanding of the historical evolution and main characteristics of diplomatic and consular law, as well as their most relevant international regulations. Students develop the necessary skills to be good operators of diplomatic and consular law, by means of case analysis during each class, as well as the learning experience from an internship with a specialized entity, in which they keep a logbook. Furthermore, through research and a final case analysis, students develop scientific research abilities, as well as oral and written argumentation for substantiating and defending their particular viewpoints regarding specific issues of the current international system. An international relations professional must be able to analyze and adequately apply international regulations pertaining to diplomatic and consular law, as good analysts, consultants, and decision makers, whether in normal or conflict situations.



LIBERAL ARTS AND HUMANITIES

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM

ULACIT's Liberal Arts and Humanities Program consists of courses that will give you a comprehensive humanistic training to acquire the necessary skills required in today's world to adapt, reason, learn creatively, work as a team and innovate, aiming to prepare socially responsible and ascertive professionals with knowledge of themselves and their environment.

EXPRESSIONS OF THE HUMAN SPIRIT

In this course, you are expected to develop their esthetic response capability, as well as their ability to interpret various forms of cultural expression by studying painting, sculpture, architecture, theater, music, cinema, and dance.

The course offers you multiple opportunities to learn about artistic movements of different periods and places from an interdisciplinary perspective. You will get involved in the world of art and ideas, by using esthetic reasoning. The course includes visits to exhibits, scene showings, and interaction with artists, directors or curators. It also requires you to perform creatively.

GLOBALIZATION, ENVIRONMENT AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

This course aims to teach you basic concepts to better understand and analyze the relations between human development and its social and natural environments, making special emphasis on the role geography and culture play on the economic and sociopolitical events that shape globalization.

You will learn about the social, environmental, political and economic characteristics of the world's regions and will investigate and report on the geographic, demographic, cultural, political, social and environmental characteristics that shape globalization processes in order to better understand and analyze global challenges.

MORAL REASONING AND ETHICAL DECISION MAKING

This course offers you, the opportunity to reason systematically about moral convictions, as well as exploring and evaluating ethics-related arguments. You will examine the diverse concepts and theories of ethical principles, such as living the good life, obligations, rights, justice, and freedom, with a focus on developing the ability to weigh reasons in order to adopt them or not, regarding the specific ethical dilemmas of daily life.

The course also intends to confront you with different value systems from their own, so as to create an awareness about their own ethical assumptions.

ARGUMENTATION AND RHETORIC

The course becomes a sort of antidote against false beliefs, fanaticism, hatred and discriminating attitudes, but it also seeks to offer multiple opportunities so that you will learn to argue and persuade properly, both in an oral and written form.

By the end of the course, you should identify the types of issues that may arise, and the type of arguments needed for each one of them. They will know how to build coherent arguments, using logical inferences free from fallacies. They will be able to lean on evidence, citing correctly diverse and trustful sources of information. Finally, they will know how to use rhetorical and stylistic elements in their discourse, non-verbal language in oral expressions and basic principles when designing presentations.

SEMINAR: COSTA RICA AND WORLD AFFAIRS

This course will increase your ability to act with civic responsibility and efficacy when faced with national challenges that result from global problems and dilemmas by applied research.

You will study the selected problem in its geopolitical, social, economic, cultural, and environmental contexts, comparing it with other regions of the world, and write a research document.

INTERCULTURAL COMMUNICATION

In this course you will simulate interactions in the workplace in order to practice conflict resolution, teamwork and negotiation with members of different cultures. You will also study types of verbal and nonverbal intercultural communication, the relationship between cultural identity and intercultural contact, as well as differences and cultural patterns.

In addition, you will have different opportunities to learn about the importance of forms of communication in the organizational environment and the importance of respect and tolerance for cultural diversity.

SPANISH LANGUAGE IMMERSION PROGRAM



A family away from home!

Live with a Costa Rican family and improve your Spanish even more! You will learn about the traditions and culture of Costa Ricans, immerse yourself in the pura vida lifestyle and make friends for life!

Spanish Program Calendar 2021

Spring Academic Period

Application dates:	August 24 th to October 23 rd 2020
Total Payment Deadline:	December 18 th 2020
Course 1 Class Start & End Dates:	January 13 th to February 7 th 2021
Course 2 Class Start & End Dates:	February 10 th to March 6 th 2021
Withdrawal Deadline:	January 15 th 2021

Summer Academic Period

Application dates:	February 8 th to April 9 th 2021
Total Payment Deadline:	April 23 rd 2021
Spanish Course 1 Class Start & End Dates:	May 10 th 2021 to June 4 th 2021
Spanish Course 2 Class Start & End Dates:	June 7 th to July 2 nd 2021
Withdrawal Deadline:	June 4 th 2021

Fall Academic Period

Application dates:	June 7 th to August 6 th 2021
Total Payment Deadline:	August 20 th 2021
Spanish Course 1 Class Start & End Dates:	September 6 th to October 1 st 2021
Spanish Course 2 Class Start & End Dates:	October 4 th to October 29 th 2021
Withdrawal Deadline:	September 10 th 2021

Program Description:

Improve your Spanish language skills or become fluent in Spanish!

Our intensive Spanish Language Immersion Program allows students of all language levels to improve their Spanish language proficiency in a short time frame. Your language courses will focus on oral comprehension and expression, listening comprehension, and grammar components appropriate to your language level.

By taking Spanish classes every day and immersing yourself in the Costa Rican lifestyle by living with a local host family, you will find that ULACIT is the perfect place to practice and improve your language skills.

With our Spanish language courses, you will receive:

- An intensive, yet fully balanced language and cultural experience
- Interactive classes with other students from around the world!
- Tandem language exchange sessions with Costa Rican students
- Experienced local instructors specialized in Spanish as a Second Language
- Cultural immersion activities on campus
- Fully-equipped classrooms and computer labs
- Didactic materials to support your learning experience
- Continuous academic assistance and counseling

Program Structure:

Enroll in our 4-week Spanish Immersion Level Courses offered every academic period. To advance in their Spanish language proficiency, students can enroll in one or two consecutive Spanish Immersion level courses per academic period.

The Spanish Immersion Program consists of seven levels of language proficiency. Our Spanish Professors will administer a language placement test.

According to their proficiency level students will be recommended enrollment in any of our entry level courses: 1. Introductory Spanish; 2. Basic Spanish; 3. Low-Beginning Spanish; 4. High-Beginning Spanish; 5. Low-Intermediate Spanish; 6. High-Intermediate Spanish; 7. Advanced Spanish

Credits and Contact Hours:

Spanish language courses meet for 60 contact hours and you will earn 4 US credits or 8 ECTS during each 4-week session.

In the Summer, if you choose to enroll in consecutive sessions, you may earn a total of 8-12 US credits or 16-24 ECTS (120-180 contact hours).



SPANISH LANGUAGE COURSES

Improve your Spanish language skills or become fluent in Spanish!

ULACIT offers seven Spanish language courses at the beginner, intermediate and advanced levels, with an emphasis on the progressive development of the four basic skills: listening, speaking, reading, and writing. Our courses are 60 hours/5 credits and meet Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm for 4 weeks. This will allow you to take several Spanish courses during your semester abroad!

Spanish Language Courses Available:

1. Introductory Spanish
2. Basic Spanish
3. Low-Beginning Spanish
4. High-Beginning Spanish
5. Low-Intermediate Spanish
6. High-Intermediate Spanish
7. Advanced Spanish

With our Spanish language courses, you will receive:

- A semi-intensive, yet fully balanced language and cultural experience
- Interactive classes with other students from around the world!
- Lab hours and access to our 24-hour interactive learning platform
- Experienced local instructors specialized in Spanish as a Second Language
- One field trip per course and other cultural immersion activities on campus
- Fully-equipped classrooms and computer labs
- Digital and printed academic materials to support your learning experience
- Continuous academic assistance and counseling

JOIN OUR 5-Week SUMMER PROGRAMS



Summer Program Calendar for 2021:

Summer Season 1

Application Deadline: **April 23rd 2021**
Total Payment Deadline: **May 6th 2021**
Class Start & End Dates: **May 24st to June 26th 2021**

Summer Season 2

Application Deadline: **June 4th 2021**
Total Payment Deadline: **June 18th**
Class Start & End Dates: **July 5th to August 7th 2021**

Program Description:

Join our 5-week Summer Programs aimed at university student groups, designed as an integral and dynamic experience combining academic lessons with one-day academic field trips and extensive tours to Costa Rica's amazing natural sites.

Choose between the International Business Management Summer Program or the Sustainable Development Studies Summer Program.

Program Structure:

Each summer program spans two seasons, to be taken individually or in succession:

Summer 1: from May 24th to June 26th

Summer 2: from July 5th to August 7th

Each season students can choose to take one or two Specialized Academic Courses relevant to each of the program's academic emphasis.

Each course covers 45 contact hours per season (3 lessons each week for 5 weeks), representing 3US credits or 6 ECTS credits. For each season, students can cover a total of 6US credits or 12 ECTS credits.

Total payment of each season covers the registration fee, up to two academic courses (3US credits or 6 ECTS credits each) and certified transcripts; one-day academic field trips and five-week homestay are optional. Extensive leisure tours to Costa Rica's national parks and tourist sites are offered additionally to our students.

*For every 10-student group from one university, costs for one faculty staff covered, including five week homestay, spanish language courses and three 3-night weekend leisure tours.

For program details and pricing information please write to:
studyincostarica@ulacit.ac.cr

COSTA RICA SUMMER PROGRAMS @ ULACIT 2021

Spend summer with your classmates in Costa Rica learning in its best-ranked private university and experiencing some of the world's most beautiful beaches and natural sites.

Join us for our 5-week Summer programs combining specialized academic lessons with one-day academic field trips and extensive tours to Costa Rica's amazing natural sites.

Choose between these two programs:

- International Business Management Summer Program
- Sustainable Development Studies Summer Program

WEEKLY PLANNER	Academic Agenda			Tourism and Leisure			
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Mornings	Spanish or Optional Academic Course	Spanish or Optional Academic Course	Spanish or Optional Academic Course	Complete Tours to Costa Rica's National Parks, Tourist Destinations and Natural Sites will be offered separately. Courses will include special assignments and guided tasks to promote educational, environmental and social engagement during tours.			
Evenings	Academic Course	Academic Course	Academic Course				

ULACIT offers two summer programs specializing in **International Business Management** and **Sustainable Development Studies**, designed as an integral and dynamic experience combining academic and Spanish lessons with one-day academic field trips and extensive tours to Costa Rica's amazing natural sites.

Our summer programs span two seasons, Summer 1 and Summer 2, to be taken individually or in succession. Each season spans for five weeks and offers the possibility of taking two academic courses, or one academic course and one Spanish course. Each course covers 45 contact hours per season (3 lessons each week for 5 weeks), representing 3US credits or 6 ECTS credits. For each season, students will cover a total of 6US credits or 12 ECTS credits.

Summer 1: Begins May 24th and ends June 26th and ends Saturday, June 27th.

Application Deadline: April 23rd.

Summer 2: Begins July 3th and ends August 7th.

Application Deadline: June 4th.

INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS AND MANAGEMENT SUMMER PROGRAM

ULACIT's International Business and Management Summer Program is designed for students interested in enhancing their management skills and learning how to prosper in a global business environment. The program offers a unique global perspective on business to develop management skills based on evidence, creative and innovative analysis and intercultural competences. The program includes the following courses:

Summer 1 academic courses:	Summer 2 academic courses:
1. Quality Management	1. Managerial Skills development
2. International Trade or Spanish course	2. International Business or Spanish course

COURSE DETAILS

QUALITY MANAGEMENT COURSE

Learn to design processes in organizations through tools and methods used to monitor, control and improve quality. Quality management systems face challenges created by increasingly complex productive processes and increasingly competitive international markets. Apply innovative tools to analyze and optimize ongoing company procedures, measure their impact on costs, and evaluate activities, to set strategies to manage outputs and set standards to implement world-class quality improvement programs.

INTERNATIONAL TRADE

Learn to examine international trade trends and dynamics, understanding the laws, regulations and international political and business relations that shape them. Master problem-solving approaches to international trade by analyzing trade imbalances between countries and the ways in which trade both challenges and potentially benefits economies, nations and enterprises.

MANAGERIAL SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

Push your potential and prepare to take on greater responsibilities and new challenges by improving on your management skills. Learn management techniques focused on team leadership, communication and collaboration to improve the relation between organizational change planning, leadership strategies, managerial communication and human resource management.

INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS

Learn to analyze global markets, their business practices and models as well as its future developments. This course utilizes an evidence based and case study approach to understand and analyze relationships in the global business environment and how they influence economic development at an organizational, national and regional level.

ONE-DAY FIELD TRIP TO LA MARTA WILDLIFE REFUGE

Among our field trip destinations we'll visit La Marta Wildlife Refuge, which serves as a natural sanctuary, a research and academic facility and a tourist site, holding 6 square miles of pristine tropical rainforest, two rivers and three types of life zones to be explored through 17 kms of trails. The field trip includes a joint workshop of both Summer Programs (International Business Management and Sustainable Development) to discuss the impact and challenges of the global economy in the face of climate change and the relevance of sustainable development planning and environmental conservation.



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT STUDIES SUMMER PROGRAM

ULACIT's Sustainable Development Studies Summer Program offers a unique academic and intercultural experience designed to engage students in actively analyzing and experiencing the trends and complexities of development and sustainability in Costa Rica and Latin America. Join this program and learn about sustainability and development issues in a country that's internationally renowned for its sustainable development.

Summer 1 academic courses:	Summer 2 academic courses:
1. Environmental Sustainability and Development in Latin America	1. Poverty, Economics, and Development in Latin America
2. Contemporary Latin American History or Spanish course	2. Latin American Cultural Identity or Spanish course

COURSE DETAILS

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND DEVELOPMENT IN LATIN AMERICA

This course addresses the critical analysis of development and environmental sustainability challenges in the Latin American region. Students will exercise creative thinking to analyze and better understand the causes and consequences of Latin America's current development trends and work on proposals aimed at improving environmental policy and its overall impact on the quality of development.

CONTEMPORARY LATIN AMERICAN HISTORY

The Contemporary Latin American History course addresses the underlying historical roots of current political and social phenomena in Latin America. Students will identify historical patterns that influence the region's current affairs, including political, economic, cultural, and social events. Analyzing and understanding the past and its influence on present conditions is instrumental to shape the future.

POVERTY, ECONOMICS, AND DEVELOPMENT IN LATIN AMERICA

Latin America holds the highest levels of income inequality in the world and face great challenges regarding the socioeconomic development aspirations of any modern day democracy. Throughout this course, students will develop a broad understanding of the dynamics of inequality and poverty in Latin America, and the influence market forces and government policies exert on equality and human development.

LATIN AMERICAN CULTURAL IDENTITY

This course will critically assess the significance, influence, and impact of Latin American cultural identity in the human and democratic development of the region. Students will develop argumentative and critical skills through weekly group discussions that analyze the impact of cultural identities in the region.

SPANISH LANGUAGE IMMERSION COURSE

Improve your Spanish even more! Enroll in a 4 week and 60 contact hours Spanish language course and earn 4 US credits or 8 ECTS.

Our intensive Spanish Language Immersion course allows students to improve their Spanish language proficiency in a short timeframe. Learn about the traditions and culture of Costa Ricans, immerse yourself in the pura vida lifestyle, and make friends for life!



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