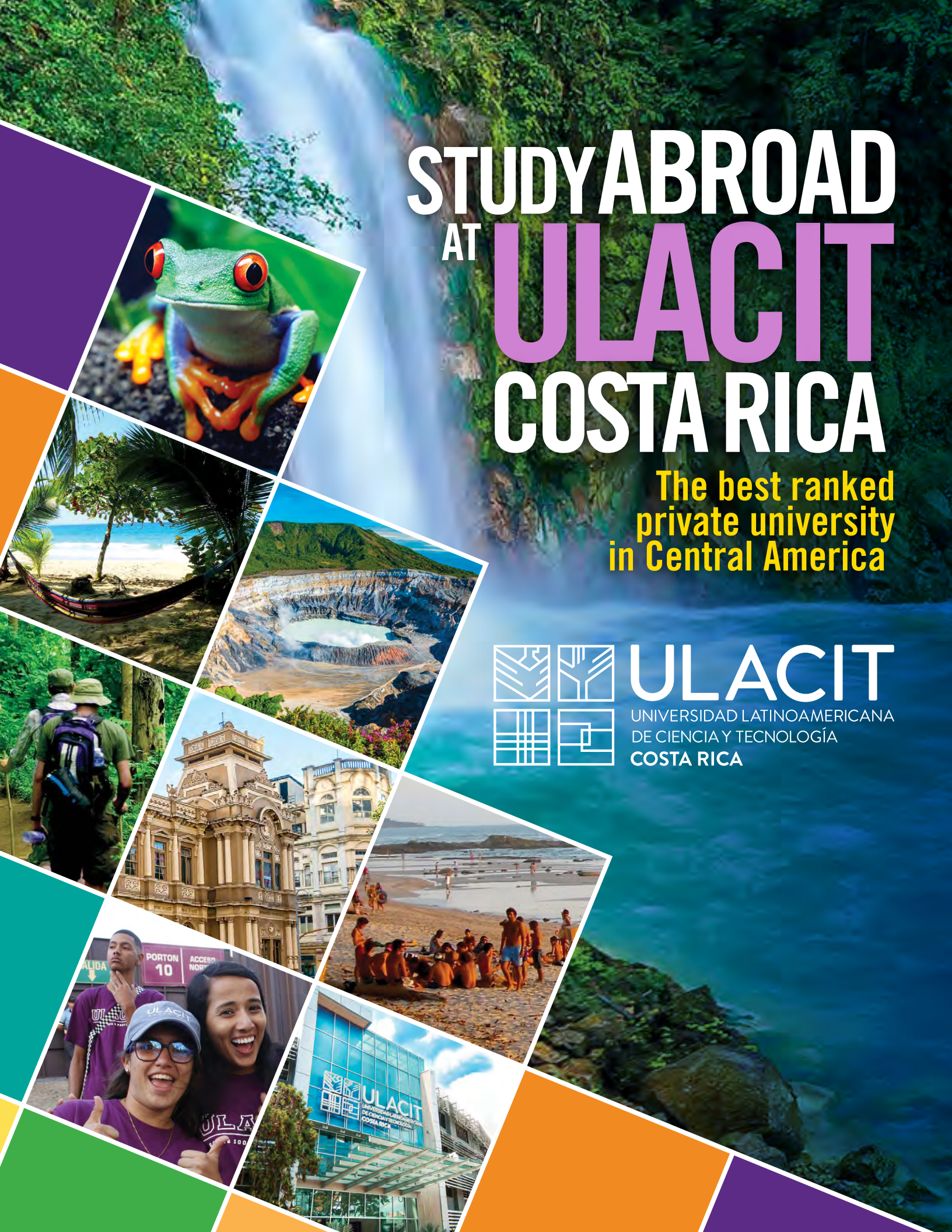


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THE LAND OF PURA VIDA

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In the heart of Central America, Costa Rica is a nation of inspiring people who have built the longest standing democracy in Latin America. This small territory that only encompasses 0.03% of the planet's surface is home to nearly 5% of the Earth's biodiversity.

Costa Ricans, or Ticos, as they call themselves, have protected over a quarter of their national territory creating national parks, wildlife refuges and biological reserves. Divided into 7 unique provinces: San José, Alajuela, Heredia, Cartago, Guanacaste, Puntarenas and Limón, Costa Rica offers visitors a wide range of experiences able to satisfy varying tastes and interests.

Since the abolition of the army in 1948, Costa Rica has relied on democratic values and the strength of institutions as the founding pillars for progress and development, redirecting military spending to education and healthcare.

Costa Ricans pride themselves in their healthy, peaceful and sustainable lifestyle, which they call "Pura Vida." These words have become a true identifier for the nation's vision and a welcoming message to all those ready to discover what Costa Rica has to offer.



10 REASONS TO STUDY ABROAD IN COSTA RICA

1. Happiness comes first

Costa Rica topped the Happy Planet Index in 2016, for the third time. This index ranks nations in their efforts to provide sustainable well-being for all. For Costa Ricans, it is all about achieving long, happy, and environmentally responsible lives.

2. A country of peace

Costa Rica has lived under political stability for 120 years. With the longest standing democracy in Latin America, Ticos, as Costa Ricans call themselves, value their peaceful lifestyle, built on dialogue, cooperation, and mutual respect. This is why Costa Rica is home to the Inter-American Court of Human Rights and the UN-mandated University for Peace.

3. Leading educational system

The literacy rate in Costa Rica is the highest in the region: 97.5%. The educational system was ranked first in Latin America by the World Economic Forum. Ticos have achieved this with an investment of 7.36% of their GDP in Education.

4. State-of-the-Art Healthcare

More than 40,000 Americans travel each year to Costa Rica seeking medical and dental treatment. With an investment of 9.9% of their GDP in Healthcare, Costa Rican health services are at the forefront of innovation, quality, and coverage. This has given Ticos one of the highest life expectancies on the planet, and its very own Blue Zone in Nicoya, Guanacaste.

5. Multilingual and multicultural

English is promoted at every level of the educational system in both private and public institutions. Costa Ricans have set a goal to become a fully bilingual country by 2030 and knowledge of English is already the second highest in Latin America, as evidenced by the country's TOEFL iBT scores. With a diverse and mixed heritage, Costa Ricans foster intercultural exchange and cooperation.

6. Naturally gifted

Costa Rica sets aside 26% of its land in more than 185 protected areas, home to nearly half a million different species and three UNESCO World Heritage Sites. With a coastline of 915 miles (1450km), you can visit the wonders of the Pacific and the beauties of the Caribbean, or explore the forest, jungle, volcanoes, and other ecosystems immersed in this exotic paradise.

7. Powered by Green

Costa Rica generates over 99.5% of its electricity from renewable sources. Through the responsible and sustainable production of solar, wind, hydropower, biomass, and geothermal energy, the country has been able to go 300 straight days without burning any fossil fuels for electric consumption.

8. Friendly people, friendly climate

In Costa Rica, there are no extreme climate conditions. While there are two seasons: sunny and rainy, temperature is 75°F (24°C) year round. Plus, there are 8 different microclimates providing the ideal conditions to explore adventure tourism in the cloud forest or enjoying the sand in one of our pristine beaches.

9. Economic prosperity

Costa Ricans have fostered economic growth while protecting their natural treasures. With thriving technology and tourism sectors, Costa Rica ranks third in Latin America for Digital Readiness, according to Cisco, and second in the Global Competitiveness Index, by the World Economic Forum.

10. San José: Costa Rica's thriving capital city

Home to world-class museums, theaters, parks, hotels, and historical buildings, San José has also become a popular tourist destination. The city's one million residents are known for their kindness and hospitality, providing an ideal place for tourists and students to experience the colorful culture of Costa Rica. ULACIT is located right in the heart of San José. We look forward to having you!

About ULACIT

The Latin American University of Science and Technology –ULACIT– is a young, innovative, enterprising and 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.

ULACIT is ranked as the best private university in Costa Rica and the Central American region by the Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) International University Rankings, we have been ranked as the best private university in the country for twelve consecutive years.

Our Global Education Services include a credit transfer international student exchange program with an ample course offering in English, a Spanish Language Immersion Program, Faculty Led and Customized Study Abroad Programs, Gap-year Program, Professional Practice and Internship Programs and a Host Family Program.

We work annually with three quarterly academic periods (Spring, Summer and Fall), which have a 14-week duration each, with two week vacations between them. By enrolling in ULACIT, international students can cover more credits within a year. Each course covers 45 contact hours per season (1 lesson each week for 14 weeks), representing 3US credits or 6 ECTS credits per course.

Study at the **best ranked** private university in Central America for 12 consecutive years

BY THE QUACQUARELLI SYMONDS (QS)

Our history is an account of academic excellence, innovation and transformation propelled into the future from San José, the capital city of Costa Rica, inspired by an unrelenting commitment to the advancement of its citizens, the productive sector, our country's prosperity and a cooperative global community. Our students, graduates, professors and administrative staff seek to distinguish themselves for their excellence as professionals, citizens and human beings.

Admissions information and to request enrollment as an exchange student or free mover student please fill out our [International Exchange Nomination Form](#)

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.



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12 YEARS IN A ROW**

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OUR GLOBAL EDUCATION SERVICES INCLUDE:

- **Credit Transfer Study Abroad Program:** undergraduate course enrollment for Spring, Summer or Fall Academic Periods for international exchange students and free mover international students.
- **Spanish Language Immersion Program** offered throughout the year during every academic period.
- **Short term study abroad academic programs in Sustainable Development Studies or International Business and Management:** Covering 10 to 20 contact hours, plus site visits and tours.
- **Faculty Led and Customized Study Abroad Programs.**
- **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 Studies Courses.
- **Professional Practice and Internship Programs.**



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.

CREDIT TRANSFER STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM 2023

UNDERGRADUATE COURSE ENROLLMENT DATES AND DEADLINES FOR 2023

Spring Academic Period (1st Quarterly Period 2023)

Late Nomination & Application Deadline:	December 16th, 2022
Total Payment Deadline:	January 20th, 2023
New Student Orientation:	January 13th, 2023
Class Start & End Dates:	January 16 th to April 28 th , 2023

Summer Academic Period (2nd Quarterly Period 2023)

Late Nomination & Application Deadline:	April 28th, 2023
Total Payment Deadline:	May 19th, 2023
New Student Orientation:	May 13th, 2023
Class Start & End Dates:	May 15th to August 25th, 2023

Fall Academic Period (3rd Quarterly Period 2023)

Late Nomination & Application Deadline:	August 18th, 2023
Total Payment Deadline:	September 14th, 2023
New Student Orientation:	September 8th, 2023
Class Start & End Dates:	September 11th to December 22nd, 2023

Join our local undergraduate student community along other international students from around the world!

We offer international students wishing to study in Costa Rica the opportunity to enroll in ULACITs 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 14 weeks), representing 3US 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:

- Liberal Arts
- Business Management
- Economics
- Accounting
- Marketing, International Trade
- Finance
- Political Science
- International Relations and Latin American Studies.

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:

14-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 14-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 (3US 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 45 contact hours/3 US credits or 6 ECTS.



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 TAUGHT 100% in English

CHOOSE COURSES FROM THE FOLLOWING UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

BACHELOR IN SCIENCE IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (TAUGHT 100% IN THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE)

- Advanced Probability and Statistics
- Business Ethics
- Calculus
- Cost Accounting
- E-Commerce
- Elements of Microeconomics
- Financial Accounting
- Human Resource Management
- Innovation and Technology
- International Finance
- International Trade
- Managerial Accounting
- Managerial Skills Development
- Math for Business and Economics
- Organizational Behavior
- Probability and Statistics Foundation
- Quality Management
- Strategic Management
- Applied Microeconomics
- Business Law Foundation
- Corporate Finance
- Costs and Productivity
- Elements of Macroeconomics
- Entrepreneurship Foundation
- Financial Reporting and Analysis
- Information Systems Management
- International Business
- International Marketing
- Investments
- Managerial Decision Modeling
- Marketing Management
- Pre-Calculus
- Principles of Marketing
- Project Management
- Quantitative Methods

BACHELOR IN ARTS IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS (TAUGHT 100% IN THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE)

- International Relations Theory
- Theory of the State
- Comparative Political Systems
- Peaceful Conflict Negotiation and Resolution
- International Public Law
- General Economics
- The Costa Rican Political System
- Human Rights
- Western Civilization
- Costa Rican Foreign Policy
- International Organizations
- Diplomatic and Consular Law
- Latin American Literature and Society
- Peace and War in International Relations
- International Business
- Contemporary Latin American History
- Environmental, Sustainability and Development in Latin American
- Management of Non- Profit Organizations
- International Political Economy
- Intercultural Communication and Protocol
- Free Trade, Agreements in Latin America and the Carribean
- Latin American Cultural Identity
- Latin American Past, Present and future
- Poverty, Economics and Development in Latin American
- International Economics
- Globalization, environment and human development

All courses cover 45 contact hours, most courses recognize 3 US credits / 6 ECTS, selected course recognize 4 US credits / 8 ECTS

*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.

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.

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.



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.

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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.

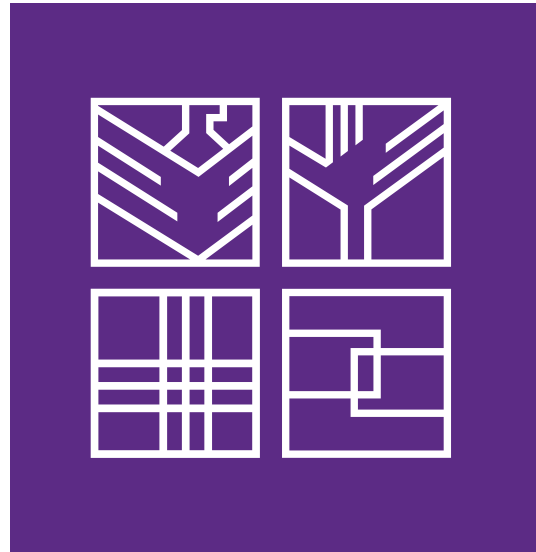
DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR LAW

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.

STUDENT CLUBS

At ULACIT, university life is vibrant and fun. Our student organizations are at the heart of everyday youth activity. Each of the student clubs represents a set of common interests that come together and catalyze to produce strategies that impact not only the university environment. but also the communities we serve.





RELEVANT INFORMATION FOR EXCHANGE STUDENTS



HEALTH INSURANCE INFORMATION

All international students coming to ULACIT are required to purchase an international student health insurance plan (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.

VISA AND MIGRATION

Students coming for 1 or more academic terms should request a student visa at the closest Costa Rican embassy/council. This provisional visa will allow the student's entrance to the country; however, the consolidation of it must be finalized within 30 days after their arrival at the immigration office once in the country.

Students coming for one term (14 weeks) may use a tourist visa since in many cases they will be provided with a 90-day visa. However, they must be clear on the fact that they will have to leave the country (usually Panama or Nicaragua) in the middle of their stay to ensure they renew their visa and keep a legal status in the country to avoid migratory fines when they leave. ULACIT arranges one trip to Bocas del Toro, Panamá per term, to help students meet this requirement.

ULACIT offers legal support to those students wanting to obtain a student visa. This service has a cost of \$640.

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.

TOUR AND TRAVEL

ULACIT also offers a broad array of tourism and leisure experiences through its partnership with Terranova, who develops tourist services for ULACITs guests including access to one day, weekend or weekly tours to Costa Rica's main tourist destinations and natural sites along with hotel accommodations, transportation, vehicle rental, guided visits and other leisure activities.

SPANISH IMMERSION PROGRAM 2023



Enroll in our Spanish Immersion Program consisting of 45 contact hour course covering the complete 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:

- **Introductory Spanish**
- **Low Beginner Spanish**
- **High Beginner Spanish**

The content of each individual language course will also get you acquainted with three perspectives of Costa Rica's national identity: Community and Culture, Biodiversity, History, Democracy and Politics.

Each language course covers 45 contact hours corresponding to 3 US credits or 8 ECTS, through 3 hourly lessons per week. Each course will also cover aspects relevant to the student's intercultural experience in Costa Rica, learning about the country's community and culture, sustainability model and biodiversity, it's history and democratic and political life. Also available 30 contact hour individualized or pair tutorships.

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

Price Spanish Immersion Course: \$650 (3 US credits or 6 ECTS, 45 hours)

Price Individual or Two-Person Spanish Immersion Tutorship (2 US credits or 4 ECTS, 30 hours):

- Individual Tutorship: **\$990**
- Two Person Tutorship: **\$800** (*Applicable for student pairs who enroll tutorships together)

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

SPANISH IMMERSION PROGRAM 2023

Please revise Academic Calendar on page 11 for relevant dates



HOST FAMILY

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). Stay with a Host Families is not mandatory but we strongly suggest students who choose in campus courses stay at a Host Family since it will be considerably more affordable to have their room and board needs met, it also allows us to better support our guest students during their stay.

HOST FAMILY HOMESTAY

ULACIT works 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 and includes meals and other homestay services. All Host Families are located at the most 20 minutes away from campus. Any student interested in staying longer than the 16-weeks the program includes just needs to specify it at the moment of the application (or no later than 1 month after arrival).
Additional week: \$190

Our homestay program with host families includes:

- All meals included (breakfast, lunch and dinner). Wi-Fi internet access
- Private room.
- Shared or private bathroom.
- Use of the kitchen and laundry room. Access keys to the house.
- Linens once a week throughout your stay.
- Laundry once a week

HOUSING INFORMATION

Price per month (4-week stay): \$760

Price for academic period (16-week stay): \$3.040

Our Home Stay Program assures you access to homely comforts and a safe environment in San José, each home has been carefully chosen to guarantee a welcoming and safe stay.

If you want more information let us know. We will provide you with information on the families and their homes.

To obtain a homestay application form or to inquire about housing at ULACIT, please contact:

Global Education Office: studyabroad@ulacit.ac.cr



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!



FACULTY-LED PROGRAMS

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 designing details of your custom or faculty-led program needs. We collaborate with faculty teams from universities around the world to create short-term, faculty-led programs, that resonate with a broad spectrum of students and academic subjects or objectives. We will develop academic customized programs to expand your study abroad offerings in an ample number of subjects, from engineering, information technologies, business, and sustainability studies to health sciences, social sciences, and more.

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 insure 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 additional 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.



VISIT LA MARTA WILDLIFE REFUGE

ULACIT offers customized academic programs designed for researchers, faculty professors and student groups at La Marta Wildlife Refuge, the first private biological reserve created in Costa Rica. It serves as a natural sanctuary and research station with 6 square miles of pristine tropical rainforest, two rivers, three types of life zones and 17 kms of trails. La Marta Wildlife Refuge includes lodging at El Tucán Hostel with comfortable lodging and wireless internet service (WiFi), historical sites, natural spas on the banks of the Gato and Marta rivers, observation stations of flora and fauna and a camping site.

ULACIT partners with faculty staff to create short-term, faculty-led programs that resonate with a broad spectrum of students and academic subjects. We design academic experiences in a wide variety of areas of interest, ULACIT provides the expert academic support, resources, and flexibility our international partners need to create their own custom study abroad programs in Costa Rica. Work with us to design your own custom study abroad experience immersed within a tropical rain forest, full of countless forms of life, and as well as a unique historical and cultural heritage.

La Marta Website; <https://lamarta.org/>

ULACIT

creates an alliance to compensate carbon emissions of its study abroad programs

In order to compensate carbon emissions generated by international flights associated with our study abroad programs, ULACIT has established an alliance with Costa Rica's National Forestry Financing Fund (FONAFIFO).

In this way, ULACIT becomes a committed partner of FONAFIFO and its efforts to invest in ecosystem conservancy, maintenance and, recovery of forests in Costa Rica, vital actions to mitigate and reverse the effects of climate change

ULACIT's Global Education Office will implement the compensation plan for both outbound local students and visiting international students.

Thanks to its contribution to sustainable development, FONAFIFO received the Earthshot 2021 Award in the category Protect and Restore Nature, granted by the Payment for Environmental Services Program.

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