



Universidad Veritas, Costa Rica

San Jose, Costa Rica (Latin America / North America)

Quick Facts

Dates and Deadlines

Spring 2025

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Application Deadline: October 15, 2024

Session II (17 weeks): January 6 – May 2, 2025

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Summer 2025

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Session II: July 7 – August 8, 2025

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Fall 2025

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Session II (16 weeks): August 25 - December 12, 2023

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4-week programs in Intensive Spanish happen each month throughout the year: Contact program sponsor for exact dates.

Costs:

Spring 2025

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Session II (17 wks/5 courses):

\$11,940*

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Program cost (5wks/2 courses): \$5,150*

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Program Overview

A small, democratic country in Central America nestled between the Caribbean and the Pacific ocean, Costa Rica is exceptional in that many environments can be visited within a short time. Rain forests, cloud forests, unspoiled beaches, coral reefs, white water rivers, and volcanoes can be reached within a couple of hours by car from San José. Costa Rica is one of the few stable, democratic republics in Latin America. It has the highest standard of living in Central American countries. The health record is excellent, and illiteracy is very low. Peaceful by nature, the Costa Ricans have no army, as it was abolished in 1948.

Universidad Veritas is located in the capital city of San José. At 4000 feet above sea level, it boasts a springtime climate all year round. The city surprises visitors by its vitality. Despite its cosmopolitan atmosphere with Central, South and North Americans as well as Europeans on busy downtown streets, its residents display an unmatched friendliness and warmth. Tourists, as well as visiting businessmen, happily testify to this. Every year the country attracts a large number of persons who, having visited Costa Rica once, decide to return to settle there. Students have easy access to the city's museums, restaurants, bustling markets, and the National Theater. The surrounding areas, including beaches on both the Pacific and the Caribbean coasts, are all within a few hours' drive from the city.

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Academics & Program

Universidad Veritas in San Jose

Veritas, founded in 1991, is a private Art, Design and Architecture University, located in San Jose, Costa Rica. The university enrolls approximately 1100 students year-round, specializing in Advertising, Architecture, Digital Animation, Film and Television, Interior Design, and Photography. The campus is located only minutes away from downtown and the city's museums and restaurants.

Faculty from Universidad Veritas hold advanced US or Costa Rican degrees, and a great number of years of teaching in their respective fields. Universidad Veritas is one of Costa Rica's new private universities. It is located in a residential section of town and has a local student population of approximately 1,900. The Centro de Programas Internacionales (Intensive Spanish for Foreign students) is part of the university and offers students from around the world the opportunity to advance their Spanish language skills while taking other courses in English taught by bilingual faculty from the university.

Students should not expect all of the facilities and accouterments available on a U.S. campus. The classrooms and administrative offices of Universidad Veritas are located in the Edificio ITAN, Carretera a Zapote, San José. Universidad Veritas is recognized for its excellent programs in Art and Graphic Design.

Course Offerings

Tuition Note: 12-weeks program includes 4 courses. The 17-week program includes 5 courses. Students can add an extra course for an additional fee payable to Veritas University directly.

Elective courses are three to four semester credit hours, and students are normally required to enroll in 15-18 credits per term. All full-time students take at least two or three Spanish language courses and one or two electives in English. The Spanish classes are 4 semester hours. These are offered in a variety of disciplines, depending on the student's academic interests. Some students elect to take only one Spanish language course and three electives.

The price varies for the elective courses. Students participating in the summer programs typically take one elective in English and one Spanish language course for a total of 6 credits during the 5-week period. Spanish language courses are taught in 4-week modules, during the mornings. English courses are taught in the afternoons.

View the full list of course offerings can be found [here](#).

Universidad Veritas also offers four-week intensive Spanish programs throughout the semester. See below for dates and costs.

[New Hybrid & Virtual Modalities! - Learn more here!](#)

Student Life & Housing

Extracurricular Activities

In addition to the vast outdoors activities and visits to beaches, mountains, and volcanoes, students in the Veritas program will have the opportunity to participate in weekend excursions, weekly tropical dance lessons, sports, Latin American cooking lessons, museum and artisan market visits, volunteer work with underprivileged children in the afternoons, and youth groups.

Volunteer Program

Universidad Veritas also coordinates volunteer programs for students who are interested in the national park and reserve system. "Volunteers and Projects for the support of Conservation Areas" is a program that gives support to the National System of Preservation Areas of Costa Rica. This program allows interested students the possibility to learn more about the support of our National Parks, Wildlife Shelters, Forest Reserves, etc."

If a student would like to participate in specific areas such as species monitoring, turtle nesting, botanical projects, etc, he/she should indicate it on the application and personal statement

Housing

For a true cultural and language immersion experience, students are placed with host families in San José. Students are given private rooms with weekly laundry service and breakfast and dinner on class days. The Student Affairs staff coordinates all housing arrangements and social, cultural, and sports activities.

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Program Deposit

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Costs Included Full Semester:

- Instructional costs abroad for Spanish modules and electives (4 courses for 12-week programs/ 5 courses for 16-week programs)
- Texts and materials
- Homestay (includes breakfast and dinner, and weekly laundry service)
- 10 first lunches at the University's cafeteria
- Excursion packet
- Cultural activities - Student clubs and dance lessons
- Airport pick up & drop off
- CCIS program and sponsor fees
- CISI emergency health insurance

Costs Included Four-Week Programs: Instructional costs abroad for one (1) intensive Spanish module; texts and materials; excursions (Package C); dance lessons; airport pick up & drop off; CCIS program and sponsor fees, CISI health insurance. Homestay includes breakfast, dinner, and weekly laundry (28 days).

Costs Not Included: Airfare (Approx. \$800 - \$1,500), personal and miscellaneous expenses (Approx. \$800), lunches, and exit fee (Approx.\$30)

Financial Aid

Please speak with your study abroad advisor or financial aid representative at your school.

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Eligibility & Deadlines

Eligibility Requirements

Academic Standing: Students should be at least 2nd-semester Freshman standing and a 2.6 GPA

Academic Levels: All levels of Spanish are eligible, from beginner to advanced.

Entry Requirements: Passport – valid for at least 6-months after the end date of the program. No entry visa is required for U.S citizens. Non-U.S citizens should consult with the program sponsor to determine if an entry visa is required.

Have you talked with your study abroad advisor about your home institution's application process? Your institution's deadline might be earlier than the CCIS program application deadline. Check now to make sure all of your material is submitted on time!