



Universidad Veritas, Costa Rica Summer

San Jose, Costa Rica (Latin America / North America)

Quick Facts

Summer 2024

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Dates: May 27– July 28, 2024

Application Deadline: March 1, 2024

Costs: \$5,110 (Approximate)

Summer II

Dates: July 8 – August 9, 2024

Application Deadline: May 13, 2024

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Back-to-Back Summer

Dates: May 27 - August 9, 2024

Application Deadline: March 15, 2024

Costs: \$8,570 (Approximate)

Four-week Intensive Spanish Language programs (year-round)

Monthly starting dates year-round. Please contact the program sponsor for details!

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Program Overview

A small, democratic country in Central America nestled between the Caribbean and the Pacific ocean, Costa Rica is exceptional in that many environments can be visited within a short time. Rain forests, cloud forests, unspoiled beaches, coral reefs, white water rivers and volcanoes can be reached within a couple of hours by car from San José. Costa Rica has the highest standard of living of the Central American countries. The health record is excellent, and illiteracy is very low. Peaceful by nature, the Costa Ricans have no army, as it was abolished in 1948. Universidad Veritas is located in the capital city of San José. At 4000 feet above sea level, it boasts a springtime climate all year round.

The city surprises visitors by its vitality. Despite its cosmopolitan atmosphere with Central, South and North Americans as well as Europeans on busy downtown streets, its residents display an unmatched friendliness and warmth. Tourists as well as visiting businessmen happily testify to this. Every year the country attracts a large number of persons who, having visited Costa Rica once, decide to return to settle there. Students have easy access to the city's museums, restaurants, bustling markets, and the National Theater. The surrounding areas, including beaches on both the Pacific and the Caribbean coasts, are all within a few hours' drive from the city.

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Academics & Program

Universidad Veritas in San Jose

Veritas, founded in 1991, is a private Art, Design and Architecture University, located in San Jose, Costa Rica. The university enrolls approximately 1100 students year-round, specializing in Advertising, Architecture, Digital Animation, Film and Television, Interior Design, and Photography. The campus is located only minutes away from downtown and the city's museums and restaurants. Faculty from Universidad Veritas hold advanced US or Costa Rican degrees, and a great number of years of teaching in their respective fields. Universidad Veritas is one of Costa Rica's new private universities. It is located in a residential section of town and has a local student population of approximately 1,900.

Centro de Programas Internacionales (Intensive Spanish for Foreign students) is part of the university and offers students from around the world the opportunity to advance their Spanish language skills while taking other courses in English taught by bilingual faculty from the university. Students should not expect all of the facilities and accouterments available on a U.S. campus. The classrooms and administrative offices of Universidad Veritas are located in the Edificio ITAN, Carretera a Zapote, San José.

Volunteers and Projects for the support of Conservation Areas: Volunteer Program Universidad Veritas also coordinates volunteer programs for students who are interested in the national park and reserve system. "Volunteers and Projects for the support of Conservation Areas" is a program that gives support to the National System of Preservation Areas of Costa Rica. This program allows interested students the possibility to learn more about the support of our National Parks, Wildlife Shelters, Forest Reserves, etc. If a student would like to participate in specific areas such as species monitoring, turtle nesting, botanical projects, etc, he/she should indicate it on the application and personal statement.

Language

Spanish & English

Course Offerings

The five-week summer program offers classes in Intensive Spanish (four hours per day) as well as a number of elective courses taught in English: Tropical Ecology, Marine Ecology, and Intercultural Communications are offered regularly, but other courses are available as well. Duration: Five-week programs; students may extend to seven weeks at additional cost.

Intensive Spanish language (all levels), courses offered in English. Credits recommended: 6-7 per one-month cycle. During the 5 week session a student could get 7 or 8 credits, 4 for Spanish and 4 for science courses, or 3 for humanities and business courses. If a student stays for the full 8 weeks, they can take 2 Spanish courses (8 credits) and an elective during the afternoon (a 3 or 4 credit elective), so they could get 11 or 12 credits.

SUMMER NOTE: Course offerings in the summer session can vary. Please contact the program sponsor for a specific list of courses taught in each session.

Student Life & Housing

Student Life

About 99% of students live in a Costa Rican homestay with breakfast and evening meal provided. Accommodations are usually within walking distance of the University. Alternate lodging arrangements are available through the Veritas housing office. Weekends find students traveling throughout Costa Rica to visit one of the many national parks, explore the beaches on the Pacific side, or participate in one of the many tours organized at special Veritas student rates.

Extracurricular Activities In addition to the vast outdoors activities and visits to beaches, mountains, and volcanoes, students in the Veritas program will have the opportunity to participate in weekend excursions, weekly tropical dance lessons, sports, Latin American cooking lessons, museum and artisan market visits, volunteer work with

underprivileged children in the afternoons, and youth groups.

Housing

Students are placed with host families in a Costa Rican homestay in San José, usually one student per family. Students are given private rooms with laundry service, and breakfast and dinner on class days. For students who do not opt for the homestay, Universidad Veritas will arrange accommodations at an additional cost. The Student Affairs staff coordinates all housing arrangements and social, cultural, and sports activities. Students are required to send a digital picture to Costa Rica upon acceptance.

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Costs Included Summer I & II: Registration; contingency fee; instructional costs abroad for one (1) Spanish module and one (1) elective course; texts and materials; Homestay including breakfast, dinner, and weekly laundry. Excursion packet C (1 weekend & 1-day excursions); dance lessons, Spanish conversation club, intramural sports, and other activities; five (5) lunch tickets at university cafeteria; airport pick up and drop off; CCIS and sponsor fees, and CCIS health insurance.

Costs Included "Back-to-Back" Summer: Registration; contingency fee; instructional costs abroad for two (2) Spanish modules and one (2) elective courses; texts and materials; Homestay including breakfast, dinner, and weekly laundry; Excursion packet B (1 weekend & 2 1-day excursions); dance lessons, Spanish conversation club, intramural sports, and other activities; ten (10) lunch tickets at university cafeteria; airport pick up and drop off; CCIS and sponsor fees; CISI sickness and accident insurance.

Costs Included Four-Week Programs: Registration; contingency fee; instructional costs abroad for one (1) Spanish module excursion package C (1 weekend & 1-day excursions); tuition; text and materials; airport pick up and drop off; homestay throughout the program; CCIS and sponsor fees; CISI sickness and accident insurance.

Costs not included (all sessions): Airfare, personal expenses, some meals, exit fee (approx. \$25)

All costs, fees, and dates are subject to change without notification. Contact the program sponsor to verify all costs, fees, and dates for this program.

Please refer to your acceptance materials for information on arrival, orientation, and academic calendar. The refund policy is program-specific and non-transferable. Refer to your acceptance materials for the comprehensive refund policy or contact the program sponsor.

Eligibility & Deadlines

Eligibility Requirements

Minimum GPA: 2.5 on a 4.0 scale

Minimum class standing: At least one semester of college completed

Entry Requirements

Valid Passport, Digital picture in the following format: Head Shot, Light Background, JPEG Format, Size: 2x1 inches

Have you talked with your study abroad advisor about your home institution's application process? Your institution's deadline might be earlier than the CCIS program application deadline. Check now to make sure all of your material is submitted on time!