



DISCOVER COSTA RICA AT ULACIT

GLOBAL EDUCATION OFFICE



A young woman with dark hair in a bun, wearing glasses and a black tank top, is smiling and playing a guitar. She has several tattoos on her arms, including a large leopard print design on her right shoulder. In the background, another person is partially visible, also smiling. The overall mood is joyful and musical.

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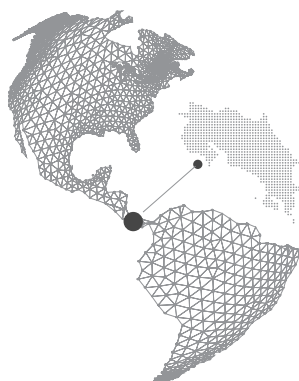
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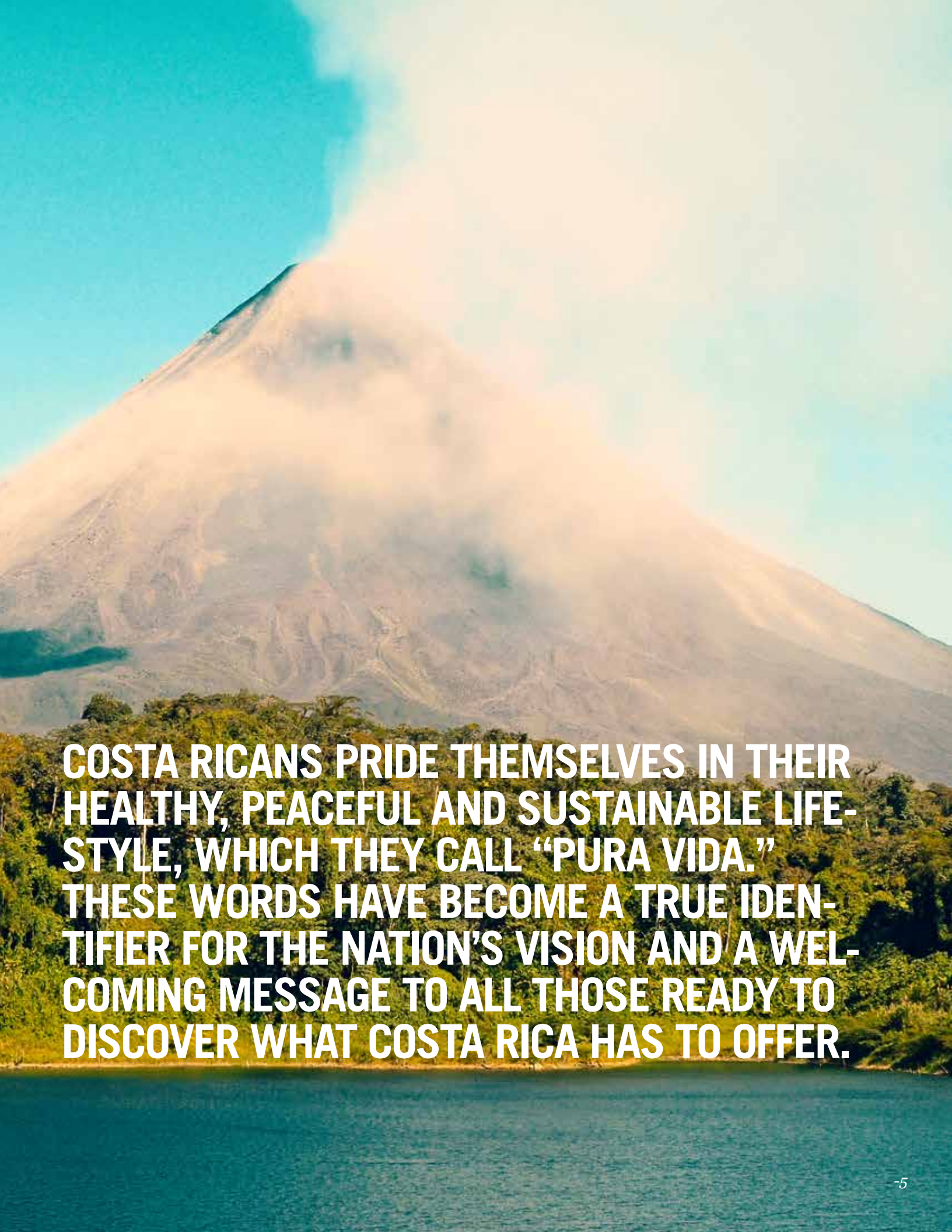
In the heart of Central America, Costa Rica is a nation of inspiring people who have built the longest standing democracy in Latin America. This small territory that only encompasses 0.03% of the planet's surface is home to nearly 5% of the Earth's biodiversity.

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, re-directing 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.





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An aerial photograph of a coastal landscape. A river flows from the top left towards the bottom right, curving around a large, rectangular, dark-colored structure that appears to be a breakwater or a large pile of debris. The river's banks are sandy and show signs of erosion. To the right of the river is a wide, light-colored sandy beach. In the bottom left corner, there is a dense area of green mangrove forest. The overall scene is a mix of natural and man-made elements.

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

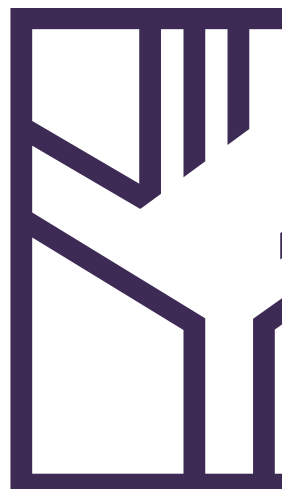
Costa Rica sets aside 26% of its land in more than 185 protected areas, home to nearly half a million different species and three UNESCO World Heritage Sites. With a coastline of 915 miles (1450km), you can visit the wonders of the Pacific and the beauties of the Caribbean, or explore the forest, jungle,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







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Rica for 8
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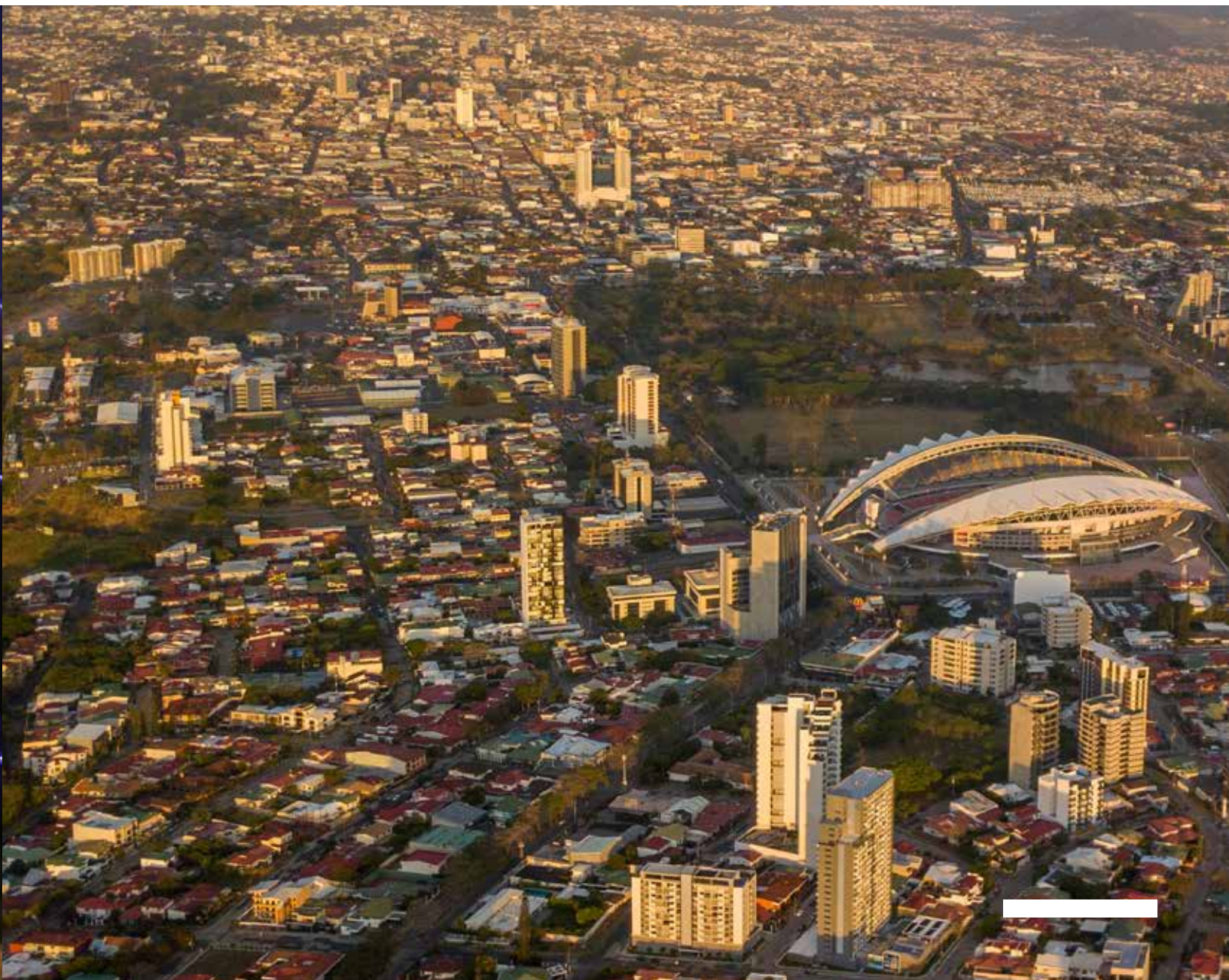


ULACIT
UNIVERSIDAD LATINOAMERICANA
DE CIENCIA Y TECNOLOGÍA
COSTA RICA

ULACIT



The Latin American University for Science and Technology, ULACIT, is a bilingual university located in San José, Costa Rica. It offers 53 undergraduate and 42 graduate programs in the Schools of Engineering, Information and Communication Technologies, Film and Animation, Art and Design, Business Administration, Health Sciences, and Social Sciences.



ENJOY SAN JOSÉ

Located in San José, Costa Rica's capital city, ULACIT attracts international students and faculty. Within walking distance to San Jose's main attractions, including the Central Park, the National Theater, the National Museum, the Supreme Court, the Congress Building and the Central Bank, ULACIT is surrounded by museums, shopping centers, and restaurants. Transportation from campus is available in both public and private modalities, providing convenient access to the rest of the country.





“THE TEACHING METHODS DIFFER ENORMOUSLY IN COMPARISON TO MY HOME UNIVERSITY. HAVING SMALLER GROUPS WITH FEWER STUDENTS LEADS TO A GREATER INTERACTION WITH THE PROFESSORS AND OTHER CLASSMATES. MY FAVORITE COURSE WAS STRATEGIC MANAGEMENT, TAUGHT BY DR. BRAVO. THIS COURSE HAD THE PERFECT MIX OF SELF-STUDY, GROUP WORK, AND CONTENT PROVIDED BY THE PROFESSOR. ALSO, THE SUPPORT FROM THE GLOBAL EDUCATION OFFICE AT ULACIT WAS AMAZING.”

*Michaela Vogl
International Business student
Cologne University, Germany*

100% Project-based education

All our teaching strategies are project-based, with no traditional exams.

Learning is founded on inquiry, research, problem-solving and service learning experiences, under the Teaching for Understanding (TfU) framework, developed by Harvard University's Project Zero.

International and cosmopolitan environment

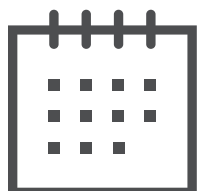
As many as 9% of ULACIT's students are international of 26 different nationalities.

What we offer

Specific programs for international students

ULACIT offers several programs for international students wishing to study in Costa Rica for an academic semester or a Summer program. Students from any country wanting to study different subjects in Spanish and English have a range of possibilities, without completing an official degree; instead, students can take a variety of courses and transfer the credits to their home institution.

The Global Education Office (GEO) at ULACIT offers international students the opportunity to enroll in ULACIT's regular degree courses or customized programs in English or Spanish. Students can choose between three and five subjects per semester, each consisting of forty-five contact hours. At the end of the program, students will receive an accredited transcript of grades.



Academic Calendar	Apply by:
Spring: January to April	October 15 th
Summer: May to August	March 1 st
Fall: September to December	July 1 st



Spanish Language Courses

Become fluent in Spanish. ULACIT offers six courses at the beginner, intermediate and advanced language levels, with an emphasis on the progressive development of the four basic language skills: listening, speaking, reading, and writing. You will be placed into appropriate language levels according to the results you obtain in a written and oral examination.

“ULACIT GAVE ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN SPANISH IN A WELL-STRUCTURED LEARNING ENVIRONMENT AND HAVE POSITIVE INTERACTIONS WITH STUDENTS FROM COSTA RICA AND ALL OVER THE GLOBE. TAKING CLASSES IN SPANISH AND SHARING WITH THE LOCALS MADE MY CULTURAL IMMERSION ALL THE MORE ENRICHING. NOT ONLY DID I LEARN ABOUT THE LATIN-AMERICAN CONTEXT, I LEARNED ABOUT THE WORLD.”

Kelsey Smith
USAF Academy, Colorado, USA

Study Abroad

ULACIT is the leading private university in Costa Rica to get the best experience abroad!

We offer you the opportunity to enjoy your semester abroad in Costa Rica taking courses in English and Spanish. All the credits for the courses taken can be transferred to your home university with your academic advisor's approval. When you come to ULACIT, you can choose from a wide range of courses at the undergraduate level.

100% English-Taught

The following courses are available year-round. They are taught in English to local and study abroad students. If you pass any four courses in the same field, you can obtain a minor degree from ULACIT.

Peace Studies

- Peace and War in International Relations
- Peaceful Conflict Negotiation and Resolution
- International Organizations
- International Public Law

Art and Culture Studies

- Latin American Literature and Society
- Contemporary Latin American History
- Latin American Cultural Identity
- Expressions of the Human Spirit

Development Studies

- Globalization, Environment, and Human Development
- Environmental Sustainability and Development in Latin America
- Poverty, Economics, and Development in Latin America
- Human Rights



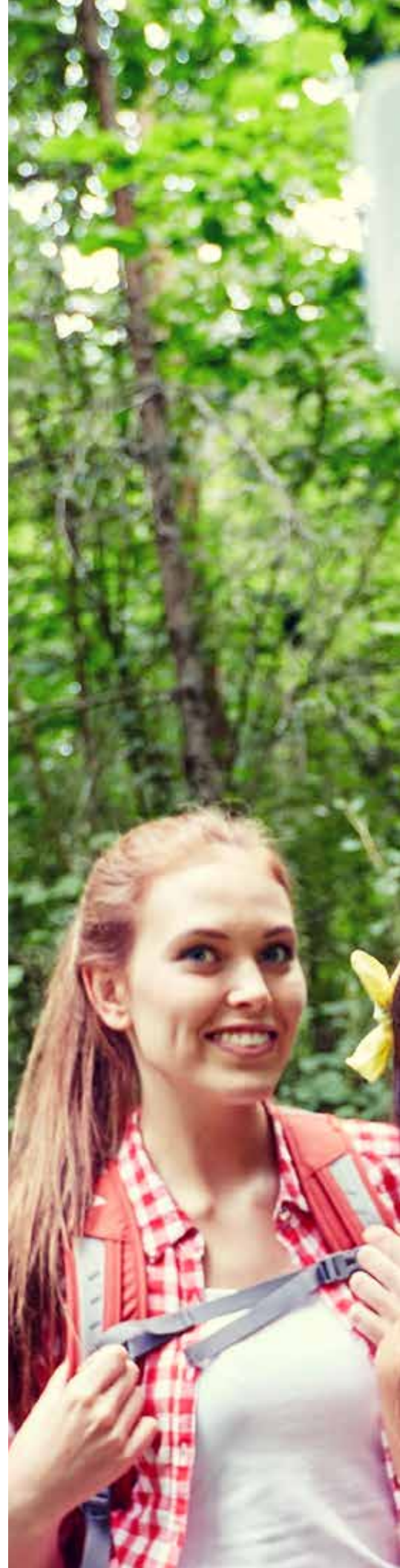


Business Administration and Economics

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

International Relations, Political Science, Culture and Development Studies

- Contemporary Latin American History
- Costa Rican Foreign Policy
- Diplomatic and Consular Law
- Environmental Sustainability and Development in Latin America
- Free Trade Agreements in Latin America and the Caribbean
- Human Rights
- International Organizations
- International Political Economy
- International Political Economy
- International Public Law
- International Relations Theory
- Latin American Cultural Identity
- Latin American Literature and Society
- Management of Non-Profit Organizations
- Peace and War in International Relations
- Peaceful Conflict Negotiation and Resolution
- Poverty, Economics and Development in Latin America
- The Costa Rican Political System
- Theory of the State
- Western Civilization





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General Education

- Argumentation and Rhetoric
- Expressions of the Human Spirit
- Globalization, Environment and Human Development
- Moral Reasoning and Ethical Decision-Making
- Seminar: Costa Rica & World Affairs

Customized and Faculty-led Programs

ULACIT customizes, adapts, and designs academic programs that meet the individual needs of institutions, third party-providers, faculty-led groups, or student groups. ULACIT offers additional services to insure that your students have 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 various other services. Some of our most popular programs include:

- Rural Service Learning
- Urban Service Learning
- Global Business Internship
- Peace Building and Conflict Resolution: A Regional Case Study
- Sustainable Development and Environmental Education
- Green Hospitality
- Music, Film, and Photography Production
- Emerging Leaders Program
- Exploring Foreign Investment and Entrepreneurship in Costa Rica
- Costa Rican Culture, Arts, and Crafts
- Tropical Ecology

ULACIT's customized programs include the following services:

- Airport transportation (pick-up and drop-off)
- Homestay
- Tuition
- Digital class materials
- Official ULACIT transcripts
- Travel and leisure (as requested)
- Cultural activities

Programs do not include:

- Airfare to and from Costa Rica
- Personal expenses
- International medical insurance
- Student visa fees
- Travel and leisure (weekend and day tours)





The ULACIT Foundation owns and operates La Marta Wildlife Refuge in Cartago. It comprises 3,750 acres of exuberant tropical ecosystems, ready for exploration, recreation and research activities.

“ULACIT’S MOST IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION TO THE SUCCESS OF THE PEACE STUDIES COURSE WAS THE KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE IN WORKING WITH INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS WHO ARE COPING WITH LEARNING NEW ACADEMIC MATERIAL IN A TOTALLY UNFAMILIAR ENVIRONMENT. THE STAFF HELPED US MAINTAIN A DELICATE BALANCE BETWEEN ACADEMICS, RECREATIONAL AND CULTURAL OPPORTUNITIES, AND THAT CRITICAL TIME NEEDED TO REST AND ABSORB THE EXPERIENCE. WE WERE ALSO VERY IMPRESSED WITH ULACIT’S SERVICE LEARNING PROGRAM.”

*Sandy Krell-Andre, M.S.W. Coordinator
Chemical Dependency Counselor
Training Program
Southeastern Community College, Iowa, USA*

International Internships

Our International Internship experience allows students to earn credit and gain international experience, thanks to the partnerships between ULACIT and leading multinational corporations in Costa Rica. Student success will depend on their ability to apply key business concepts to real-world projects, supervised by ULACIT's faculty.

Service Learning

Service learning is a form of experiential education where learning occurs through a cycle of action and reflection as students seek to achieve real objectives for the community and deeper understanding and skills for themselves.

These real-life experiences go beyond traditional volunteering as it integrates the following:

- Interaction within local and disadvantaged communities
- Serving in public or non-profit, non-governmental organizations
- Firsthand the community needs, expectations and strengths
- Exploring and reflecting on course content
- Providing concrete service, ranging from hands-on tasks to strategic advice
- Rural and urban field experiences available

“AS A PROFESSOR OF SOCIOLOGY AND DIRECTOR OF THE CENTER FOR TEACHING AND LEARNING AT SINCLAIR COMMUNITY COLLEGE, I FOUND THE VISIT TO ULACIT NOT ONLY ACADEMICALLY INFORMATIVE BUT ALSO INSPIRING. I APPRECIATED LEARNING ABOUT THE INSTITUTION AND THINKING ABOUT WAYS TO PARTNER WITH THE UNIVERSITY. I ESPECIALLY ENJOYED LEARNING ABOUT THE SERVICE LEARNING PROGRAM AND THE GOOD WORK BEING DONE BY STUDENTS IN THE COMMUNITY.”

Katherine R. Rowell, Ph.D
Professor of Sociology
Sinclair Community College, Ohio, USA



Housing

Student and faculty accommodations in San José may include homestays with local families, shared homes, hotels or hostels or apartments, depending on your preference and length of stay.

Students accepted for study abroad are hosted with Costa Rican families whose homes have been carefully selected by the Global Education Office (GEO).

Homestay services include: private room, internet connection, 2 meals per day on weekdays and 3 meals on weekends, linens, laundry services once a week and use of kitchen throughout their stay. Accommodation with local families helps students improve their Spanish language proficiency and become familiarized with the life, traditions and culture of Costa Ricans.

Special consideration is awarded, according to the interests and needs of all students during the host assigning process. The main advantage of this program is that international students who are not fully confident in their Spanish language skills can enhance them while also benefiting from regular elective courses taught in English. Students in courses taught in Spanish are expected to be proficient in the language to fulfill all course requirements.



On-campus Dining

Dining facilities are available at ULACIT's cafeteria, and there is a permanent rotation of food trucks on campus.

Leisure and Cultural Activities

- Walking tours in San José.
- Dining out, special concerts, art shows, dance lessons.
- Day and weekend tours and site visits to volcanos, beaches, forests, and many more.
- Lectures, conferences and workshops provided by world class guest speakers.
- English/Spanish tour guides and hosts.

Services for International Students

ULACIT makes its top-of-the-line facilities available to international students, including the library, high technology computer labs, wireless Internet throughout campus, multimedia equipment, cafeteria, health center, lockers, and other services, such as money exchange, copier, mail, and fax. Furthermore, our Global Education Office provides constant assistance and advises visiting students with every aspect of their study abroad experience.

New Student Orientation

Students, lecturers, and foreign staff coming to ULACIT will undergo a welcome and orientation session upon arrival to the university. The Global Education Office (GEO) will guide international students through the admissions process and help resolve any concerns before arriving and during their stay. Additionally, GEO assists in completing legal paperwork, obtaining visas, answering any questions regarding courses or schedules, assisting with transportation and accommodations during their stay, and providing an updated schedule of activities or trips taking place on campus.

How to Apply

1

University groups or faculty interested in study abroad programs, please contact the Global Education Office advisors. Find our contact information on page 35.

2

Independent students: does your school have an agreement with ULACIT? Please ask at your study abroad office. They will assist you with your application process.

3

If your school does not have an agreement with ULACIT, you may apply directly with us. Please contact us at studyabroad@ulacit.ac.cr with your basic information to begin your application process.





PARTNER UNIVERSITIES AROUND THE GLOBE



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Europe

Audencia Group
Cardiff Metropolitan University
ECE Paris - Ecole D' Ingénieurs
ESC Rennes School of Business
ESSCA – Ecole Supérieure des Sciences Commerciales d' Angers
FH Aachen University of Applied Sciences
Fontys International Business School
Foro Europeo Escuela de Negocios de Navarra
HEC Management School - University of Liege
IBA International Business Academy
Instituto de Estudios Bursátiles (IEB)
ISC PARIS
Karlshochschule International University
Lapland University of Applied Sciences
PXL University College
Rotterdam University of Applied Sciences
Satakunta University of Applied Sciences
Schmalkalden University of Applied Sciences
UC Leuven-Limburg
Universidad de Granada
Universidad de Zaragoza
Universitat Politècnica de València
Université Clermont Auvergne
Université de Liège
University of Agder
Vorarlberg University of Applied Sciences
Zuyd University of Applied Sciences

USA & Canada

California State University, Fullerton (CSUF)
Dakota State University
Delta State University
Eastern Kentucky University
Fairleigh Dickinson University (FDU)
High Point University
Institute for Training & Development (ITD)
Memorial University of Newfoundland
Missouri State University
Missouri University of Science & Technology
Morehead State University
Niagara College
Northern State University
Northwest Missouri State University
Otterbein University

Salisbury University
Siena Heights University
Southeast Missouri State University
Southern Utah University (SUU)
St. Mary's University
Tennessee Technological University
University of Hartford
University of North Alabama
University of North Carolina - Pembroke
University of Wisconsin-Stout
Washburn University

Latin America

Universidad del Sinú- Elias Bechara Zainúm-
Unisinú Cartagena (UNISINU)
Universidad El Bosque
University of Monterrey
Pontificia Universidad Católica de Valparaíso
Universidad Politécnica de Puerto Rico

Asia

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OUR PROGRAMS

English Taught Offer

Main Campus, San José

- Bachelor of Science in Business Administration
- Bilingual Bachelor in International Relations
- English Teaching with emphasis on Pre-school Education
- English Teaching and Translation

Spanish Taught Offer

Technical Programs

CIT Campus, Escazú

- Business Management
- Accounting Assistance
- Legal Assistant
- Professional Translation in Spanish–English /English-Spanish
- English Language Immersion System (ELIS)
- Bilingual Operators for Call Centers
- Dental Assistant
- Labor and Environmental Safety
- Advertising Production
- Electronic Marketing

Specializations

CIT Campus, Escazú

- Web Design and Programming
- Oracle Database Management
- Digital Photography
- Creative Writing for Entertainment
- Digital Animation and Visual Effects
- Sound Engineering
- Graphic Design
- Garden Design and Construction
- Event Planning
- Digital Cinema and television
- Music production and sound design for digital media
- Mobile software design and programming
- Database management in Microsoft technology
- Technological services
- Software Engineering
- Informatics security

- Social media manager
- Architecture and parametric design
- Internal space design

Bachelor Degrees (Spanish Taught)

Main Campus, Tournon

- Educational Administration
- Business Economy
- Business Administration
- Accounting
- Law
- Special Education with emphasis on Learning Problems
- Information Systems and Computer Science
- Industrial Engineering
- Circuit and Electronic Systems Engineering
- Psychology
- Advertising with emphasis on Multimedia Production
- Labor and Environmental Security Engineering

Specialties (Spanish Taught)

Main Campus, Turnon

- Notary and Registry Law
- Orthodontics and Functional Orthopedics

Licentiate Degrees (Spanish-Taught)

Main Campus, San José

- Business Administration
- International Business
- Organizational Behavior
- Finance
- Marketing
- Public Accounting
- Law
- Law with emphasis on Business Law
- Law with emphasis on Criminal Law
- Law with emphasis on Tax Law
- Engineering in Industrial Chemistry
- Information Systems with emphasis on Software Development
- Computer Engineering with emphasis on Technological Resources Management
- Computer Engineering with emphasis on Networks and Telematics Systems
- Industrial Engineering
- Industrial Engineering with emphasis on Quality Engineering

- Industrial Engineering with emphasis on Operations Management
- Industrial Engineering with emphasis on Modern Manufacturing Systems
- Industrial Engineering with emphasis on Chain Supply Management
- Occupational Health with emphasis on Industrial Security
- Dentistry
- Psychology

Master's Degrees (Spanish-Taught)

- Business Administration with emphasis on
 - Social Management
 - Technology Management
 - Quality Management
 - Operations Management
 - International Trade
 - Human Resources
 - Marketing
 - Finance
- Project Management
- Tax Law
- Business Law
- Tax Counselling for Companies
- Teaching English with emphasis on Conducting and Assessment of English Language Programs
- Psycho-pedagogy
- Information Technologies Engineering with emphasis on Project Management

Doctoral Programs (Spanish-Taught)

- Doctorate in Economic Sciences
- Doctorate in Law

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