Study in Costa Rica

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Following you will discover different options of universities that Costa Rica has for you, to make you journey of searching as easy as possible and find the best match for you.

CENFOTEC

At Universidad CENFOTEC, we are dedicated to training professionals in fields related to computing and information technology, with a strong foundation in academic excellence, innovation, and ethics. Our educational approach focuses on the comprehensive development of our students, ensuring that they acquire not only technical knowledge but also the soft skills to become creative and responsible leaders in an ever-evolving digital world.

Our educational model is based on four fundamental pillars: knowing how to be, knowing how to learn, knowing how to do, and knowing how to contribute. Through hands-on learning, we prepare our students to face future challenges with a critical, inclusive, and sustainable mindset, contributing to societal progress.

By promoting inclusive and equitable education, we ensure that every member of our community has access to the tools and opportunities needed to succeed in the digital economy. We are committed to developing forward-looking professionals who are proficient in emerging technologies, such as artificial intelligence, cybersecurity, and data analytics, always within an ethical and socially responsible framework.

At CENFOTEC, we strive for continuous excellence in everything we do, acting as a driving force for innovation and development for both our students and society.

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Green Communities

Green Communities brings volunteers from around the world to participate in sustainable development projects alongside local communities in Costa Rica's Los Santos region. We host student groups from middle school, high school, and university levels, as well as families and individuals looking for a meaningful, hands-on experience in environmental and community. Our initiatives focus on clean water, coffee farming, permaculture, recycling, and environmental education—projects made possible through the support of our volunteers. By joining us, you contribute to ecological conservation while experiencing authentic cultural immersion. We take care of lodging, staff, meals, transportation, and excursions—you bring the passion to make a difference!

Programs: Service-Learning, Sustainable Coffee Production, Study Abroad, Permaculture & Agroecology, Cloud Forest Conservation.

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ILISA Educational Experiences

At ILISA Educational Experiences we are renowned for our comprehensive approach to crafting tailored language and cultural programs, meticulously designed to meet the specific needs of colleges and faculty. With programs starting from just one week, we offer flexibility and adaptability to accommodate diverse academic schedules. Our overarching goal is to create the optimal conditions for student learning. Our offerings include immersive Spanish immersion programs, ranging from one week to a full academic year, with options for credit transfer through St. Petersburg College in Florida. Additionally, we provide Spanish classes conducted in English, such as service-learning initiatives and educational trips focused on conservation, clean energy, sustainable agriculture, social work, culture, and archaeology, along with opportunities for teaching abroad and specialized Spanish courses for Speech Language Pathologists. To ensure a seamless and enriching experience, we offer comprehensive accommodation and logistical support for all participants.

Programs: Service-Learning, Sustainable Coffee Production, Study Abroad, Permaculture & Agroecology, Cloud Forest Conservation.

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Tecnológico de Costa Rica (TEC)

TEC focus on science and technology areas, offers 23 degree programs mainly related with engineering, and 3 of them are taught in English. Students can choose lectures from different campus according to their areas of interest when studying in Spanish.

Through the time at the university you will combine theory, access to technology, training, counseling an integration to our culture as the research groups, sports, artistic, festivals and others contribute to their well-being and the learning process.

In addition, TEC offers 3 international programs (1 year, 2 years) + 2 weeks students, academics and administrative staff will be able to learn about Costa Rica's environmental policies and its culture, including a visit to the Arenal Volcano and Manuel Antonio National Park. Academic subjects broken down into research, the development of green ethics in society, this participants will also experience firsthand practical application of such green policies through educational environmental tours, field trips and recreational visits.

Areas of interest: faculty and student mobility, research and other.

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Texas Tech University-Costa Rica

Texas Tech University-Costa Rica was officially inaugurated in 2018 as a full-service branch and the first degree-granting campus outside the United States. Located in San José, it is a small campus, in one of the most ambitious mixed development projects in the country.

Study Abroad opportunities at TTU-CR provide the best of two worlds: the Texas Tech public university experience in an intimate, student-centered campus in the #1 Study Abroad destination in the world. Our Study Abroad internship and biodiverse country that beckons travelers from around the world.

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UCIMED

UCIMED empowers leaders in medicine and health sciences to solve healthcare's biggest challenges across the globe with excellence.

Over 45 years, UCIMED has been at the forefront of higher education, graduating thousands of professionals who have transformed healthcare throughout Costa Rica and beyond. We are the only private university with a Site Management Organization (SMO) for the execution and development of research and clinical trials, serving large pharmaceutical and medical industries such as Roche, Pfizer, AstraZeneca and others. We also have the largest Ethics Committee, with more than 20 years of experience in the approval and supervision of clinical studies.

Degrees and Programs: Medicine and Surgery, Pharmacy, Nutrition, Physiotherapy, Microbiology, Medical Sciences in Health Management, Medical Specialities (Family Medicine, OBG, Pediatrics), Diplomat & Continuing Education Programs.

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UA

It is an independent, private university higher education institution. It offers and promotes education in different areas of knowledge. We have more than 50 degrees, 20 open courses, and 15 short-term certifications. It was authorized by the National Council for Private University Affairs (CONEP), which creates it the first private university official in Costa Rica – a university with a track record; of 39 years being agents of change with a variety of actions for internationalization

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UISIL

Founded in 1991 in Pérez Zeledón, UISIL is a distinguished private institution of higher learning, renowned for its academic prowess. Offering an array of programs spanning technical courses, diplomas, and certifications, UISIL proudly maintains international partnerships with esteemed universities across Mexico, the United States, Central, and South America. These collaborations provide a wealth of opportunities, from doctoral studies in administration and education to dual degrees in engineering and business. The university also boasts a master's degree in fields such as education, ICTs, and administration. With an unwavering commitment to academic excellence and global education, UISIL has fostered a legacy of innovation and cultural exchange. Its vibrant campus, equipped with state-of-the-art facilities and centers, creating a vibrant learning atmosphere. Championing inclusivity and diversity, this institution encourages collaboration for comprehensive growth and the cultivation of global citizens. UISIL is dedicated to shaping the future of education, enabling students to achieve their international ambitions.

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ULACIT

The Latin American University of Science and Technology (ULACIT) is an innovative and fully bilingual university based in San José, Costa Rica, leading the Latin American region. Since 1987, ULACIT prepares its students to lead in science, technology, engineering, business, health sciences and other fields, with the knowledge, skills and attitudes required to succeed in the world in the 21st century.

ULACIT has ranked in Northern consecutive years as the best private university in Costa Rica. It is currently ranked #1000 (QS) or in the #601-#800 (Times Higher Education) in the world and #1 in Business Administration in Central America according to QS World University Rankings 2024. It is the only English-language private university in Costa Rica and the only one to apply the competency-based Teaching for Comprehension methodology.

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ULATINA

We are the biggest and most prestigious private University in the country. With a trajectory of more than 45 years, we have developed high quality programs in each of our five schools. We offer the best environment and infrastructure to prepare the future global leaders the world needs.

With more than 90 undergraduate and graduate programs available at our 7 locations and online, ULATINA offers an unparalleled education.

Study Abroad offers programs in Business Sustainability, Entrepreneurship, Technology Project Management, and Teaching Spanish to Foreigners, as well as engaging topics in health, among others.

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UNA

The Universidad Nacional, Costa Rica (UNA) is a public institution of higher education with full autonomy guaranteed by the constitution. The historical mission of the UNA is to build knowledge and prepare creative, critical humanist professionals by integrating substantive actions in the national and international spheres with the social, artistic, cultural, and productive sectors, contributing to eco-social sustainability, peaceful coexistence, democratic participation, and the promotion of a culture of peace, human rights, and equity, with a gender-focused section or those at risk of exclusion. It fulfills its mission through teaching, research, social outreach, and intellectual production.

The UNA has 9 university campuses, 32 schools, 12 institutes and research centers and 86 laboratories. The following slides provide a general overview of the programs: research, internationalization, and exchanges, Master's degrees, Doctoral study programs, 54 study programs, diversified study programs, 26 technical-study Programs.

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UNIBE

Universidad de Iberoamérica (UNIBE) is a prestigious Costa Rican university dedicated to the pursuit of excellence in education. With a focus on fostering critical thinking and innovation in healthcare, arts, and sciences, UNIBE also offers an MD. in Medicine, which we recognized in U.S.A.

Our goal is to ensure that our students get access to cutting-edge tools and the latest medical technology available around the globe.

Our methodology of teaching encompasses a holistic approach towards healthcare. We emphasize not only in studies, but also in embedding our students a strong foundation in the following:

- Critical thinking
- Research
- Clinical problem-solving skills
- Patient-first philosophy

Students who graduate from UNIBE have strong moral and ethical values which help to ensure that they make a positive difference to the life of patients who approach them for medical assistance.

Our academic programs include Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy, Psychology, Biomedical Engineering and Industrial Chemistry.

With a strong focus on academic excellence, research, and global engagement, UNIBE prepares its students to lead and innovate in the healthcare sector both locally and internationally.

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Universidad Hispanoamericana

Has over 40 years leading academic commitment with excellence in Costa Rica. It offers more than 30 different undergraduate and postgraduate programs in health Sciences, Engineering, Administration, Law, Education, Tourism, Hotel Management, and Arts. It is one of the only private universities in Costa Rica, with 5 campuses equipped with internationally referenced infrastructure for active learning and a focus on comprehensive education including ethics, hard skills, soft skills, and global vision. Uni is committed to the development of leaders and drivers of change that will contribute to improving society at the national and international levels. UH was founded in 1982 to make each program a life-changing experience.

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Universidad LCI Veritas

At Universidad LCI Veritas, our students delve into the vibrant culture and stunning landscapes of Costa Rica through a distinctive academic lens. As a leading institution committed to educational excellence and interdisciplinary development, we offer comprehensive support services tailored to enhance your study abroad experience. Our curriculum encompasses various fields, including mental health office, academic advising, administrative assistance, and property logistics. We prioritize sustainability, justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion, ensuring that all students receive a world-class education in an environment that values and practices these principles. We invite educational institutions to partner with us to offer your students a transformative educational experience in Costa Rica. Our dedicated staff members will be the opportunity for faculty to utilize our logistic support for all customized program needs.

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Universidad Santa Paula

With over 30 years of experience with a comprehensive vision of the human person, the world, and its culture, Universidad Santa Paula's fundamental mission is to train, develop, and update professionals in the sciences and arts, specifically in priority areas for the world, such as health, education, business, technology, and the environment, with a strong focus on ethics and others in the fields of research and human development. It promotes the development of the individuals, families, and communities it serves. It contributes to improving the quality of life for the country's inhabitants by supporting equal opportunities and respect for current needs. Its work contributes to a more prosperous, just, free, and supportive society. This makes us a university that is open to the world, with a vocation for service, that uses its academic resources to promote and support research and contribute to the creation and development of the factors that cause disabling consequences and the development of appropriate technology, all to humanize, promote, and ennoble health.

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UWC Costa Rica

UWC Costa Rica is a nonprofit foundation that provides educational programs targeting schools, universities, companies, and the global UWC Alumni Community. By employing an experiential learning model, Sustainability & Innovation seeks to enhance UWC Costa Rica's ability to provide high-quality, impactful, and sustainable programs. We are known for international students participating in faculty programs, study abroad, internships, volunteer opportunities, and other programs in Costa Rica.

Programs: Faculty-Led and Study Abroad Programs, International Camps, Rentals, Educational Events (Workshops)

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