

Universidad Nacional Autónoma Heredia, Costa Rica Universidad de Costa Rica

San José, Costa Rica

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In cooperation with the Institute for Study Abroad-Butler University, students can study at either of the country's largest universities. Politically, Costa Rica is one of the most stable nations in Latin America and boasts one of the highest literacy rates in the region.

Location

Universidad Nacional Autónoma (UNA) is located in Heredia (pop. 74,000), located only 7 miles from San José. Its historic colonial buildings are surrounded by coffee plantations. Universidad de Costa Rica (UCR) is located in the capital, San José (325,000), which offers many museums, galleries and nightclubs. Both universities provide excellent locations from which to explore Costa Rica. The country is proud of its conservation efforts and has set aside nearly a quarter of the country to protected land. Mountains, beaches, volcanoes, and rainforests make up this diverse country.

Areas of Study

At either program you are required to take an intensive language course. The remainder of your courses will be with Costa Rican students. UNA offers a wide range of courses, but is particularly known for its Latin American studies, business, economics, sociology, and environmental studies programs. UCR is very competitive academically and also offers courses in many fields; specialties include literature and social sciences. All courses at both universities are taught in Spanish.

Academic Calendar

The Costa Rican academic calendar is the reverse of that of the United States.

Costa Rican Academic Year: January/February - November/December

Semester 1: January - July (UNA), February - July (UCR)

Semester 2: July - December (UNA and UCR)

Activities

Costa Rica's conservation efforts make this an ideal location for students interested in exploring the beaches, rainforests, volcanoes, and mountains. For urbanites, San José offers a modern setting with most amenities.

Accommodations

You will live with a Costa Rican family, which will provide a cross-generational perspective on the culture as well as an additional opportunity to practice Spanish language. Three meals a day are included.

Eligibility

You must be in good academic and disciplinary standing at the University of Denver with a minimum GPA of 3.0. Both programs require at least six quarters of university-level Spanish or the equivalent. Host universities/programs reserve the right to admit students.

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Program Cost

Because this is a University of Denver Program, you will pay DU directly for your term abroad. Fees include the following:

- University of Denver tuition
- University of Denver study abroad housing
- University of Denver technology fee
- University of Denver study abroad meals
- **If you are not participating as a Cherrington Global Scholar, a \$50 application fee; no additional program fee applies to this site.**

DU institutional aid, along with federal or state financial aid other than work-study, will apply to the DU program cost. Please meet with a Study Abroad Advisor for information about the Cherrington Global Scholars program and for current program costs. Details on the costs for study abroad can also be found on the Study Abroad Office website (www.du.edu/intl/abroad) under “Study Abroad Policies.”

HOW TO APPLY

All application materials are due to the DU Study Abroad Office before the deadline.

Application Deadlines

January 18: **Priority Deadline** for Semester 2 (July - November/December)

March 14: Regular Deadline for Semester 2 (July - November/December)

October 1: Deadline for Semester 2 (January/February - July) or Costa Rican Academic Year (January/February - November/December)

Application Checklist

- University of Denver application including:
 - University of Denver Study Abroad Application on MyWeb
 - Academic advisor’s signature on your completed and printed online application form
 - DU short-answer essays
 - Authorization to Release Information form
 - Risks, Responsibilities Agreement and Release form
 - Student Responsibility Statement form
 - Official transcript(s) from other universities attended, if applicable
 - Cherrington petition. *Speak to your study abroad advisor about the petition process if you are not eligible for Cherrington.*
 - \$50 application fee, if you are not eligible for Cherrington
- Institute for Study Abroad-Butler application including:
 - Application for Undergraduate Admission to Programs in Latin America and Spain
 - Academic Information
 - Personal Essays
 - Undergraduate Program Approval
 - Agreements and Releases
 - Academic Recommendation
 - Spanish Language Report
 - Family Placement Form
 - Photocopy of passport
 - UCR supplemental materials: Solicitud, UCR Housing Application, Essay
 - UNA supplemental materials: Preregistration form
 - Photocopy of each IFSA-Butler application item listed above
 - Eight passport-sized photos; please print name on back of each photo
 - University of Denver students do NOT need to submit the \$40 IFSA-Butler application fee*

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