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UF IN COSTA RICA

*Our six-week, **6-credit** program in **San José** offers a service-learning and cultural immersion experience, helping students enhance their Spanish while developing critical thinking, communication, and cultural awareness.*

University of Florida





COSTA RICA



La cultura costarricense es una mezcla vibrante de tradiciones indígenas, españolas y afrocaribeñas. Los 'ticos', como se les conoce a los costarricenses, son famosos por su hospitalidad y la filosofía de '**Pura Vida**', que captura su enfoque positivo y relajado ante la vida.



SIN EJÉRCITO DESDE 1948

Costa Rica abolió su ejército en 1948, lo que lo convierte en uno de los pocos países en el mundo sin fuerzas armadas permanentes. Desde entonces, el país ha dedicado recursos a la educación, la salud y la conservación ambiental.

BIODIVERSIDAD EXTRAORDINARIA:

Aunque Costa Rica ocupa solo el 0.03% de la superficie terrestre mundial, alberga alrededor del 5% de la biodiversidad del planeta. El país es un líder en conservación, con más de una cuarta parte de su territorio protegido en parques nacionales y reservas.

“PURA VIDA”

"Pura Vida" es una frase común en Costa Rica que se traduce literalmente como "vida pura". Sin embargo, para los costarricenses, esta expresión representa una filosofía de vida, que refleja su enfoque positivo, tranquilo y agradecido hacia la vida. Se utiliza para saludar, despedirse o expresar que todo está bien.

3 CREDITS OF INTERNATIONAL SERVICE-LEARNING + EITHER...



SPN2271 INTENSIVE INTERMEDIATE SPANISH

This course combines **SPN2200** and **SPN2201** into a single intensive course.

Prerequisite: SPN1131 or equivalent.



SPN3520 CULTURE & CIVILIZATION OF SPANISH AMERICA

The goal of this course is to explore the rich and often conflicting contemporary diversity of the Americas, as well as the historical experiences that influence this contemporary expression and allow us to speak of the Americas as a whole.

Prerequisite SPN3300, SPN3350 or equivalent (native or heritage speaker).

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**PARTICIPATING IN AN INTERNATIONAL SERVICE-LEARNING
PROGRAM CAN BE A VALUABLE ADDITION TO A CV OR
PROFESSIONAL PROFILE.**

**FEATURE ON
YOUR
CV/RESUME**

**LINK TO CAREER
GOALS**

**USE AS A
NETWORKING
TOOL**

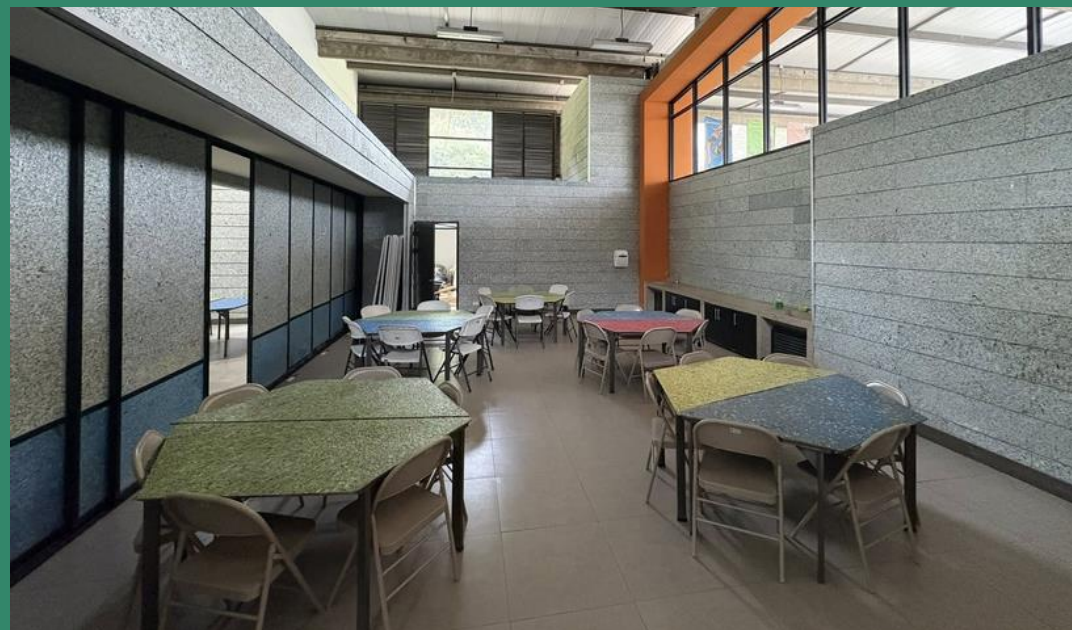
**DEMONSTRATE
CULTURAL
COMPETENCE**

**SHOWCASE
ADAPTABILITY
AND INITIATIVE**

**USE AS
EVIDENCE OF
LANGUAGE
PROFICIENCY**

PLACEMENTS

- CEGEA (Centro de Gestión y Educación Ambiental)



PLACEMENTS

- Escuela de Danza, Teatro y Circo



PLACEMENTS

- Spirogyra (Butterfly Garden)



PLACEMENTS

- CIJ (Centro Infantil Juvenil)



**Lo damos todo por
la niñez y la juventud**
Centro Infantil y Juvenil



PLACEMENTS

- **SINEM (Sistema Nacional de Educación Musical)**



WHTA'S INCLUDED?



42 NIGHTS IN DOUBLE-OCCUPANCY ROOMS CAREFULLY SELECTED BY WORLDSTRIDES

Occupancy is typically 2 to 4 participants to a home or residence



MEALS & LAUNDRY SERVICE

Families will provide three meals per day, as well as laundry service weekly over the duration of the program.



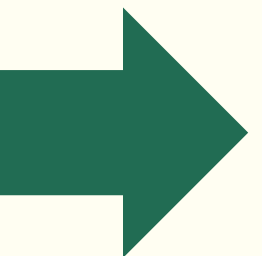
TRANSPORTATION

Coach transportation in safe, clean vehicles with experienced drivers.



CULTURAL AND EDUCATIONAL EXCURSIONS

Our curriculum leverages Costa Rica's rich cultural and historical backdrop through educational excursions to various significant sites.



EXCURSIONS



**SAN JOSE
CITY TOUR**



**DON JUAN:
CHOCOLATE,
SUGAR CANE
AND COFFEE
TOUR**



**MONTEVERDE
CLOUD
FOREST
BIOLOGICAL
RESERVE**



**SELVATURA –
SLOTH
SANCTUARY
(OPTIONAL)**

EXCURSIONS



**TOUCAN
RESCUE
RANCH**



**BANANA
PLANTATION
TOUR**



**ORGANIC
PINEAPPLE
TOUR**

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SUPPORT TEAM

Local staff to provide an orientation meeting upon arrival and support throughout the program



6 UF CREDIT

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HEALTH & SAFETY WHILE ABROAD

Medical insurance, including evacuation insurance



UNIVERSIDAD VERITAS

Classroom space for 50 hours, including projector, screen, and A/V equipment

WHAT TO DO WITH YOUR FREE TIME IN COSTA RICA?

LA FORTUNA

- Visit **Arenal Volcano** and its national park
- Relax in natural **hot springs**
- Go **zip-lining**, **canyoning**, or **waterfall rappelling**
- Explore **La Fortuna Waterfall**

MANUEL ANTONIO

- Hike through **Manuel Antonio National Park** (Spot wildlife like monkeys, sloths, macaws and toucans)
- Enjoy **beautiful beaches** and **snorkeling**

CORCOVADO

- Trek through **Corcovado National Park**, one of the most biodiverse places on Earth (Spot rare wildlife like **tapirs**, **scarlet macaws**, and **jaguars**)



\$8,397.03

Round-trip airfare, additional personal travel, and personal expenses.



PRICE



FINANCIAL AID

POINT 1

Bright Futures is paying for full-time summer study abroad programs for those designated as *Florida Academic Scholars*.

POINT 2

Most financial aid that you would receive on campus can be applied toward the cost of this program. However, all financial aid eligibility is determined by **Student Financial Affairs**.



POINT 3

UFIC offers many study abroad **scholarships**, with various eligibility criteria. Apply on their website!

POINT 4

Some students have had great success doing a **gofundme** page.



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Info session

Wednesday

Oct. 1, 2025

TUR 2322

5:00 p.m.

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