

Tentative Itinerary

Friday, July 4 Departure from Cleveland for San José

July 5-6 City tour; orientation at Veritas; placement test; excursions to Volcán Poas, La Paz Waterfall Gardens

July 7-11 First week of classes at Universidad Veritas

July 12-13 Overnight group excursion to Limón and Cahuita

July 14-18 Week 2 of classes

July 19-20 Free weekend to travel

July 21-25 Week 3 of classes

July 26-27 Group excursion to Irazu volcano, Cartago, and Orosí

July 28 -August 1 Week 4 of classes

August 2-3 Field trips for electives

August 4-8 Week 5 of classes

Friday, August 8: Return flight from San José to Cleveland

For more information

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CSU in Costa Rica

Spanish for Professions

July 4 - August 08, 2014



The CSU in Costa Rica program provides 12-15 credits of electives taught in Spanish and in English, in one of the most beautiful countries in the world!

Students will take classes at Veritas University, in San Jose, the capital of Costa Rica, where they will learn Spanish specific to health sciences as well as gain practical knowledge of healthcare in Central America. Students will also participate in direct interaction with the Costa Rican people and excursions to the naturally beautiful and culturally rich areas of Costa Rica.

Known as a natural paradise, Costa Rica is home to dramatic landscapes that include rainforest and active volcanoes. Its beauty is preserved intentionally by the Costa Rican government, with 20% of the country made up of forest reserves, home to thousands of bird, plant, and mammal species. Costa Rica also has a consistently pleasant climate with spring-like temperatures and weather year round. The Costa Rican people are known for their relaxed and friendly attitudes.

Students will visit Cartago, the first capital of Costa Rica, Tortuga Island, the Poas Volcano National Park, La Paz Water Falls Gardens, and the Limon Province. There is one weekend where students can travel independently, but they can receive help in organizing their own travel.

Students live with Costa Rican host families. Students will have the opportunity to observe and participate in the daily life of a Costa Rican family. The family provides breakfast, dinner, and laundry service. The homes are within walking distance to the university and close to good public transportation to get around San José.

Eligibility

Applicants must have completed one semester of college-level Spanish or equivalent. Min. undergraduate cumulative GPA of 2.0; graduate cumulative GPA of 3.0.

At the time of application, the applicant must have completed two semesters at CSU if a first year student, and one semester if a transfer or graduate student. Students from other universities may be accepted to the program as a CSU transient student. Must also have no financial holds on their Treasury Services account and have no infractions of the Student Code of Conduct. All applications must be approved by the Program Director and the CISP.



Academic Program

Students are required to enroll in a 2 credit pre-trip course, SPN 293/393/493/593 Costa Rica Today, in the first summer session. The Director grants exceptions to this requirement only in extreme circumstances.

In Costa Rica, all students will take 2 courses at Veritas University: (See panel to the right)

- Spanish language with specific emphasis available in Business, Criminology or Healthcare when relevant (5 credits)
- Upper division elective taught in English in the fields of Business (4 cr.), Criminology (3 cr.), Environmental Studies or Science (4cr.) or Healthcare (4cr.)

All students will enroll in a 2-4 credit field studies course under the direction of the program director.

Cost

The program fee is:
\$5,000 - Criminology (8 credits)
\$5,100 - Healthcare or Business (9 credits)
The cost includes roundtrip **airfare**, **lodging**, two **meals** a day, group transportation and **excursions**, an International Student Identity Card and 9 cr. of Veritas courses.

The cost does not include tuition for the required 4 crs. of CSU courses and may change due to increases in airfare and/or the exchange rate. Students should budget about \$500 for lunches, meals on Sundays, and other traveling incidentals.

Financial Aid and Scholarship

Students may use summer financial aid to pay for all CSU fees except the deposit. If you have any questions about using financial aid toward the study abroad cost, please contact the Education Abroad office.

There is a scholarship available to students on short term programs. Eligible students can apply for the CISP Study Abroad Scholarship. Please visit their website for details.

Business students: Basic, intermediate or advanced Spanish based on placement test. If at Advanced level, may take Spanish for Business, a course with a focus on local business. The elective taught in English is called Ecotourism: The Costa Rica case.

Criminology students: Basic or Intermediate Spanish for Law Enforcement. Choose 1 from the following taught in English: Migration Issues or Human Rights in Latin America.

Environmental Studies/ or Science students: Basic, intermediate or advanced Spanish based on placement test plus you choice of 1 out of 6 options for an elective course taught in English on various Environmental topics.

Healthcare students: Spanish for Health Professions offered at various levels. Elective taught in English is called Costa Rica Healthcare and Tropical Medicine which includes interaction with local health care practitioners and patients.

Apply

The program application is due February 24, 2014. Please make a \$200 deposit at the Cashier's Office in MC 115. Submit application form and receipt to MC 106. Applications are online at <http://www.csuohio.edu/csuea>.