

*Costa Rica*

STUDY ABROAD

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*expand your senses*

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Arenal Volcano, San Carlos, Costa Rica



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Welcome!





# YOUR DESTINATION

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# ABOUT COSTA RICA

Welcome to Costa Rica, home to Corcovado, the most biologically intense place on Earth! While covering just .03% of the world's surface, this beautiful Central American country hosts 5% of global biodiversity. Costa Ricans are affectionately known as "Ticos" and are characterized by their laid back, "Pura Vida" lifestyle. A culturally rich country with a diverse ethnic background, Costa Rica is consistently ranked the "Happiest Place on Earth."\*

The country is known for its environmental protection, education, and peace efforts, having abolished its army in 1948 and redirected its funding to education and health. A pioneer in the field of conservation and sustainability, in 2016 more than 98% of Costa Rica's energy was sourced from renewable resources, and it has set the goal of becoming carbon neutral by the year 2021.

A traveler's paradise, Costa Rica is one of the safest countries in the region. Due to its geographical diversity, visitors can enjoy the Pacific Coast and the Caribbean sea on the same day, and experience volcanos, rainforests, tropical coastal plains, cloud forests, dry forests, mangroves and rugged mountains in between... all with average temperatures ranging between 72 to 81 degrees. It is a land of countless adventures.

Get ready to *Expand your Senses!*

\* Happy Planet Index

\* WWF.Panda.org







# UNIVERSIDAD VERITAS

For the last 25 years, thousands of students from around the world have enjoyed the wonderful uniqueness of VERITAS' study abroad experience. The school operates under the pillars of Design, Communication and Sustainability.

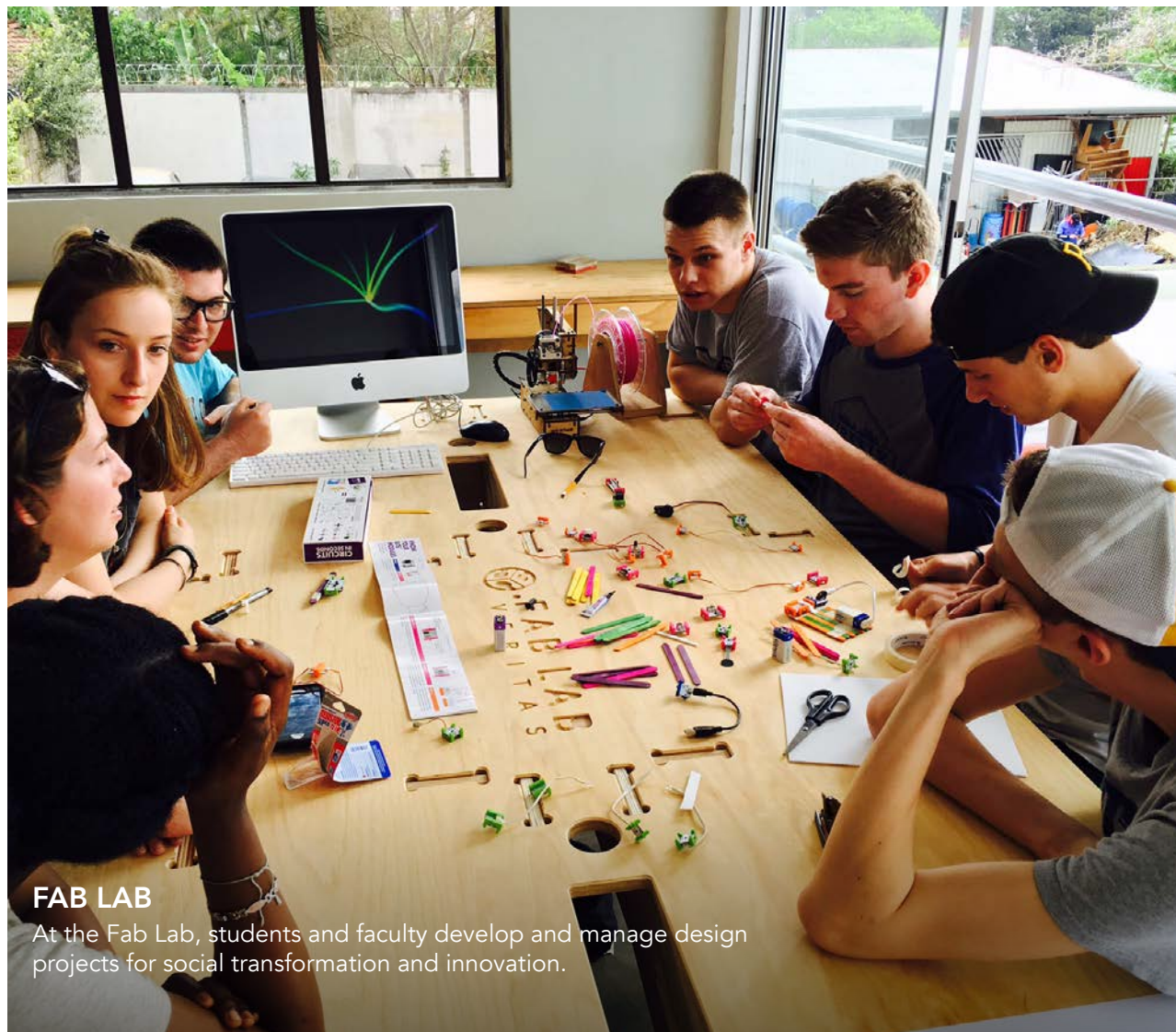
Our study abroad program at Universidad VERITAS is characterized by its quality, affordability, diverse course catalog and unique cultural immersion opportunities—which are second to none. It is designed to adjust to your academic calendar, with durations from 2 weeks onwards.





VERITAS is conveniently located in the capital city of San Jose, tucked into Costa Rica's beautiful central valley. It currently holds the Ecological Blue Flag, and by 2018 will be a Carbon Neutral campus.

The most notable features of our campus are its centric location, a highly creative environment represented in our digital fabrication lab (Fab Lab) and our focus on sustainability sciences and conservation exemplified at our molecular biology lab (BIOMOL).



#### FAB LAB

At the Fab Lab, students and faculty develop and manage design projects for social transformation and innovation.



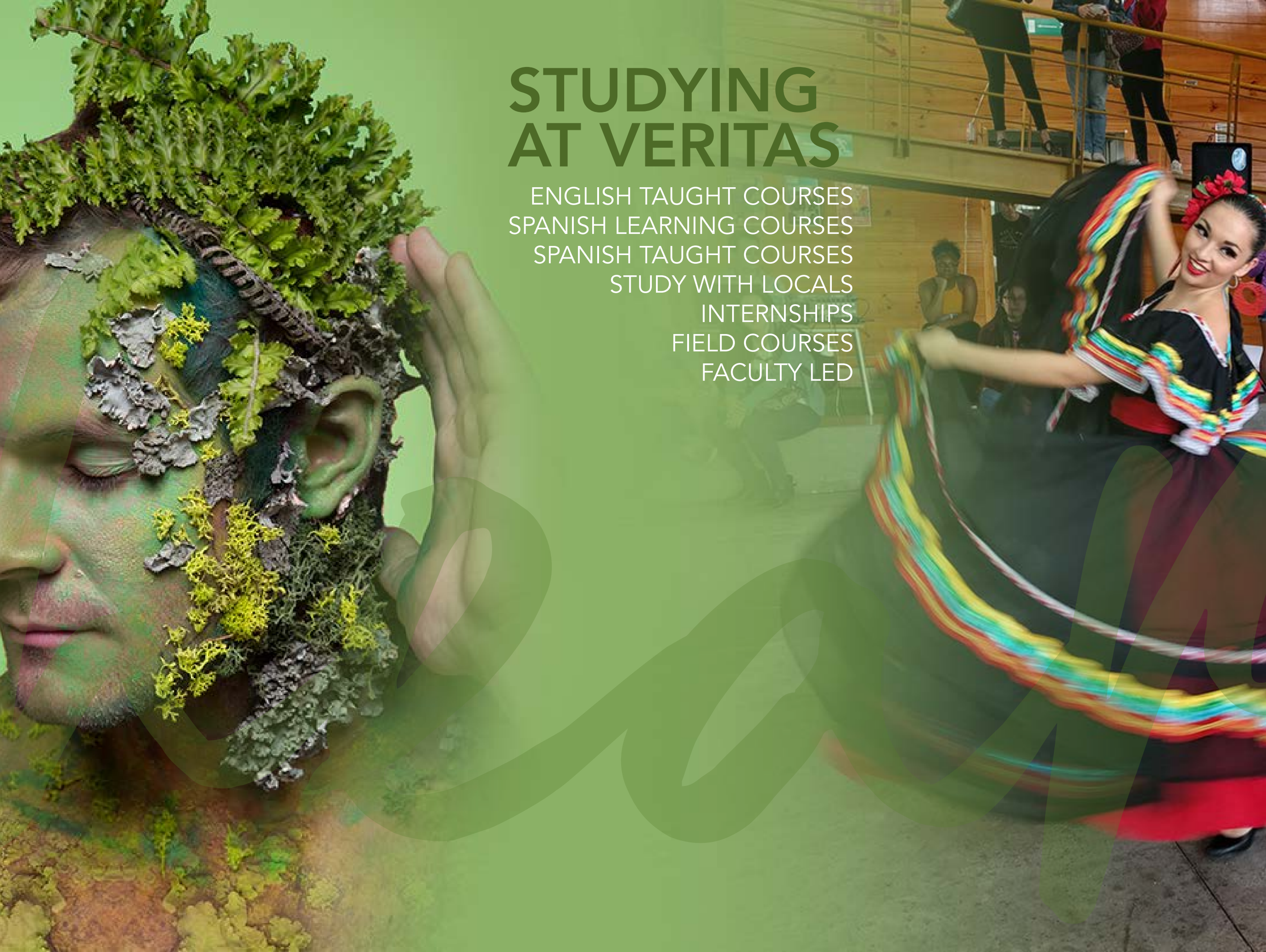
#### BIOMOL

The BIOMOL lab specializes in the conservation of species such as sharks, rays, sea turtles and invertebrates.



# STUDYING AT VERITAS

ENGLISH TAUGHT COURSES  
SPANISH LEARNING COURSES  
SPANISH TAUGHT COURSES  
STUDY WITH LOCALS  
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FIELD COURSES  
FACULTY LED



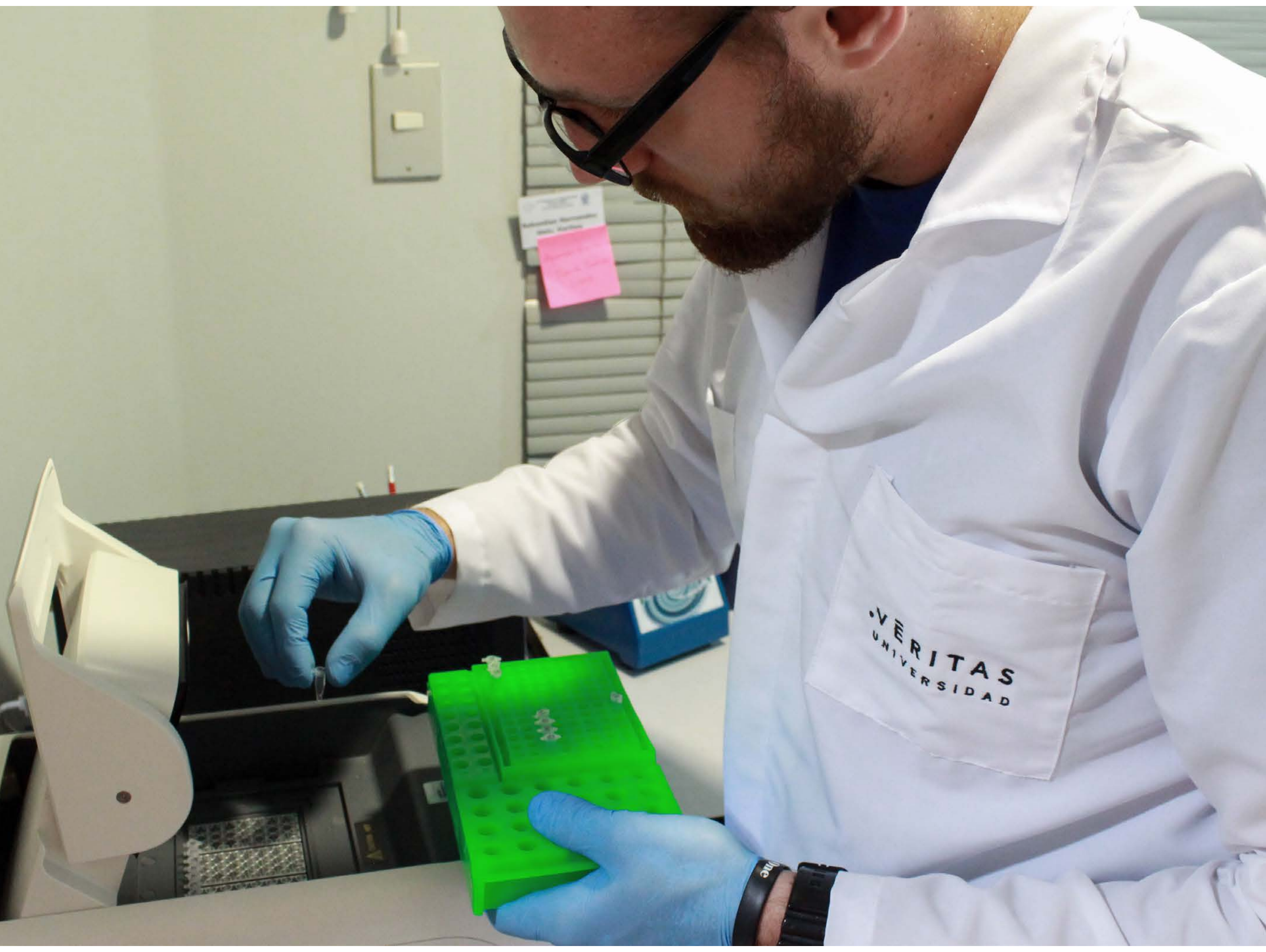


# COURSES

We offer English and Spanish taught courses in areas such as Arts & Humanities, Biology & Environmental Sciences, Wellness & Psychology, Business & Economics, and many more. You can choose amongst new fields that interest you or give continuity to your areas of study through transferable credits.

*\* Some of these courses have mandatory field sessions and some may require Laboratory hours which give added value to the learning process.*





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# ENGLISH TAUGHT

## ARTS AND HUMANITIES

*Build a bridge between creativity and the perception of your surroundings*

ARCH 3112 History of Latin American Architecture and Art  
ARCH 3200 Tropical Architecture and Design  
ART 1301 Basic Principles of Drawing  
ART 2100 Art Fundamentals: Theory and Practice  
ART 2130 Mural Painting and Public Art  
CTV 3400 Documentary Appreciation  
DNCE 2500 Theory of Latin American Tropical Dance  
ETH 3100 Selected Topics in Afro-Caribbean Studies  
PFA 3000 Performing Arts Production Workshop  
PHIL 3100 Philosophy and Integrated Thought of the Classic World  
PHOT 2100 Ecological Photography  
PHOT 2130 Cultural Photography

## BIOLOGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES

*Embrace nature, from its smallest molecule to its largest being*

ENV 2500 Introduction to Genetics: Current Applications  
ENV 3005 Environmental Impact and Social Development  
ENV 3020 Molecular Marine Biology  
ENV 3044 Tropical Ecology  
ENV 3050 Biology of Edible Insects: A Sustainable Food Source  
ENV 3060 Wildcats of Costa Rica (Felides)  
ENV 3080 Arboreal Mammals of Costa Rica (Sloths and Monkeys)  
ENV 3100 Tropical Birds (Tropical Ornithology)  
ENV 3120 Land Vertebrates of Costa Rica  
ENV 3150 Tropical Botany: Useful Plant  
ENV 3160 Conservation Biology of Endangered Marine Species  
ENV 3170 Freshwater Ecology (Limnology)  
ENV 3190 Tropical Marine Biology  
ENV 3200 Marine Mammals of Costa Rica: Biology and Conservation  
ENV 3740 Climate Change: Impacts and Adaptations  
ENV 4030 Agroecology and Sustainable Food Systems  
ENV 4040 Sustainable Development and Environmental Awareness  
ENV 4100 Biotechnology and Sustainability



## BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS

*Become a force of change through leadership, resource management and economic development*

ECON 3403 Introduction to International Economics in Latin America

GEB 3350 Introduction to International Business

MGMT 3030 Creative Leadership Skills

## COMMUNICATIONS, MARKETING AND TECHNOLOGY

*Raise an intercultural voice that impacts market trends, global decision-making and technological improvement*

COMM 3070 Creative Conflict Resolution

COMM 3200 Intercultural Communication

ENG 150 College Writing 1

MKTG 3010 International Marketing Management

TECH 2100 Introduction to Programming and Coding

TECH 3100 Digital Media Installations

## HISTORY, POLITICS AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

*Break the paradigms of historical events and forge global relationships*

HIS 3290 Costa Rican Economic & Human Development

HIS 2302 Contemporary Latin American History

HUM 3513 Costa Rica Colloquium: History and Culture

POL 2500 Human Rights in Latin America

POL 3100 Costa Rican Tradition: Peace and Democracy

POL 3220 Migration, Globalization and Social Change

POL 3450 International Relations in Latin America

SOCY 2100 Introduction to Law Enforcement in Costa Rica







## **SUSTAINABLE STUDIES**

*Move towards economic, social and environmental balance*

GEB 3500 Ecotourism: The Costa Rica Case

HIS 3130 Sustainability and Resources Management in the Ancient World

MKTG 3150 Sustainable Consumption & Production

POL 3420 Costa Rican Environmental Policy

SOCY 3050 Diversity and Sexual Identity in Latin America

SUSD 3000 Sustainable Lifestyles

SUSD 3100 Gender and Sustainable Development

SUSD 2500 Biomimicry Learning from Nature Design

## **THEOLOGICAL STUDIES**

*Reflect on diverse world views*

THEO 3150 Major World Religions

## **WELLNESS AND PSYCHOLOGY**

*Connect with wellbeing alternatives and deepen the inner self*

HIS 3293 Costa Rican Health Care System and Tropical Medicine

HHD 1020 Physical Therapy and Rehan Exercises for Common Sport Injuries

HHD 1050 Holistic Health Approaches

HHD 3070 Conflict Resolution and Health Care

PSY 2200 Health Psychology

PSY 3050 Cultural Psychology



# SPANISH LEARNING

## **INTENSIVE SPANISH PROGRAM**

SPN 101 Basic 1 Spanish  
SPN 102 Basic 2 Spanish  
SPN 201 Intermediate 1 Spanish  
SPN 202 Intermediate 2 Spanish  
SPN 210 Intermediate Spanish Conversation  
SPN 301 Advanced 1 Spanish  
SPN 302 Advanced 2 Spanish  
SPN 310 Advanced Spanish Conversation  
SPN 320 Cultural Heritage in Latin America  
SPN 330 Spanish for Heritage Speakers  
SPN 340 Oral Expression Techniques  
SPN 410 Advanced Composition

## **SUPPLEMENTAL SPANISH LANGUAGE COURSES**

SPN 100 Basic Communication & Culture Module  
SPN 200 Intermediate Communication & Culture Module  
SPN 300 Advanced Communication & Culture Module

## **SPECIALTY: SPANISH FOR HEALTH PROFESSIONS**

SSP 141 Basic Spanish for Health Professions  
SSP 241 Intermediate Spanish for Health Professions  
SSP 341 Advanced Spanish for Health Professions

## **SPECIALTY: SPANISH FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT PROFESSIONS**

SSP 151 Basic Spanish for Law Enforcement Professions  
SSP 251 Intermediate Spanish for Law Enforcement Professions

## **SPECIALTY: SPANISH FOR BUSINESS PROFESSIONS**

SPN 204 Intermediate Spanish for International Business  
SPN 304 Advanced Spanish for International Business

## **SPECIALTY: SPANISH FOR HOSPITALITY AND RECREATION PROFESSIONS**

SSP 361 Advanced Spanish for Hospitality and Recreation Professions



# SPANISH TAUGHT

## LITERATURE AND LINGUISTICS

SPN 1002 Comunicación Oral Básica  
SPN 3000 Introducción al Análisis Literario  
SPN 3020 Lecturas Selectas de la Literatura Latinoamericana  
SPN 3050 Fonética y Fonología  
SPN 3070 Introducción a la Traducción  
SPN 3520 Dialectología Latinoamericana  
SPN 4110 Escritoras Contemporáneas Costarricenses  
SPN 4330 Tópicos Selectos en la Literatura Española  
SPN 4390 El Cine y la Literatura Latinoamericana  
SPN 6100 Herramientas de Enseñanza para Profesores de Español





# STUDY WITH LOCALS

## ADVERTISING DESIGN

ADDS 304 Marketing I  
ADDS 404 Communication I  
ADDS 603 Advertising Psychology

## ARCHITECTURE

ARCH 302 Theory of Architecture I  
ARCH 305 Introduction to Structure  
ARCH 403 History of Architecture I  
ARCH 404 Environmental Design

## DIGITAL ANIMATION

DA 101 Design I  
DA 103 Introduction to Multimedia  
DA 104 Aesthetics and Representation  
DA 105 Artistic Literature  
DA 203 Animation 1  
DA 204 History of Animation I  
DA 205 Basic Principles of Acting  
DA 405 Art and Civilization  
DA 504 Costa Rican Culture

## INTERIOR DESIGN

INDS 203 Color Workshop  
INDS 303 Aesthetic Psychology  
INDS 304 History of Interior Design I  
INDS 305 Materials I  
INDS 903 Landscaping and Environment I

## PHOTOGRAPHY

PHOT 303 Conceptual Image  
PHOT 305 Latin American Culture  
PHOT 404 History of Photography I  
PHOT 604 Costa Rican and Latin American  
Photography  
PHOT 704 Art Theory Studies

## PRODUCT DESIGN

PRDS 303 History of Industrial Design  
PRDS 305 Technology I  
PRDS 403 Ergonomics I  
PRDS 404 Theory I - Semiotics





# FIELD COURSES

(SHORT TERM PROGRAMS)

This program fully embodies the idea of practical learning, as students are immersed in a 2 to 3-week intensive course experience. The outdoors will be your classroom and everyday will be a new adventure

You can explore areas like:

- Tropical Marine Biology
- Conservation Biology of Sharks & Rays
- Land Mammals of Costa Rica
- Tropical Ecology
- Criminal Law: Costa Rica Case
- Digital Media Installations
- Ecological Photography
- Ecotourism in Costa Rica
- Bio Design
- Expression and Communication
- Social Construction Workshop
- Shamanism Activities in Costa Rica





# FACULTY LED

Veritas staff can work with visiting professors to create a customized Faculty-Led program in Costa Rica. No need to worry about the logistics of housing, airport pick-up, on-site orientation, site-seeing excursions, field trips, or any other aspects of your trip. Our staff is prepared to create a completely customized program for your group and your area of study. We will take care of all the details for you!



# INTERNSHIPS

## INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

International Exchange Office

## BUSINESS

Travel Agency

## COMMUNICATIONS & MARKETING

Digital Marketing

Digital Design

Marketing & Communications

Programming

Web Design

## EDUCATION

Primary School

ESL (English as a Second Language)

## MARINE BIOLOGY

BIOMOL laboratory assistant

Field research assistant

Assistant to field research and

BIOMOL laboratory activities

Sharks and Rays Conservation

## SCIENCES

Organic Agriculture

Entomology: Bees and Butterflies

## SOCIAL WORK

Social Work

Day Care Center

Human Rights

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# WHEN TO COME

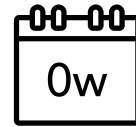
ACADEMIC CALENDAR  
PROGRAM OPTIONS





# ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2019

## Academic Calendar Key



Total duration of  
program in weeks



Total hours of  
classes in program



















































Online Virtual Course



Field Session  
in Costa Rica



MONTHS	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH <sup>1</sup>	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY <sup>4</sup>	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
INTENSIVE SPANISH MODULES (MORNING)	(Jan 07 - Feb 01)  4w  80h	(Feb 04 - Mar 01)  4w  80h	(Mar 04 - Mar 29)  4w  80h	(Apr 01 - May 03)  4w  80h	(May 06 - May 31)  4w  80h	(June 03 - June 28)  4w  80h	(July 08 - Aug 02)  4w  80h	(Aug 05 - Aug 30)  4w  80h	(Sept 02 - Sept 27)  4w  80h	(Sep 30 - Oct 25)  4w  80h	(Oct 28 - Nov 22)  4w  80h	(Nov 25 - Dec 20)  4w  80h
SEMESTER PROGRAMS	SPRING TERM  12w  48h /  60h (Jan 07 - Mar 29)			Optional Spring 1 & Intensive Spanish  +4w  80h					Optional Fall & Intensive Spanish  +4w  80h	FALL TERM  12w  48h /  60h (Sep 30 - Dec 20)		
SUMMER PROGRAMS						SUMMER 1 Intensive English and Spanish Electives  5w  48h /  60h (May 27 - Jun 28)	SUMMER 2 Intensive English and Spanish Electives  5w  48h /  60h (Jul 08 - Aug 09)					
SHORT TERM <sup>2</sup> PROGRAMS (FIELD COURSES)	WINTER FIELD COURSE <sup>3</sup>  (Jan 07 - 23)					SUMMER ONLINE  (May 20 - 24)	SUMMER FIELD COURSE  (Jun 03 - Jun 21)	SUMMER FIELD COURSE  (Jul 08 - Jul 26)	WINTER ONLINE <sup>5</sup>  (Dec 10 - 14)			
STUDY WITH LOCALS	 15w Advanced Spanish Students may combine with Intensive Spanish or English/Spanish taught courses (Jan 07 - Apr 27)				 15w Advanced Spanish Students may combine with Intensive Spanish or English/Spanish taught courses (May 14 - Aug 24)				 15w Advanced Spanish Students may combine with Intensive Spanish or English/Spanish taught courses (Sep 10 - Dec 14)			

1: HOLY EASTER WEEK: April 15 - 19, 2019  
2: Duration varies depending on specific Short Term Programs  
3: WINTER ONLINE COURSE 2018-2019: December 03 - 14 2018

4: MID YEAR VACATION: July 01 - 05 2018  
5: WINTER FIELD COURSE 2018-2019: January 7 -23 2019



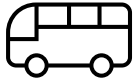
Total duration of program in weeks



Total hours of classes in program



Online Virtual Course



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# PROGRAM OPTIONS

## **INTENSIVE SPANISH LANGUAGE:**

Courses are offered in 4-week segments in Basic, Intermediate and Advanced levels. Once you complete a level, you can continue to the next.

## **SEMESTER:**

Fall and Spring semester offer 12-week programs. You can mix and match from English/Spanish Taught Courses, Spanish Learning Courses and Study with Locals.

## **SUMMER:**

5-week programs where you can take Intensive English and/or Spanish Electives, Intensive Spanish, Health Track Electives and Spanish for Health professions. Available from May-June (Summer I) & July-August (Summer II), making it ideal for back-to-back programs and allowing you to get a large number of credits in a short period of time.

## **SPRING BREAK:**

Short Term, 1-week option for those of you interested in spending your Spring Break in the Costa Rican North Pacific Coast working with sea turtles, sharks and rays, other environmental projects and local community service.

## **STUDY WITH LOCALS:**

Courses run for 3 15-week terms per year. Your opportunity to live the Costa Rican student experience, all courses are taught entirely in Spanish.

## **FIELD COURSES (SHORT TERM PROGRAMS):**

These are 2-3 week intensive courses. The courses are a combination of class contact hours and practical-field activities. Some of these courses require a 1-week online component prior to coming to Costa Rica

## **FACULTY LED:**

These are offered year round and are custom fitted to the professor's needs, academic requirements, field activities and duration. We also offer the possibility of a Spring Break Faculty Led option for those professors looking for a week long hands-on experience as a complement to their class.



# THE VERITAS EXPERIENCE

HOMESTAY  
CULTURAL INTEGRATION  
ADVENTURE OFFICE





# HOMESTAY

Living with a host family is the easiest way to immerse yourself into the Costa Rican culture and practice your Spanish, considered by many of our students to be one of highlights of their study abroad experience. We invite you to see another side of the country, one that will hopefully create a permanent tie with Costa Rica.

Students will have a private room, and will be provided breakfast and dinner 7 days a week. Laundry service is provided once a week. All families live within walking distance (less than 1.5 kilometers) from campus. Veritas also provides a shuttle for students with evening classes or extracurricular activities.

**Contact Pamela Badilla, our Student Affairs and Homestay Coordinator with questions about homestay.**

**She can be reached at  
[pbadilla@veritas.cr](mailto:pbadilla@veritas.cr) or (+506) 2246-4645**







# CULTURAL INTEGRATION

VERITAS has a great cultural integration program that hosts events and activities for national and international students. Our Cultural Integration Coordinator plans different ways for our students to get to know Costa Rica outside the classroom.

Some of our cultural activities are:

- Tropical Dance
- Local cooking classes
- Yoga
- Conversation Club
- Film Club
- Soccer Championship
- Talent Show
- Student Talks (V SPEAKS)
- Multi-cultural Fest
- Health Fair







# ADVENTURE OFFICE

The Adventure Office is our in-house travel, logistics and tourism office which ensures a great service for students, parents and faculty looking for customizable packages and options for leisure, field courses and faculty led programs.









# NEXT STEPS

STEPS TO APPLY





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There is no deadline to apply, but we do recommend that you complete your application a month and a half before your arrival.

A. Apply (visit your Study Abroad office) or enroll directly through our website.

B. Complete the application form (general information, courses, homestay, flight & pick up, proof of insurance and additional services).

C. Choose type of program.

*If taking Spanish learning courses, there is a language placement test.*

D. Homestay information will be sent.

E. Fly to Costa Rica!



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