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# INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS AND LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES

**Program Description:**

This program is designed for you to acquire the business skills that will allow you to operate efficiently in diverse cultural environments and enhance your cultural competency. You will learn about universal business concepts while developing an understanding of Latin America's management culture. You may opt to take elective courses in other areas such as Latin American culture, International Relations, Political Science, Economics, Social Sciences, Humanities and Spanish language. All our courses —except for the Spanish language classes—are **taught in English** and you will be able to take classes with both Costa Rican students as well as with other international students from around the world!

**Program Structure:**

Each Spring and Fall Semester (15 weeks), you enroll in 4 business courses or 3 business courses and 1 elective course of your choice. You can enroll in a Spanish language class in lieu of the elective course. In

the Summer (5 weeks), we have 1 or 2-course options available. In our 1-course options, you enroll in 1 business or 1 elective course. In our 2-course options, you may enroll in 2 business classes or 1 business and 1 elective or Spanish language course (*see sample course enrollment*).

**Credits and Contact Hours:**

Business and elective courses meet for 45 contact hours/3-4 US credits or 6-8 ECTS. Spanish language classes meet for 60 contact hours/4 US credits or 8 ECTS. Spanish classes are intensive, and each is 4 weeks long allowing you to take consecutive Spanish courses during your semester or Summer in Costa Rica if you wish.

- In a Semester, you may earn a total of up to 16 US credits or 32 ECTS (up to 195 contact hours)
- In our Summer options, you may earn a total of up to 8 US credits or 16 ECTS (up to 105 contact hours)

**Available Sessions:**

**15-Week Semester Program**

Session	Credits	Contact Hours
Spring	12-16 US / 24-32 ECTS	180-195
Fall	12-16 US / 24-32 ECTS	180-195

**5-Week Summer Program:**

Session	Credits	Contact Hours
Summer 1: June 1-Course	3-4 US / 6-8 ECTS	45-60
Summer 2: June 2-Course	6-8 US / 12-16 ECTS	90-105
Summer 1: July 1-Course	3-4 US / 6-8 ECTS	45-60
Summer 2: July 2-Course	6-8 US / 12-16 ECTS	90-105

**Sample Course Enrollment**

**Semester -15 Week  
Spring Semester**

3 business courses:

- Principles of Marketing
- International Business
- Quality Management

1 elective course:

- Seminar: Costa Rica & World Affairs

**Fall Semester**

3 business courses:

- Project Management
- International Finance
- Strategic Management

1 Spanish language course:

- High-Intermediate Spanish

**Summer -5 Week**

**Summer 1: June 1-Course**

1 business course:

- E-Commerce

**Summer 1: June 2-Course**

1 business course and 1 Spanish language course:

- Innovation and Technology
- Advanced Spanish

**Summer 2: July 1-Course**

1 business course:

- Marketing Management

**Summer 2: July 2-Course**

1 business course and 1 elective course:

- Marketing Management
- Expressions of the Human Spirit





# SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT STUDIES IN COSTA RICA

## 5-WEEK SUMMER PROGRAM



### Sample Course Enrollment Summer -5 Week

**Summer 1: June 1-Course**

- 1 sustainability course:*
- Introduction to Sustainability

**Summer 1: June 2-Course**

- 1 sustainability course and 1 Spanish language course:*
- Global Climate Change
  - Low-Beginning Spanish

**Summer 2: July 1-Course**

- 1 sustainability course:*
- Sustainable Community Development

**Summer 2: July 2-Course**

- 1 sustainability course and 1 Spanish language course:*
- Sustainable Community Development
  - Advanced Spanish

**Program Description:**

Come to Costa Rica and learn about environmental and sustainability issues in a country that's renowned for its incredible biodiversity. All our courses include mandatory weekend field trips which are fundamental to your learning about the complexity of environmental problems, including the social and ecological dynamics that shape diverse places and efforts to reduce the impacts of humans. Along with sustainability courses, you may choose to take a Spanish class and improve your language fluency while discovering local culture!

**Program Structure:**

Choose between our 1- or 2-course Summer options. Each session is 5 weeks long. If you choose our 2-course option, you may take 2 sustainability courses or 1 sustainability course and 1 Spanish language course (*see sample course enrollment*). Sustainability courses meet for 45 contact hours. Classes meet 3 days a week for 3 hours per day. If you choose any of our 1-course options, you will earn 3 credits (45 contact hours); if you choose any of our 2-course options, you may earn up to a total of 7 credits (up to 105 contact hours).

### Available Sessions

**5-Week Program**

Session	Credits	Contact Hours
Summer 1: June 1-Course	3 US / 6 ECTS	45
Summer 1: June 2-Course	6-7 US / 12-14 ECTS	90-105
Summer 2: July 1-Course	3 / 6 ECTS	45
Summer 2: July 2-Course	6-7 12-14 ECTS	90-105





# COURSES AVAILABLE

# INTRODUCTION TO SUSTAINABILITY

This course explores the concepts, applications, and tools for analysis and decision-making in support of environmentally sustainable development. The course also introduces sustainable development from economic, social and environmental perspectives and it is highlighted both from historical and contemporary angles. Challenges that can be identified in relation to the different dimensions of sustainable development and their possible significance for active citizenship in responding to sustainable development issues are also discussed. Case studies and problem-solving exercises with examples from Costa Rica, the students' home countries and elsewhere will be used to stimulate learning and provide practical experience in addressing sustainable development issues.





# SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

This course explores the range of planning and development processes associated with creating sustainable communities. Students will learn ways of creating a more sustainable world through planning and design. The course will examine the various components of sustainable community planning, such as land use, transportation, ecological planning, green design in the built environment, resource utilization in the critical areas of water and energy consumption, climatic factors that influence sustainable community planning, and how sustainable community planning contributes to livability and economic resilience. Some of the most successful cases of sustainable community planning in Costa Rica will be studied in class.





# GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE

This course aims to address the whole complexity of climate change as a difficult, contentious, and important issue, by bringing together the science, impacts, economics, abatement technologies, and policy solutions into one course. The course explores the science of climate change. You will learn how the climate system works and what factors cause climate to change across different time scales and how those factors interact. We will discuss what changes in climate we might expect over the coming centuries and the impacts of these changes in climate for human well-being and the natural world. The course also looks at the connection between human activity and the current warming trend and considers some of the potential social, economic and environmental consequences of climate change.





# ENVIRONMENT AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

The course covers a range of topics including models of development, environmental concerns in development, integrated conservation and development projects, community-based resource management, global and ecological economics perspectives and field techniques. This course examines environmental and social impacts of industrial society and policy responses. The course explores current trends in industrialization, urbanization, and globalization and analyzes the impacts these trends have on human health, environmental sustainability, and equity. A range of policy options available for responding to current problems will also be examined. The course will present key trends in both Costa Rican and international contexts.





# SPANISH LANGUAGE IMMERSION PROGRAM



## 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!

### Available Sessions:

Session	Credits	Contact Hours
January 4-Week	4 US / 8 ECTS	60
June 4-Week		
July 4-Week		
August 4-Week		
September 4-Week		

### Program Description:

Improve your Spanish language skills or become fluent in Spanish! Our intensive Spanish Language Immersion Program allows students of all language levels to improve their Spanish language proficiency in a short time frame. Your language courses will focus on oral comprehension and expression, listening comprehension, and grammar components appropriate to your language level. By taking Spanish classes every day and immersing yourself in the Costa Rican lifestyle by living with a local host family, you will find that ULACIT is the perfect place to practice and improve your language skills.

### With our Spanish language courses, you will receive:

- An intensive, yet fully balanced language and cultural experience
- Interactive classes with other students from around the world!
- Tandem language exchange sessions with Costa Rican students
- Experienced local instructors specialized in Spanish as a Second Language
- Cultural immersion activities on campus
- Fully-equipped classrooms and computer labs
- Didactic materials to support your learning experience
- Continuous academic assistance and counseling

### Program Structure:

You will enroll in a 4-week Spanish language course. We have 1 Winter option in January, 3 Summer options in June, July and August and 1 early Fall session in September. Additional sessions during in the year can be arranged. In each session, you take 1 language course at your level of proficiency.

### Credits and Contact Hours:

Spanish language courses meet for 60 contact hours and you will earn 4 US credits or 8 ECTS during each 4-week session. In the Summer, if you choose to enroll in consecutive sessions, you may earn a total of 8-12 US credits or 16-24 ECTS (120-180 contact hours).





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