

Study Program Overview

The study abroad program in San Jose offers several different programs of study determined by how each participant combines Spanish classes, electives taught in English, environmental studies courses taught in English and electives taught in Spanish. Students choose from the 12 week semester, 4 week short-term or one of several summer programs.

Semester Program Options (12-13 weeks)

Semester Option 1: Spanish Concentrated

- 12 Week Spanish Classes (3 Courses)
- No Elective Courses
- Includes Semester Excursion Package

Semester Option 2: Typical Semester Program

- 12 Week Spanish Classes (3 Courses)
- 1 Elective Course (Choose any English/Spanish elective course offered)
- Substitute Independent Study for the elective
- Includes Semester Excursion Package

Semester Option 3: Evenly Concentrated

- 8 Week Spanish Class (2 Courses)
- 2 Elective Courses (Choose any 2 English/Spanish elective courses offered)
- Includes Semester Excursion Package

Semester Option 4: Elective Concentrated

- 4 Week Spanish Class (1 Course)
- 3 Elective Courses (Choose any 3 English/Spanish elective courses offered)
- Includes Semester Excursion Package

Summer Program Options

Summer 4 weeks (July or Aug – 4 wks)

- 4 Week Spanish Class (1 Course)
- No Elective Course
- Includes 4 week Excursion Package

Summer 5 weeks (July - 5 wks)

- 4 Week Spanish Class (1 Course)
- 1 Elective Course (Choose any English/Spanish elective course offered)
- Includes 5 week Summer Excursion Package

Summer 8 weeks (July - 8 wks)

- 8 Week Spanish Class (2 Courses)
- 1 Elective Course (Choose any English/Spanish elective course offered)
- Includes Excursion Package

Short-Term Program Options (4 weeks)

Short-Term (Every Month - 4 wks)

- 4 Week Spanish Class (1 Course)
- No Elective Course
- Includes 4 week Excursion Package

Excursion Packages

Excursion Package

- One Friday to Sunday excursion (2 nights)
- One Saturday to Sunday excursion (1 night)
- Two full-day excursions

Summer 5 wk Excursion Package

- One Friday to Sunday excursion (2 nights)
- Two full-day excursions

Summer/Short-term 4 wk Excursion Package

- One to two excursions varies by session

Extracurricular Activities

Optional Activities

- Free tropical dance lessons.
- Soccer, Basketball and Volleyball Team games (co-ed)
- Conversation Partner program with Costa Rican Students
- Typical Costa Rican food cooking lessons (month or trimester fee)
- Museum, Artisans Market and other visits
- Free Self defense and martial arts classes twice a week
- Christian Youth group
- Volunteer work with underprivileged children in the afternoons

Spanish Courses

Intensive Spanish

- SPN 101 – Grammar & Conversation: Beginner 1 (80 hours)
- SPN 102 – Grammar & Conversation: Beginner 2 (80 hours)
- SPN 201 – Grammar & Conversation: Intermediate 1 (80 hours)
- SPN 202 – Grammar & Conversation: Intermediate 2 (80 hours)
- SPN 210 – Intermediate Conversational Spanish (80 hours)
- SPN 301 – Grammar & Conversation: Advanced 1 (80 hours)
- SPN 302 – Grammar & Conversation: Advanced 2 (80 hours)
- SPN 304 – Spanish for Business (60 hours)
- SPN 310 – Advanced Conversational Spanish (80 hours)
- SPN 320 – Cultural Heritage in Latin America (80 hours)
- SPN 340 – Oral Expression Techniques (80 hours)
- SPN 410 – Advanced Composition (80 hours)

Spanish for Health Professionals

- SPN 141 – Basic Spanish for Health Professionals (100 hours)
- SPN 241 – Intermediate Spanish for Health Professionals (100 hours)
- SPN 341 – Advanced Spanish for Health Professionals (100 hours)

Spanish for Law Enforcement and Border Patrol

- SPN 151 – Basic Spanish for Law Enforcement and Border Patrol (100 hours)
- SPN 251 – Intermediate Spanish for Law Enforcement and Border Patrol (100 hours)
- SPN 351 – Advanced Spanish for Law Enforcement and Border Patrol (100 hours)

Elective Courses Taught in English

Environmental Studies

- ENV 3005 – Environmental Impact and Social Development (60 hours)
- ENV 3044 – Tropical Ecology (60 hours)
- ENV 3120 – Land Vertebrates of Costa Rica (60 contact hours)
- ENV 3190 – Tropical Marine Biology (60 hours)
- ENV 4040 – Environmental Awareness and Sustainable Development (60 hours)
- ENV 3740 – Renewable Energies in Costa Rica (60 hours)

Art and Humanities

- ARCH 3112 – History of Latin American Architecture and Art (48 hours)
- ARCH 3200 – Tropical Architecture and Design (60 hours)
- ART 1301 – Basic Principles of Drawing (48 hours)
- ART 2100 – Art Fundamentals: Theory and Practice (48 hours)
- CTV 3400 – Documentary Production Process (60 contact hours)
- CTV 3400 – Audiovisual Industry in Latin America (60 contact hours)
- DNCE 2500 – Introduction to Latin American Tropical Dance (48 hours)
- HUM 3500 – Latin American Art (48 hours)
- HUM 3513 – Art and Humanities: Costa Rica Colloquium (48 hours)
- ETH 3100 – Selected Topics in Afro-Caribbean Studies (48 hours)
- PHIL 3100 – Comparative Classical Philosophy (48 hours)
- PHOT 2100 – Ecological Photography (60 hours)
- PHOT 2130 – Cultural Photography (48 hours)
- PHOT 2600 – Digital Photography (48 hours)

Business, Economics and Communication

- COMM 3200 – Intercultural Communications (48 hours)
- ECON 3403 – Introduction to International Economics and Latin America (48 hours)
- GEB 3350 – Introduction to International Business (48 hours)
- GEB 3500 – Ecotourism: The Costa Rica Case (60 hours)
- MGMT 3021 – Logistics Management (48 hours)
- MGMT 3030 – Creative Leadership Skills (48 hours)

Health and Human Development

- HIS 3293 – Costa Rican Health Care System and Tropical Medicine (60 hours)
- HHD 1020 – Introduction to Physical Therapy (60 hours)
- PSY 2200 – Health Psychology (48 hours)

History, Politics and International Relations

- HIS 2302 – Contemporary Latin American History (48 hours)
- HIS 3290 – Costa Rican Economic Development (48 hours)
- POL 2500 – Human Rights in Latin America (48 hours)
- POL 3100 – Costa Rican Tradition: Peace and Democracy (48 hours)
- POL 3220 – Migration Issues: The Costa Rica Case (48 hours)
- POL 3400 – World Politics and Terrorism (48 hours)
- POL 3450 – International Relations in Latin America (48 hours)
- POL 3560 – International Politics in the Middle East (48 hours)
- POL 3740 – Economic Integration in Latin America (48 hours)

Elective Courses Taught in Spanish

Literatura Y Lingüística

- SPN 1002 – Comunicación Oral Básica (48 hours)
- SPN 3020 – Lecturas Selectas De La Literatura Latinoamericana (48 hours)
- SPN 3050 – Fonética y Fonología (48 hours)
- SPN 3070 – Introducción a la Traducción (48 hours)
- SPN 3520 – Dialectología Latinoamericana (48 hours)
- SPN 3560 – Topicos Selectos en Literatura Comparada (48 hours)
- SPN 4110 – Escritoras Contemporaneas Costarricenses (48 hours)
- SPN 4330 – Temas Especiales En La Literatura Española (48 hours)
- SPN 4390 – El Cine Y La Literatura Latinoamericana (48 hours)