
ABOUT ULACIT

The Latin American University of Science and Technology –ULACIT–, based in San José, Costa Rica, is an innovative, enterprising, and fully bilingual university leading higher education in the Central American region since 1987. ULACIT prepares its students to lead in science, technology, business, and other fields of human endeavor, with the knowledge, skills and attitudes required to serve the world in the 21st century.

Ranked as the best private university in Costa Rica and the second best at the Central American level according to QS International University Rankings all its teaching strategies are project-based, with no traditional exams. Learning is founded on inquiry, research, group projects, problem-solving and service-learning experiences, under the Teaching for Understanding (TfU) framework, developed by Harvard University’s Project Zero

ULACIT works 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, international students can cover more credits within a year and have access to top quality higher education programs benchmarked to comply with international standards. Each course covers 45 contact hours per academic period, representing 3US credits or 6 ECTS credits per course. By taking a full load of five courses per academic period students can cover up to 45 US credits per year.

ULACIT offers 24 technical diplomas, 42 undergraduate programs, 16 graduate programs and 2 doctorate degrees through its Schools of Business Administration, Economics, Accounting, Business Intelligence, Advertising and Marketing, Industrial Engineering, Chemical Engineering, Biomedical Engineering, Electronics Engineering, Computer Science Engineering, Cybersecurity, Dentistry, Psychology, Law and International Relations.

ULACIT attracts international students from all around the globe. Students coming from both partner universities and from non-partner universities are eligible for admittance. Exchange students coming from a partner university can take a maximum number of 5 courses as part of the tuition-waiver agreement from any of our academic programs. Any additional course has to be paid by the student. International students coming from non-partner universities can enroll on fee-paying courses as long as they meet the admission requirements of the respective academic program.

Admissions information and enrollment process details can be found at the end of this document under [Admissions Process](#). All interested students must fulfill the admissions steps described.

[Our offering of courses taught in the English language is ample](#): 68 courses taught regularly 100% in the English language at our San José campus in the fields of Liberal Arts, Business Management, Economics, Accounting, Marketing, International Trade, Finance, Political Science, International Relations and Latin American Studies.

OUR GLOBAL EDUCATION SERVICES INCLUDE:

- ✓ Undergraduate course enrollment for Spring, Summer and Fall Academic Period. Our International Relations and Business Management undergraduate programs are taught 100% in the English language.
- ✓ Spanish Language Immersion Program offered through-out the year during every academic period.
- ✓ Host Family Program (meals, Wi-Fi, laundry, room and board included)
- ✓ Year-round Faculty Led and Customized Study Abroad Experiences.
- ✓ Customized Short-Term Summer or Winter Programs for student groups in International Business and Leadership or Sustainable Development and Latin American Studies.
- ✓ Customized academic programs for researchers and student groups at La Marta Wildlife Refuge.
- ✓ Gap-year Program, stay with a host family, tour and travel throughout Costa Rica and take Spanish Courses and Introductory Undergraduate Business or Latin-American

INSTITUTIONAL INFORMATION

University name:	Latin American University of Science and Technology (ULACIT)
Location:	San José, Costa Rica
Vice-Provost for Global Affairs	Luis Felipe Dobles Junqueira, MSc. ldobles@ulacit.ac.cr
Global Education Services	https://www.ulacit.ac.cr/academic-programs/
International Admissions	https://www.ulacit.ac.cr/admissions/
Application Process	https://www.ulacit.ac.cr/apply-online/
Faculty-Led Program	https://www.ulacit.ac.cr/faculty-lead-programs/
Website	https://www.study-costarica.com
E-mail:	studyabroad@ulacit.ac.cr

Undergraduate Courses for International Exchange Students 2021

We offer international students wishing to study in Costa Rica the opportunity to enroll in ULACIT's undergraduate degree courses in English or Spanish. Students coming from both partner universities and from non-partner universities are eligible for admittance.

Students can enroll in up to five undergraduate courses per academic period. Each academic course covers 45 contact hours per season (1 lesson each week for 15 weeks), representing 3 US credits or 6 ECTS credits per course per period. At the end of the program, students will receive an accredited transcript of grades.

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ULACIT offers undergraduate courses through its schools of business economics, accounting, business administration, business intelligence, advertising and marketing, industrial engineering, chemical engineering, biomedical engineering, electronics engineering, computer science engineering, cybersecurity, dentistry, psychology, law and international relations.

For spring, summer and fall semesters international students can choose a mix of undergraduate courses taught 100% in the English language in the following subjects:

- ⇒ Peace Studies
- ⇒ Sustainable Development Studies
- ⇒ Latin American Studies
- ⇒ Liberal Arts and Humanities
- ⇒ Business Administration and Economics
- ⇒ International Relations and Political Science

[All Undergrad Courses taught in the English language](#) (from the International Relations and Business Administration Undergraduate programs; courses taught in Spanish from all other faculties are also available to exchange students).

Undergraduate Course Enrollment Dates and Deadlines for 2022

<p>Spring Academic Period (1st Quarterly Period 2022)</p> <p>Late Nomination & Application Deadline: Total Payment Deadline: New Student Orientation:</p> <p>Class Start & End Dates:</p>	<p>November 26th, 2021 December 17th, 2021 January 7th, 2022</p> <p>January 17th to April 29th, 2022</p>
<p>Summer Academic Period (2nd Quarterly Period 2022)</p> <p>Late Nomination & Application Deadline: Total Payment Deadline: New Student Orientation:</p> <p>Class Start & End Dates:</p>	<p>April 8th, 2022 April 29th, 2022 May 13th, 2022</p> <p>May 16th to August 26th, 2022</p>
<p>Fall Academic Period (3rd Quarterly Period 2022)</p> <p>Late Nomination & Application Deadline: Total Payment Deadline: New Student Orientation:</p> <p>Class Start & End Dates:</p>	<p>August 5th, 2022 August 26th, 2022 September 10th, 2022</p> <p>September 5th to December 17th, 2022</p>

Spanish Immersion Program

Program Structure:

Enroll in our Spanish Immersion Program consisting of three consecutive 5-week courses covering the complete 15-week academic quarterly period.

The Spanish Immersion Program covers different levels of language proficiency. Develop basic Spanish language proficiency in a short span of time through a culturally relevant learning immersion experience, the content of each individual language course will also get you acquainted with three perspectives of Costa Rica's national identity:

- ✓ **Course 1 - Introductory Spanish – Community and Culture**
- ✓ **Course 2 - Low Beginner Spanish – Sustainability and Biodiversity**
- ✓ **Course 3 – High Beginner Spanish – History, Democracy and Politics**

Each language course covers 45 contact hours corresponding to 3 US credits or 6 ECTS, through 3 hourly lessons every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.

According to their proficiency level, students will be recommended enrollment in any of our entry level courses; individual one on one tutorials or individual advanced Spanish lessons also available.

Learn or better your Spanish language competencies through a top-quality language course and immersive cultural experiences.

For more information on our Spanish Immersion Program and if you wish to enroll please write to: studyabroad@ulacit.ac.cr

Credits and Contact Hours: Spanish Immersion language courses cover 45 contact hours, consisting of 3-hour lessons three times per week for fifteen weeks, each Spanish course will earn students 3 US credits or 6 ECTS.

Spanish Immersion Program 2022

<p>Spring Academic Period (1st Quarterly Period 2022)</p> <p>Application Deadline: November 26th, 2021 Total Payment Deadline: December 17th, 2021</p> <p>1st Course Offering Class Start & End Dates: January 18th to February 17th, 2022 2nd Course Offering Class Start & End Dates: February 21st to March 24th, 2022 3rd Course Offering Class Start & End Dates: March 28th to April 28th, 2022</p>	
<p>Summer Academic Period (2nd Quarterly Period 2022)</p> <p>Application Deadline: April 8th, 2022 Total Payment Deadline: April 29th, 2022</p> <p>1st Course Offering Class Start & End Dates: May 16th to June 16th, 2022 2nd Course Offering Class Start & End Dates: June 20th to July 21st, 2022 3rd Course Offering Class Start & End Dates: July 25th to August 25th, 2022</p>	
<p>Fall Academic Period (3rd Quarterly Period 2022)</p> <p>Application Deadline: August 5th, 2022 Total Payment Deadline: August 26th, 2022</p> <p>1st Course Offering Class Start & End Dates: September 5th to October 6th, 2022 2nd Course Offering Class Start & End Dates: October 10th to November 10th, 2022 3rd Course Offering Class Start & End Dates: November 14th to December 15th, 2022</p>	

**Late nomination admittance and payments considered and processed upon request on a case-by-case basis.*

Faculty-Led Programas

Our Global Education Office develops customized academic programs and global education experiences that cater to the specific needs of institutions, third party-providers, faculty-led initiatives, or specific student groups.

Let us take care of the logistics of planning and design details of your custom short-term study abroad experience or faculty-led program needs.

Our custom designed programs will complement any academic lessons with experiential learning through field trips and site visits of interest.

We will develop academic customized programs to expand your study abroad offerings in an ample number of subjects, from engineering, information technologies, entrepreneurship, management leadership skills, and business administration to sustainability studies, education, health sciences, law, human rights, and more.

We collaborate with your faculty team to create study abroad programs that resonate with a broad spectrum of students and academic subjects and objectives.

Whether you want to offer a course taught by your own faculty or a customized course in an area of interest, ULACIT provides the expert academic support, resources, and flexibility you need to create your own study abroad experiences in Costa Rica.

We offer additional services to ensure that your students live a unique global experience in Costa Rica. Services include trips to local institutions, site visits, guest speakers, transportation, housing, field trips throughout Costa Rica and any other additional support services required.

Our Global Education Team will work closely with you to develop programs that satisfy your specific requirements, including curriculum, complementary cocurricular activities, and comprehensive support services that best suit the needs of your institution and your students. Just share your vision with us, and we will use our expertise, knowledge, and resources to customize your program features to fit within your budget.

Housing Information

ULACIT's central campus does not offer traditional student residence (on-campus dorms). Exchange students are expected to live with a local host family (Homestay Program) or with Selina Hostels our third-party lodging and workspace provider in either communal dorms or standard rooms.

ULACIT work with host families in San Jose who have welcomed international students into their homes for years. Each home has been carefully selected by ULACIT program administrators to ensure comfort and safety for international students. To obtain a homestay application form or to inquire about housing at ULACIT, please contact: studyabroad@ulacit.ac.cr

To request a reservation at any [Selina Hostel](#) and obtain the benefits and discounts reserved for ULACITs international students please write directly to mariavalverde.ext@selina.com with copy to studyabroad@ulacit.ac.cr.

For reservations and access to benefits please use the Reservation Code "ULACIT", and request information on availability on any of their locations in San José, Jaco, Tamarindo, Monteverde, Puerto Viejo or La Fortuna. Benefits and discounts at Selina Hostals only apply to previous reservations, they do not apply to those who might show up at the hotel reception without prior reservation. Benefits for ULACIT students at Selina Hostel include:

- ✓ Breakfast included
- ✓ 10% Discount on Food and Beverages
- ✓ 10% Discount in our CoWork areas
- ✓ 10% Discount in EXPLORE (Tours offered in each location)
- ✓ 10% Discount in Retail

Health insurance information

All international students coming to ULACIT are required to purchase an international student health insurance plan with coverage in Costa Rica for (no student will be accepted without it). Students must present a copy of their international health insurance ID card or written verification of coverage to be admitted and send a copy of this form for our records.

International Health Insurance Coverage must meet three essential requirements: cover medical expenses generated by the COVID-19 disease, hospital admission fees for the required duration and a minimum coverage of 14 days for accommodation expenses in case of delivery of a medical isolation order. If you choose this modality, you must have a certificate in English or Spanish from the international insurer that indicates the following:

- i. Validity of the insurance when visiting Costa Rica.
- ii. Coverage of medical costs in the event of a Covid-19 pandemic in Costa Rica of at least \$ 50,000.
- iii. \$2,000 minimum coverage for lodging costs due to pandemic illness.

Visa and Migration

Incoming exchange international students have different legally viable options to resolve their migratory status in Costa Rica for their short-term stay.

Please carry a digital or physical copy of your admissions letter in case it is requested by a migration officer. Once in Costa Rica we will aide and advice you on different options to renew your migratory status in accordance with the applicable migratory policies at the moment.

Students are advised to enter and remain in Costa Rica with an up to 90-day provisional tourist visa. Your country of origin determines the number of days available to stay in Costa Rica as a tourist before the need of renewing the tourist visa. All USA and European Union residents are usually awarded a 90-day tourist visa.

For this migratory status no previous process is required, the tourist visa is automatically issued by Migration Authorities for any international traveler entering the country by land or air.

Visitors to Costa Rica must have a valid passport as well as proof of their intent to exit the country before their visa or entry stamp expires. All non-resident travelers must possess a return ticket or a ticket as proof of when they intend to exit the country, commonly referred to as an outbound exit or onward ticket.

So, either a dated or open-ended return ticket for an international flight or bus transfer service are needed when entering Costa Rica. The immigration officer will ask for it upon your arrival.

The departure plans from Costa Rica must be shown to Migration Authorities at the airport with a return ticket, but that the ticket can be open ended, so incoming exchange students need a return ticket but not necessarily with a set return date.

Once in Costa Rica to maintain their legal migratory status after 90 days students can either exit any land border (a quick weekend trip to Panama o Nicaragua) to renew their tourist visa or request a student visa through ULACITs migration lawyer with a cost of \$200 which will automatically suspend the expiration of their 90-day tourist visa until Migratory Authorities process their student visa request which takes over 6 months in average. This is a common practice for short term exchange students and would be sufficient to maintain their legal migratory status while the short-term exchange student completes there 115-day academic period stay.

The process is carried out with the student already in Costa Rica, it is not required to go to a consulate. The requirements to process a student visa extension for a short-term stay are:

1. Two passport size photographs, 5cm x 5cm, on a white background.
2. Complete photocopy of your current passport. your passport and visa must be valid.
3. ULACIT acceptance letter as an Exchange student.
4. A payment of \$250 to the migration lawyer who will take care of the initial request process and accompany the process. This payment already includes tax stamps and the fee charged by the General Directorate of Migration to process the visa extension request. These payments are to be made once the student is in Costa Rica.

Students who wish to stay for longer than 10 months should prepare the following documents and have them before arriving, this process is also carried out with the student in Costa Rica:

1. Birth certificate duly legalized or apostilled where the name of the parents is recorded. all documents must be in Spanish, if not, they must be officially translated in Costa Rica. If you cannot obtain your birth certificate with the apostille, you can present it without apostille momentarily.
2. Certification of criminal records from your country of origin or where you have resided for the last three years duly legalized or apostilled. All documents must be in Spanish, if not, they must be officially translated.
3. A bank statement from them or their parents from the last 12 months to prove their solvency and the existence of income to support their stay in Costa Rica. The bank statement should be notarized by a Certified Public Accountant.

Living Expenses

To maintain standard of living for a single person, students should plan for a budget in a range from \$1,500 to \$2,000 a month which would include housing, meals and utilities. An additional budget for tour and travel should be planned, hotel rooms to range from \$60 to \$400 per night, one day trips from \$80 to \$180. Weekend trips usually include a 3 night stay plus \$6 to \$10 per meal. ULACIT arranges hotel reservations, complete weekend or week tours with Terranova Travel Design our exclusive third-party tours and travel provider, Costa Rica's best quality tourism agency.

Admissions Process

Our admissions process has two stages a which students will complete in 5 steps:

- ✓ Nomination Stage: Steps 1 and 2.
- ✓ Admissions Stage: Steps 3, 4 and 5

Step 1: Please complete the [International Exchange Nomination Form](#) with your Personal Information and Academic Information. Review the Study Abroad @ ULACIT documentation hyperlinked. Make sure to check the Relevant Information and Fact Sheet documents and be aware of the academic period start and end dates, nomination deadlines and services provided. Incomplete forms will not be processed.

Step 2: Once all the personal and academic information requested through the International Exchange Nomination Form is completed and sent, students will receive a message from our academic advisor informing them of their nomination process within 10 business days.

If admitted students will be sent an official acceptance letter and asked to complete the Exchange Admissions Form to fulfil the exchange admissions process. Incomplete forms will not be processed.

Step 3: Please proceed completing the **Exchange Admissions Form** submitting the required documents as requested. Documents should be submitted in the requested sequence, in two batches.

The Global Education Office will send you the **Exchange Admissions Form** to proceed with two subsets of documents. Access the online forms sent and download the documents specified, completing the information requested in each document using Microsoft Word Processor, once finished, sign them either on a physical or digital signature. Then upload them on the form as a PDF files.

First you will complete request forms for academic courses, Spanish immersion courses, and housing either through host family or Selina Hostels. Spanish program and housing services are optional.

Admissions Form 1: First Batch of Nomination Documents:

- Course Pre-Enrollment
- Spanish Program Enrollment Request
- Housing Request

After this batch is received and processed you will be sent the second batch of documents to be accessed and uploaded through [Admissions Form 2](#).

Admissions Form 2: Second Batch of Nomination Documents:

- Housing contract and conditions
- Immigration Status Form
- Medical Insurance Verification Form
- Image Waiver Consent Form

Step 4: Once a student is formally accepted into the exchange program and enrolled in the selected courses, or housing options are confirmed, students will receive a confirmation email from the academic advisor to proceed with payment information and coordinate travel and housing logistics.

Final admittance will only be provided after all the documentation and payments have been finalized.
Important notes:

- Universities or groups interested in sending students for an academic exchange semester or in a customized study abroad program can contact the Global Education Office at the following addresses: studyabroad@ulacit.ac.cr copying ldobles@ulacit.ac.cr
- Independent students must be at least 18 years old to apply. Younger students are only accepted with a group or sponsor school.
- Students must ask their international office or school/faculty to generate a complete official transcript as part of the documentation they must hand in. Unofficial copies of transcripts will not be accepted.



**For more information or in case of any questions
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