

API ABROAD PROGRAMS OFFERED TO  
MARIST COLLEGE STUDENTS

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# COSTA RICA

SAN JOSÉ • SAN JOAQUÍN DE FLORES

FALL  
SPRING  
SUMMER  
ACADEMIC YEAR





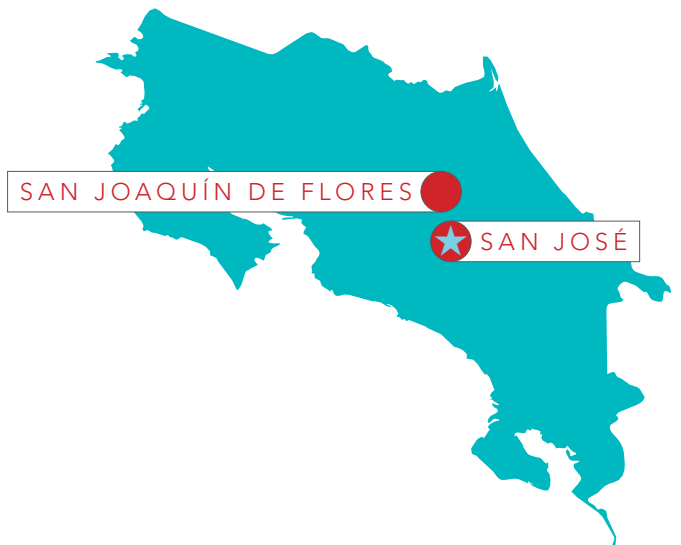


# COSTA RICA



*"I thought API was an amazing program and I am so happy that I went through them. I was very pleased with everything!"*

- ASHLEY V. / NORTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY



## CULTURAL ACTIVITIES ARE INCLUDED WITH ALL API PROGRAMS!

API students participate in numerous cultural activities throughout the session in their host city. These activities may include:

COOKING CLASSES / CITY TOURS / NATURE HIKES

VOLUNTEER PROGRAMS / DANCE LESSONS / AND MORE!



# SAN JOAQUÍN DE FLORES



## HOST UNIVERSITY

Instituto San Joaquín de Flores



**AN INTERNATIONAL EXCURSION  
IS INCLUDED WITH  
SEMESTER PROGRAMS!**

## EXCURSIONS

INCLUDED WITH THE PROGRAM FEE

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CARTAGO **SPRING** / **FALL** / **SUMMER 1 & 2**

FORTUNA **FALL**

LANKESTER GARDENS **SPRING** / **FALL** / **SUMMER 1 & 2**

MONTEVERDE **SUMMER 1**

NICARAGUA OR PANAMA **SPRING** / **FALL**  
**INTERNATIONAL EXCURSION**

POZAO AZUL / **SUMMER 2**

RINCON DE LA VIEJA **SPRING**

RÍO CELESTE AND GUANACASTE **SUMMER 1 & 2**

SAN JOSÉ **SPRING** / **FALL** / **SUMMER 1 & 2**

VOLCÁN ARENAL **FALL** / **SUMMER 2**

## HOUSING

### HOST FAMILIES

- Includes internet access
- Host family housing includes 3 meals per day and laundry service
- Visit [apiabroad.com](http://apiabroad.com) for photos and additional housing information

## A FRIENDLY, AND SOON-TO-BE, FAMILIAR FACE IS THERE FOR YOU

The API San Joaquín de Flores program has a highly qualified, trained, and experienced English-speaking Resident Director named Esteban. He is from Costa Rica and will make sure that your time abroad is the best it can be!



**SAN JOAQUÍN DE FLORES ON-SITE  
RESIDENT DIRECTOR**  
ESTEBAN





# SUSTAINABILITY & ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES PROGRAM

## INSTITUTO SAN JOAQUÍN DE FLORES

CLASSES TAUGHT IN ENGLISH AND SPANISH • TRANSCRIPT FROM U.S. ACCREDITED INSTITUTION (FAIRFIELD UNIVERSITY)  
COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES • VOLUNTEER ADD-ON OPTIONS • INTERNSHIP EXPERIENCE

### REQUIREMENTS

- Minimum 3.0 G.P.A.
- Open to freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and seniors
- Open to intermediate, advanced, and superior-level Spanish speakers
- Valid passport with supporting documents

### HOUSING

- Host family
- Meals and laundry service are included

### DATES AND DEADLINES

#### SPRING SEMESTER

January 4 - May 12, 2018

**APPLICATION DEADLINE**

October 10

#### FALL SEMESTER

Mid-August - Early January, 2019

**APPLICATION DEADLINE**

June 10

#### EXCURSIONS, COURSES, ENTRY REQUIREMENTS, DATES, AND FEES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

Students are encouraged to visit the API website for the most current information and official program dates for each session.



### ACADEMIC PROGRAM

#### TOTAL CREDIT HOURS

**COURSES: 12 U.S. SEMESTER CREDITS; INTERNSHIP:**

**1-4 U.S. SEMESTER CREDITS (SUBJECT TO HOME INSTITUTION APPROVAL)**

Designed for American students, this program at the Instituto San Joaquín de Flores offers student unparalleled insight into the biodiversity of Costa Rica and the country's efforts to promote sustainability. Students will experience firsthand the beauty of Costa Rica's flora and fauna while interacting with "ticos" (as Costa Ricans refer to themselves) within their host families, during a 4-week internship placement, and while enjoying cultural activities.

#### INTENSIVE TRAVEL PERIOD

Students will spend the first two weeks of the program (prior to beginning formal classes at the Instituto) traveling to a variety of sites within Costa Rica's central valley and exploring one of Costa Rica's renowned national parks and beaches.

#### ACADEMIC SESSION

Once the academic session begins, students will continue to explore the biodiversity of Costa Rica and complement classroom discussions by participating in three weekend excursions throughout the country and six daytrips.

#### INTERNSHIP EXPERIENCE

The program culminates with the completion of a 4-week internship, upon which students receive a certificate that can be presented to their home university for credit evaluation. Students can choose to focus on one of the following themes: 1) Turtle protection, 2) Rehabilitation of wild animals, 3) Species cataloging, 4) Protected areas conservation, 5) Beach cleaning. Most students will not stay in SJDF during the internship period, but will most likely be working and staying within national parks or other natural areas.

#### TRANSCRIPTS

API students receive a transcript for their coursework from U.S. – accredited Fairfield University upon completion of the program. The Instituto San Joaquín de Flores will issue students a certificate for their internship hours.





# SPANISH LANGUAGE AND LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES

## INSTITUTO SAN JOAQUÍN DE FLORES

CLASSES TAUGHT IN SPANISH • TRANSCRIPT FROM U.S. ACCREDITED INSTITUTION (FAIRFIELD UNIVERSITY)  
INTERNATIONAL EXCURSION • VOLUNTEER ADD-ON OPTIONS

### REQUIREMENTS

- Minimum 3.0 G.P.A.
- Open to freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and seniors
- Open to high-intermediate, advanced, and superior-level Spanish students
- Completed API application
- University contact information form
- One letter of recommendation
- Official transcript
- Entry requirement: valid passport

### HOUSING

- Host family
- Meals and laundry service are included

### DATES AND DEADLINES

#### SPRING SEMESTER

January 6 - May 12, 2018

#### APPLICATION DEADLINE

October 20

#### FALL SEMESTER

Late August - Mid-December

#### ACADEMIC YEAR

Late August - Mid-May

#### APPLICATION DEADLINE

June 10

\*Students with a GPA of 2.75 and up are highly encouraged to apply if they have strong Spanish language skills.

#### EXCURSIONS, COURSES, ENTRY REQUIREMENTS, DATES, AND FEES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

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### ACADEMIC PROGRAM

#### TOTAL CREDIT HOURS

180-270 HOURS PER SEMESTER 12-18 SEMESTER CREDITS

Designed for American students, the study abroad program in San Joaquín de Flores program at the Instituto San Joaquín de Flores offers advanced and superior level Spanish language courses along with a variety of electives including arts, literature, cultural studies, sociology, and environmental studies taught in Spanish. Students will have the opportunity to interact with "ticos" (as Costa Ricans refer to themselves) outside of the classroom by participating in community service opportunities and cultural activities. All students enroll in 4-6 classes per semester. All students are highly encouraged to enroll in a Spanish language class. Each student's language level is determined by a Spanish placement exam administered upon arrival by the Instituto San Joaquín de Flores.

#### COMMUNITY-BASED LEARNING

Advanced-level students who seek active involvement with local community members in San Joaquín are encouraged to select the Advanced Spanish Conversation course. As part of the course, students complete 20 or more hours of community service at local schools, libraries or retirement homes.

#### TRANSCRIPTS

API students receive a transcript from U.S. – accredited Fairfield University upon completion of the program.







# INTENSIVE LANGUAGE AND CULTURE SUMMER

## INSTITUTO SAN JOAQUÍN DE FLORES

CLASSES TAUGHT IN SPANISH • TRANSCRIPT FROM U.S. ACCREDITED INSTITUTION (FAIRFIELD UNIVERSITY) • COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES  
VOLUNTEER ADD-ON OPTIONS

### REQUIREMENTS

- Minimum 3.0 G.P.A.
- Open to freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and seniors
- Open to intermediate, advanced, and superior-level Spanish speakers
- Completed API application
- University contact information form
- One letter of recommendation
- Official transcript
- Entry requirement: valid passport with supporting documents

### HOUSING

- Host family
- Meals and laundry service are included

### DATES AND DEADLINES

#### SUMMER 1

May 14 - June 30, 2018

#### SUMMER 2

July 2 - August 18, 2018

#### SUMMER 1 & 2 COMBINED

May 14 - August 18, 2018

#### APPLICATION DEADLINE

April 1

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### ACADEMIC PROGRAM

#### TOTAL CREDIT HOURS

90 HOURS PER SESSION

6 SEMESTER CREDITS

This summer study abroad program at the Instituto San Joaquín de Flores focuses on intensive language and culture for students at the intermediate level of Spanish and higher. Students complete up to two classes for a total of 6 semester credits per session. Each student will complete a placement exam administered upon arrival by the Instituto San Joaquín de Flores.

#### TRANSCRIPTS

API students receive a transcript for their coursework from U.S. – accredited Fairfield University upon completion of the program.

### ADD ON A VOLUNTEER PROGRAM!

API students completing a study abroad program (particularly in Latin America) may be interested in extending their stay on an API volunteer abroad program. Click on the link below for more information on options and pricing.



# SPANISH FOR MEDICAL PROFESSIONS SUMMER

## INSTITUTO SAN JOAQUÍN DE FLORES

CLASSES TAUGHT IN SPANISH • TRANSCRIPT FROM U.S. ACCREDITED INSTITUTION (FAIRFIELD UNIVERSITY) • COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES  
VOLUNTEER ADD-ON OPTIONS

### REQUIREMENTS

- Minimum 3.0 G.P.A.
- Open to sophomores, juniors, and seniors
- No previous knowledge of Spanish is required, but one semester is recommended
- Completed API application
- University contact information form
- One letter of recommendation
- Official transcript
- Additional supplemental materials
- Entry requirement: valid passport with supporting documents (more information provided post-acceptance)

### HOUSING

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### DATES AND DEADLINES

#### SUMMER 1

May 14 - June 30, 2018

APPLICATION DEADLINE

April 1

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### ACADEMIC PROGRAM

#### TOTAL CREDIT HOURS

90 HOURS PER SESSION

6 SEMESTER CREDITS

Students in this study abroad program will complete two courses and earn a total of six semester credits. The core course, entitled "Communication for Medical Professions," is designed to help students to communicate more effectively with Spanish speakers requiring medical attention and to learn how cultural norms can influence interactions between medical professionals and their patients. Students will extensively study the Costa Rican healthcare system. In addition to the core course, students will complete a standard advanced Spanish grammar course. Students who have already completed advanced grammar courses at their home university are welcome to select a culture course from the Intensive Language and Culture Program. Students are advised, however, that the "Communication for Medical Professions" course is very time-intensive and culture course options may be limited due to scheduling conflicts.

#### TRANSCRIPTS

API students receive a transcript for their coursework from U.S. – accredited Fairfield University upon completion of the program.





# SAN JOSÉ



## HOST UNIVERSITIES

International Center for Development Studies

Universidad Veritas



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## EXCURSIONS

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MANUEL ANTONIO **SPRING** VERITAS  
MONUMENTO NACIONAL GUAYABO  
AND VALLE DE OROSÍ **WINTER** VERITAS / **SUMMER 2** VERITAS  
MONTEVERDE **SUMMER 1** VERITAS & ICDS  
NICARAGUA **WINTER** ICDS / **SPRING** ICDS / **FALL** ICDS  
**INTERNATIONAL EXCURSION**  
PANAMA **SPRING** VERITAS / **FALL** VERITAS  
**INTERNATIONAL EXCURSION**  
RINCON DE LA VIEJA **WINTER** VERITAS / **SPRING** ICDS  
VOLCAN ARENAL AND FORTUNA  
**FALL** VERITAS & ICDS / **SUMMER 2** VERITAS & ICDS  
VOLCÁN IRAZÚ NATIONAL PARK & VALLE DE OROSÍ  
**SPRING** VERITAS / **FALL** VERITAS / **SUMMER 1** VERITAS  
VOLCÁN POAZ **WINTER** VERITAS

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RESIDENT DIRECTOR**  
FRANCY





# SPANISH AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SUMMER INTERNATIONAL CENTER FOR DEVELOPMENT STUDIES

CLASSES TAUGHT IN SPANISH • COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES WITH THE LOCAL COMMUNITY

## REQUIREMENTS

- Minimum of 2.75 G.P.A.
- Open to rising sophomores, juniors and seniors
- Open to high beginner and above-level Spanish speakers
- Completed API application
- University contact information form
- One letter of recommendation
- One official transcript
- Entry requirement: valid passport with supporting documents

## HOUSING

- Host family
- Meals and laundry service are included

## DATES AND DEADLINES

### SUMMER 1

May 31, 2018 - July 13, 2018

APPLICATION DEADLINE

April 1

EXCURSIONS, COURSES, ENTRY REQUIREMENTS, DATES, AND FEES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

Students are encouraged to visit the API website for the most current information and official program dates for each session.

## ACADEMIC PROGRAM

### TOTAL CREDIT HOURS

90 HOURS PER SESSION

6 SEMESTER CREDITS

The Spanish and Community Engagement Program at ICDS offers students the opportunity to improve their Spanish language skills while gaining exposure to the Costa Rican society and culture. Students will complete 3 hours of class Monday through Thursday afternoons, following a morning spent engaging in community service.

The community service experiences will be incorporated into the classroom, through interactive exercises such as debates and presentations, as well as the completion of reflective essays, journals, blogs, etc.

Some examples of community work available include volunteering with a sustainable farm, helping at-risk children at a local school or community center, working with marginalized seniors, classifying pre-Columbian artifacts at a local museum, and working with migrant communities.

### TRANSCRIPTS

Transcripts are issued jointly by the Universidad Latina de Costa Rica and the International Center for Development Studies (ICDS). Universidad Latina is accredited by the National Council of Higher Education, National Accreditation System for Higher Education (SINAES) and Red Iberoamericana para la Acreditación de la Calidad de la Educación Superior (RIACES). Universidad Latina also is a Project Management Institute Global Accreditation Center for project management education programs.



# HEALTH IN LATIN AMERICA

## INTERNATIONAL CENTER FOR DEVELOPMENT STUDIES

CLASSES TAUGHT IN ENGLISH AND SPANISH • DESIGNED FOR STUDENTS CONCENTRATING IN THE HEALTH FIELDS • VISITS TO LOCAL HEALTHCARE FACILITIES • OPPORTUNITIES FOR CLINICAL OBSERVATION ON MEDICAL ROTATIONS

### REQUIREMENTS

- Minimum 2.75 G.P.A.
- Open to sophomores, juniors, and seniors
- Open to students with a minimum of one year of college-level Spanish or the equivalent required
- Completed API application
- University contact information form
- One letter of recommendation
- Official transcript
- Entry requirement: valid passport with supporting documents (more information provided post-acceptance)

### HOUSING

- Host family
- Meals and laundry service are included

### DATES AND DEADLINES

#### SPRING SEMESTER

January 4 - March 17, 2018

**APPLICATION DEADLINE**

October 20

#### SUMMER 2

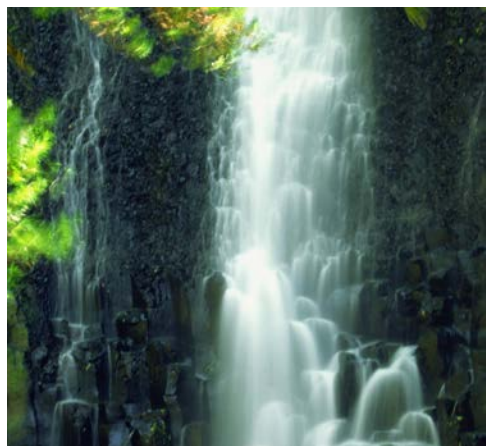
June 28 - August 10, 2018

**APPLICATION DEADLINE**

April 1

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### ACADEMIC PROGRAM

#### TOTAL CREDIT HOURS

##### SPRING

**195 HOURS PER QUARTER**

**12 SEMESTER CREDITS**

##### SUMMER

**105 HOURS PER SESSION**

**6 SEMESTER CREDITS**

This program is ideal for those who want to pursue health studies in Latin America. The International Center for Development Studies (ICDS), in partnership with Hospital Clínica Bíblica, offers an eleven-week program to provide university students in the health fields an opportunity to improve their language proficiency and interact with Spanish-speaking patients and their families, while gaining a more in-depth understanding of healthcare in Latin America.

Two of the courses offered will be taught under the care of Hospital Clínica Bíblica, Costa Rica's largest and most prestigious private hospital with over 70 years of experience.

The program offers two weekend field study field trips around the country.

#### CLINICAL VISITS

Through the Clínica Bíblica, ICDS is able to offer students the option to observe rotations with local doctors. There will be 10 spaces available in the winter program and students will observe the doctor's rotations on Tuesday and Thursday mornings (so as to avoid time conflicts with coursework). The option has no credit attached to it. Interested students will be required to demonstrate an advanced level of Spanish proficiency. For more information on this option, contact the API San José Program Manager.

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# DEVELOPMENT STUDIES IN LATIN AMERICA

## INTERNATIONAL CENTER FOR DEVELOPMENT STUDIES

CLASSES TAUGHT IN SPANISH AND ENGLISH • COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES  
INTERNATIONAL EXCURSION

SAN JOSÉ  
COSTA RICA

### REQUIREMENTS

- Minimum 2.75 G.P.A.
- Open to sophomores, juniors, and seniors
- No previous knowledge of Spanish is required, but one semester is recommended
- Completed API application
- University contact information form
- One letter of recommendation
- Official transcript
- Additional supplemental materials
- Entry requirement: valid passport with supporting documents (more information provided post-acceptance)

### HOUSING

- Host family
- Meals and laundry service are included

### DATES AND DEADLINES

#### SPRING SEMESTER

January 10 - April 14, 2018

APPLICATION DEADLINE

October 20

#### FALL SEMESTER EARLY START

Early August - Early December

#### FALL SEMESTER

Late August - Early December

APPLICATION DEADLINE

June 10

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DATES, AND FEES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

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### ACADEMIC PROGRAM

#### TOTAL CREDIT HOURS

225 HOURS PER SEMESTER

SEMESTER: 15 SEMESTER CREDITS

This program combines academics, service-learning, and cultural immersion to provide students with the opportunity to acquire in-depth knowledge of human rights, analyze challenges to environmental sustainability, and understand human development in greater complexity. Social justice, sustainability, gender issues, social cohesion, the dichotomy of exclusion and inclusion, as well as the relationship between Latin America and the United States, are just some of the many themes of development explored in this program. The analysis of case studies and hands-on engagement with the local community are features of this program.

The program features two core courses that all students will complete. "Community Engagement and Sustainable Human Development" is a service-learning course in which students participate in community-based volunteer work followed by guided reflection sessions to properly contextualize their experiences. Additionally, students will complete a Spanish language course to further develop their language skills. Though all courses other than the language class are taught in English, students can choose to progressively incorporate Spanish into their coursework. Students may elect to complete readings in Spanish and submit all papers and other projects in Spanish as well. As of the fall of 2016, coursework in Spanish will also be available if a minimum number of participants are interested in this option. These features give this program a bilingual character which, combined with living with local families and numerous field trips to sites throughout the country and to Nicaragua, provide students with an excellent opportunity for linguistic and cultural immersion.

Teaching for the standard, semester program takes place at the Universidad Latina in Lourdes de Montes de Oca (San José), both a business and residential area to the northeast of downtown San José. Universidad Latina de Costa Rica is the country's largest private higher institution of learning. With a student body of 16,000, the university features a very modern infrastructure, including libraries, bookstores, copy shops, coffee shops and a food court.

#### ACADEMIC FIELD TRIPS

To illustrate and better understand the subject of study, students benefit from several field trips where they can observe such varied activities as nature tourism, applied biological research, wildlife management and other examples of sustainable human development at work.

#### TRANSCRIPTS

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# INTENSIVE LANGUAGE UNIVERSIDAD VERITAS

CLASSES TAUGHT IN ENGLISH AND SPANISH • VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE • INTERNATIONAL EXCURSION

## REQUIREMENTS

- Minimum 2.6 G.P.A.
- Open to sophomores, juniors, and seniors
- No previous knowledge of Spanish is required, but one semester is recommended
- Completed API application
- University contact information form
- One letter of recommendation
- Official transcript
- Entry requirement: valid passport with supporting documents (more information provided post-acceptance)

## DATES AND DEADLINES

### WINTER QUARTER

January 6 - April 7, 2018

### WINTER AND SPRING COMBINED

January 6 - June 30, 2018

**APPLICATION DEADLINE** October 20

### SPRING SEMESTER

March 3 - June 30, 2018

**APPLICATION DEADLINE** December 15

### SPRING QUARTER

April 7 - June 30, 2018

**APPLICATION DEADLINE** February 1

### FALL SEMESTER

Early September - Late December

### FALL QUARTER

Late September - Late December

**APPLICATION DEADLINE** June 10

### SUMMER 1

Late May - Early July

### SUMMER 2 TRACK 1

Early July - Early August

### SUMMER 2 TRACK 2

Early - Early August

### SUMMER 1 & 2 COMBINED TRACK 1

Late May - Early August

### SUMMER 1 & 2 COMBINED TRACK 2

Late May - Early August

**APPLICATION DEADLINE** April 1

## ACADEMIC PROGRAM

### TOTAL CREDIT HOURS

#### SEMESTER

**QUARTER: 288-300 CONTACT HOURS PER SEMESTER;  
12-19 SEMESTER CREDITS**

#### SUMMER

**105 HOURS PER SESSION  
6 SEMESTER CREDITS**

The Intensive Language Program at the Universidad Veritas facilitates rapid acquisition of Spanish language skills. Students participating in a quarter program will complete a series of three, 4-week intensive Spanish courses. Each language course has a total of 80 contact hours; students are advised that U.S. universities may award 3-5 credits for each intensive Spanish course. All students will complete a Spanish placement test online prior to their departure to determine their Spanish level.

Students who select the early-start option in either the fall or spring quarter complete one additional 4-week intensive Spanish course prior to the start of the standard quarter program. This option is recommended for students coming from a U.S. university on the semester system.

Students in the Intensive Language Program are also welcome to select one 12-week elective course that will run concurrently with the intensive Spanish language courses. Contact hours for each elective course range from 48 to 60 hours and students are advised that their home institution could choose to award between 3-4 U.S. semester credits for each elective course.

### TRANSCRIPTS

API students receive a transcript from the Universidad Veritas upon completion of their program.

## HOUSING

- Host family
- Meals and laundry service are included

### EXCURSIONS, COURSES, ENTRY REQUIREMENTS, DATES, AND FEES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

Students are encouraged to visit the API website for the most current information and official program dates for each session.





# LANGUAGE AND CULTURE PROGRAM

## UNIVERSIDAD VERITAS

CLASSES TAUGHT IN SPANISH AND ENGLISH • CERTIFICATE OPTION • VOLUNTEER ADD-ON OPTIONS

### REQUIREMENTS

- Minimum 2.6 G.P.A.
- Open to sophomores, juniors, and seniors
- No previous knowledge of Spanish is required, but one semester is recommended
- Completed API application
- University contact information form
- One letter of recommendation
- Official transcript
- Additional supplemental materials
- Entry requirement: valid passport with supporting documents (more information provided post-acceptance)

### HOUSING

- Host family
- Meals and laundry service are included

### DATES AND DEADLINES

#### WINTER QUARTER

January 6 - April 7, 2018

#### WINTER AND SPRING COMBINED

January 6 - June 30, 2018

**APPLICATION DEADLINE** October 20

#### SPRING SEMESTER

March 3 - June 30

**APPLICATION DEADLINE** December 15

#### SPRING QUARTER

April 7 - June 30, 2018

**APPLICATION DEADLINE** February 1

#### FALL SEMESTER

September 1 - December 22, 2018

#### FALL QUARTER

September 29 - December 22, 2018

#### ACADEMIC YEAR **EARLY START**

September 1 - Late June 2019

#### ACADEMIC YEAR

September 29 - Late June 2019

**APPLICATION DEADLINE** June 10

**EXCURSIONS, COURSES, ENTRY REQUIREMENTS, DATES, AND FEES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.**

Students are encouraged to visit the API website for the most current information and official program dates for each session.

### ACADEMIC PROGRAM

#### TOTAL CREDIT HOURS

**QUARTER: 224-260 HOURS PER SEMESTER**

**12-17 SEMESTER CREDITS**

**EARLY START QUARTER: 304-340 HOURS PER SEMESTER**

**15-22 SEMESTER CREDITS**

Students who choose to study abroad in San José through API's Language and Culture Program at the Universidad Veritas have the opportunity to complete a Spanish language course and select from a wide variety of elective course offerings in English or Spanish.

Students participating in the quarter program complete one intensive, 4-week Spanish course (representing a total of 80 contact hours) and three elective courses. Contact hours for each elective course range from 48 to 60 hours and students are advised that their home institution could choose to award between 3-4 U.S. semester credits for each elective course. All students will complete a Spanish placement test online prior to their departure to determine their Spanish level.

Students who select the early-start option in either the fall or spring quarter complete one additional 4-week, Spanish intensive course prior to the start of the standard quarter. Academic Year students complete the standard fall, winter and spring quarters at Universidad Veritas.

#### CERTIFICATE OPTION

The Universidad Veritas invites students to consider completing one of eight new certificate options. If selected, students will complete select courses in a given area of study. A minimum of four electives in the subject area in question must be completed to earn the certificate. More information is available on the course information section.

The certificate option is best combined with an early-start program.

#### TRANSCRIPTS

API students receive a transcript from the Universidad Veritas upon completion of their program.





# UNIVERSIDAD VERITAS ART AND DESIGN PROGRAM

## UNIVERSIDAD VERITAS

CLASSES TAUGHT IN SPANISH • VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE • INTERNATIONAL EXCURSION IN FALL SEMESTER

### REQUIREMENTS

- Minimum 2.6 G.P.A.
- Open to sophomores, juniors, and seniors
- Open to advanced Spanish speakers
- Completed API application
- University contact information form
- One letter of recommendation
- Official transcript
- Entry requirement: valid passport with supporting documents (more information provided post-acceptance)

### HOUSING

- Host family
- Meals and laundry service are included

### DATES AND DEADLINES

#### SPRING SEMESTER

January 13 - April 28, 2018

**APPLICATION DEADLINE** OCTOBER 20

#### FALL SEMESTER

Early September - Mid-December

#### ACADEMIC YEAR

Early September - Late April

**APPLICATION DEADLINE** June 10

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### ACADEMIC PROGRAM

#### TOTAL CREDIT HOURS

**12-18 CREDIT HOURS**

This program offers advanced Spanish speakers the opportunity to study art and design abroad by taking integrated courses with local Costa Rican students in the areas of advertising design, architecture, digital animation, interior design, photography, and product design. Students are highly encouraged to complete an intensive month of Spanish upon arrival and may consider taking one elective course in Spanish for international students to complement their studies with local students. Program fees include a maximum of up to 18 credit hours, which may consist of a mix of integrated courses with Costa Rican students and 1-2 courses designed for visiting international students.

All students will complete an online Spanish written placement test prior to departure. Students who do not demonstrate a high level of Spanish will be asked to consider alternate program options at Veritas for visiting international students.

#### TRANSCRIPTS

API students receive a transcript from the Universidad Veritas upon completion of their program.





# THE API DIFFERENCE

*"This has been the most incredible experience of my life and I would not have enjoyed my time nearly as much if it weren't for all that API has done for me! From the excursions, to the help with academics and housing, to the kind staff, I can't believe I got so lucky in picking the best study abroad program."*

*- Bailey J. / Saint Michael's College*







NOT ALL THOSE WHO WANDER ARE LOST. - J. R. R. TOLKIEN



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