

# STUDY ABROAD @COSTA RICA 2021



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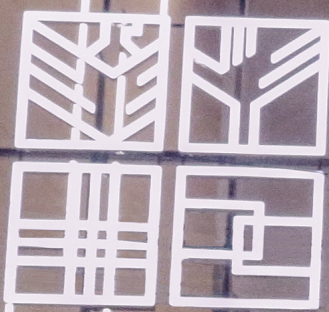
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**ULACIT**  
UNIVERSIDAD LATINOAMERICANA  
DE CIENCIA Y TECNOLOGÍA  
COSTA RICA





# 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 on the [Apply Online](#) section. All interested students must fill the [Application Form](#) and send it to [studyincostarica@ulacit.ac.cr](mailto:studyincostarica@ulacit.ac.cr).

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:

1. **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.
2. **Spanish Language Immersion Program** offered through-out the year during every academic period.
3. **International Business and Management 3-week Summer Program.** Three seasons starting in late June and ending in late August.
4. **Sustainable Development Studies 3-week Summer Program.** Three seasons starting in late June and ending in late August.
5. **Year-round Faculty Led and Customized Study Abroad Programs.**
6. **Customized academic programs for researchers and student groups at La Marta Wildlife Refuge.**
7. **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.
8. **Professional Practice and Internship Programs.**

# INSTITUTIONAL INFORMATION

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# UNDERGRADUATE COURSES FOR INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE STUDENTS 2021

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 15 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.

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, students can cover more credits within a year.

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 COURSE ENROLLMENT DATES AND DEADLINES 2021

### Spring Academic Period (1st Quarterly Period)

Nomination Deadline:	<b>Exchange program suspended for spring period due to covid-19 pandemic</b>
Late Nomination & Application Deadline:	
Total Payment Deadline:	
New Student Orientation:	
<b>Class Start &amp; End Dates:</b>	<b>January 18<sup>th</sup> to April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021</b>

### Summer Academic Period (2nd Quarterly Period)

Nomination Deadline:	<b>March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021</b>
Late Nomination & Application Deadline:	<b>March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021</b>
Total Payment Deadline:	<b>April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021</b>
New Student Orientation:	<b>May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021</b>
<b>Class Start &amp; End Dates:</b>	<b>May 10<sup>th</sup> to August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021</b>

### Fall Academic Period (3 Quarterly Period)

Nomination Deadline:	<b>June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021</b>
Late Nomination & Application Deadline:	<b>July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021</b>
Total Payment Deadline:	<b>August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021</b>
New Student Orientation:	<b>September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021</b>
<b>Class Start &amp; End Dates:</b>	<b>September 6<sup>th</sup> to December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021</b>





# SPANISH IMMERSION PROGRAM

## 2021

### Program Structure:

Enroll in our 5-week Spanish Immersion Level Courses offered every academic period.

For each Spanish Immersion Level Course take 3-hour classes four times per week for five weeks.

In order to advance in their Spanish language proficiency, students can complete three 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 Immersion language courses cover 60 contact hours, consisting of 3-hour lessons four times per week for five weeks, each Spanish course will earn students 4 US credits or 8 ECTS.

Students can take up to three consecutive Spanish courses per season, earning a total of 12 US credits or 24 ECTS credits per academic period.

### 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 IMMERSION PROGRAM 2021

#### Spanish Immersion Season 1

Nomination Deadline:	Spanish Immersion Season 1 suspended for spring period due to covid-19 pandemic
Late Nomination & Application Deadline:	
Total Payment Deadline:	
New Student Orientation:	
Spanish 1.1. Start & End Dates:	January 18 <sup>th</sup> to February 19 <sup>th</sup> , 2021
Spanish 1.2. Start & End Dates:	February 22 <sup>nd</sup> to March 26 <sup>th</sup> , 2021
Spanish 1.3. Start & End Dates:	March 29 <sup>th</sup> to April 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2021

#### Spanish Immersion Season 2

Nomination Deadline:	March 5 <sup>th</sup> , 2021
Late Nomination & Application Deadline:	March 19 <sup>th</sup> , 2021
Total Payment Deadline:	April 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 2021
New Student Orientation:	May 7 <sup>th</sup> , 2021
Spanish 2.1. Start & End Dates:	May 10 <sup>th</sup> to June 11 <sup>th</sup> , 2021
Spanish 2.2. Start & End Dates:	June 14 <sup>th</sup> to July 9 <sup>th</sup> , 2021
Spanish 2.3. Start & End Dates:	July 12 <sup>th</sup> to August 6 <sup>th</sup> , 2021

#### Spanish Immersion Season 3

Nomination Deadline:	June 25 <sup>th</sup> , 2021
Late Nomination & Application Deadline:	July 9 <sup>th</sup> , 2021
Total Payment Deadline:	August 20 <sup>th</sup> , 2021
New Student Orientation:	September 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 2021
Spanish 3.1. Start & End Dates:	September 6 <sup>th</sup> to October 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2021
Spanish 3.2. Start & End Dates:	October 11 <sup>th</sup> to November 12 <sup>th</sup> , 2021
Spanish 3.3. Start & End Dates:	November 15 <sup>th</sup> to December 17 <sup>th</sup> , 2021



# SUMMER PROGRAMS

Costa Rica Beach

## Program Structure:

Join the three season 3-week Summer Programs aimed at university students and 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 three seasons (Summer 1, Summer 2 and Summer 3) each season contains one Specialized Academic Course relevant to each of the program's academic emphasis and one Spanish course.

## Credits and Contact Hours

Academic Courses and Spanish Immersion Courses cover 36 contact hours each (3-hour lessons four times per week for 3 weeks), plus 3 contact hours of field lessons. For each season, students will cover a total of 75 contact hours earning a total of 5 US credits. Students can enroll in all three consecutive summer seasons, for a total of 15 US credits.

## Summer Program Specialized Academic Emphasis

For each season students choose between the International Business Management Summer Program or the Sustainable Development Studies Summer Program.

**The 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 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.

## International Business Management Courses:

Summer 1: International Business

Summer 2: Free Trade Agreements in Latin America and the Caribbean

Summer 3: Managerial Skills Development

## Sustainable Development Studies Courses:

Summer 1: Poverty, Economics, and Development in Latin America

Summer 2: Environmental Sustainability and Development in Latin America

Summer 3: Globalization, Environment, and Human Development.

## SUMMER PROGRAMS 2021

### Summer Season 1

Application Deadline:	May 14 <sup>th</sup> , 2021
Total Payment Deadline:	May 28 <sup>th</sup> , 2021
New Student Orientation:	June 18 <sup>th</sup> , 2021
Class Start & End Dates:	June 21 <sup>st</sup> to July 9 <sup>th</sup> , 2021

### Summer Season 2

Application Deadline:	June 4 <sup>th</sup> , 2021
Total Payment Deadline:	June 18 <sup>th</sup> , 2021
New Student Orientation:	July 9 <sup>th</sup> , 2021
Class Start & End Dates:	July 12 <sup>th</sup> to July 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2021

### Summer Season 3

Application Deadline:	June 25 <sup>th</sup> , 2021
Total Payment Deadline:	July 9 <sup>th</sup> , 2021
New Student Orientation:	July 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2021
Class Start & End Dates:	August 2 <sup>nd</sup> to August 20 <sup>th</sup> , 2021

## WEEKLY PLANNER

### Academic Agenda

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Mornings	Spanish Course	Spanish Course	Spanish Course
Evenings	Academic Course	Academic Course	Academic Course

### Tourism and Leisure

	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Mornings	Complete Tours to Costa Rica's National Parks, Tourist Destinations and Natural Sites will be offered separately.			
Evenings	Courses will include special Assignments and guided tasks to promote educational, environmental and social engagement during tours.			





# 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.



## 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 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.

ULACIT also offers housing options through its partnership with Selina Hostels a student and tourist hostel ecosystem that allows travelers to stay, work, eat and live authentic experiences around the world including 10 hostel sites throughout Costa Rica. Selina offers ULACIT guests beautiful places to stay, travel and work in San José as well as the main tourist destinations.

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

Global Education Office: [studyabroad@ulacit.ac.cr](mailto:studyabroad@ulacit.ac.cr)

## 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 (15 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.

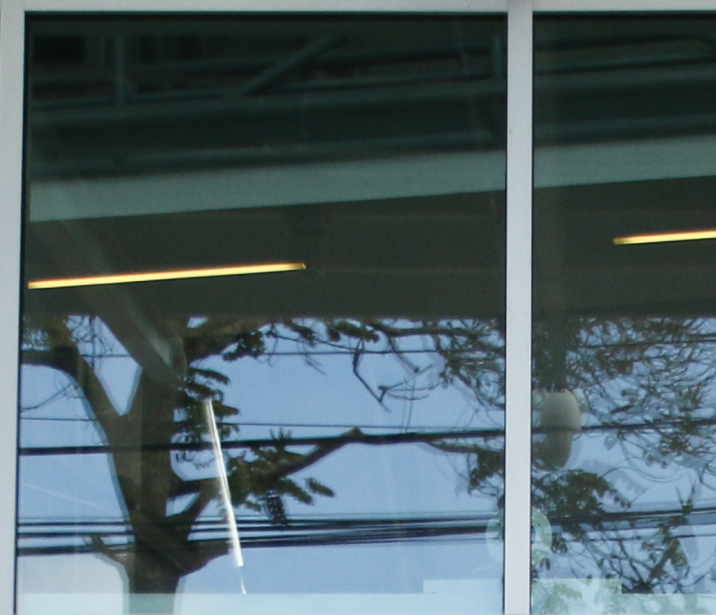
ULACIT offers legal support to those students wanting to obtain a student visa. This service has a cost of \$640.

## 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.





# ADMISSIONS PROCESS:

## STEP 1:

Start by selecting your academic program of choice and by reviewing the Study Abroad at ULACIT Academic Calendar for 2021; please check the application periods and deadlines. Download the documents specified below and complete the information requested in each document, using Microsoft Word Processor (once finished, print and sign them). Then, email them as a PDF file to [studyincostarica@ulacit.ac.cr](mailto:studyincostarica@ulacit.ac.cr).

## STEP 2:

Please download the application form to apply for undergraduate admission on the Regular Academic Periods, Spanish Immersion Program or to request application for our Summer programs. Continue by filling out and sending the Application Form with your general information.

## STEP 3:

Once your application request is received, the Global Education Office will send you course enrollment information to proceed with course pre-enrollment, housing information, while coordinating directly with your home university. Students from universities without an exchange agreement with ULACIT can still apply and enroll as fee-paying students.

## STEP 4:

Once a student is formally accepted into the exchange program and enrolled in the selected courses, students will receive a confirmation email from an academic advisor to proceed with payment information and coordinate travel and housing logistics. **You will receive a message from an academic advisor informing you about your admission process within 10 business days after your application date. Incomplete and unsigned forms will not be processed.**

## STEP 5:

Once you have been accepted into the exchange program by receiving a confirmation email from an academic advisor, you must send the following set of documents at least 45 days before your expected starting date program. Incomplete forms will not be accepted.

Final acceptance letters 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: [studyincostarica@ulacit.ac.cr](mailto:studyincostarica@ulacit.ac.cr) copying [ldobles@ulacit.ac.cr](mailto: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.





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**For more information:**

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