

# COSTA RICA

Universidad Veritas



## ...ABOUT THE PROGRAM

- Available spring, summer, and fall
- Variety of classes in Spanish and English with easy transfer of credits
- Homestay with Costa Rican families
- Direct enrollment (You pay tuition to Veritas)

## ...WHY SAN JOSÉ?

San José is the capital city of Costa Rica and one of the country's most diverse areas. Both a cosmopolitan region and a traditional Central American city, San José offers a dense culture and history, and a bustling nightlife. Attractions in the city include the Costa Rican National Museum, the Jade Museum, and Central Park. While locals are incredibly friendly and many understand English, exploring the city is also a great way to improve Spanish language skills. San José's central location offers convenient access to the Pacific and Atlantic coasts as well as numerous national parks set in one of the most biodiverse countries in the world, Costa Rica.

## ...STUDY AT UNIVERSIDAD VERITAS

Universidad Veritas is an independent private university, fully accredited by the Costa Rican Ministry of Education. Founded fifty years ago, the University is renowned for its art, architecture and photography programs, and offers English and Spanish taught coursework in areas including sustainability, psychology and business, in which both international and domestic students are connected.

## ...ELIGIBILITY

- Undergraduate student
- Good academic standing (2.5 GPA)
- One year's residency at Chatham prior to study abroad

## ...APPLICATION DEADLINES AND PROGRAM DATES

### SPRING 2024

Application Deadline	October 29, 2023
Entry Date	January 8, 2024

### SUMMER 2024

Application Deadline	March 30, 2024
Entry Date	May 27, June 3, or July 8, 2024

### FALL 2024

Application Deadline	March 29, 2024
Entry Date	Sept. 2 or Sept 30, 2024

## ...ACADEMICS

Universidad Veritas offers a wide range of study abroad coursework on its tropical campus. Students can choose from English or Spanish taught courses, full-immersion study with local students, short-term programs and internships to build an educational experience that fits their needs. Intensive Spanish language courses are available each month.

Students can take up to five classes a term. Summer students normally take two classes per five-week term (late May and early July starts). Course offerings are available in the following areas: arts and humanities, biology and environmental sciences, business and economics, communications, marketing and technology, wellness and psychology, history, politics and international relations, sustainable studies, and theological studies.

See [studyabroad.veritas.cr/courses](https://studyabroad.veritas.cr/courses)

## ...INTERNSHIPS

Internships are available in different areas of study such as design, sustainability, biology, and business. In order to qualify for the internship, students must have taken at least five courses in the area of study related to the internship, three of which must be junior or senior level courses. To intern, students must have a GPA of 2.6 or higher. Not all internships require Spanish language proficiency.

Learn more at [studyabroad.veritas.cr](https://studyabroad.veritas.cr) > Academics > Courses > Find Your Course: Category > Internships

## ...STUDENT SERVICES & ACTIVITIES

Veritas has many extracurricular activities and resources for students. The Cultural Integration Office (CIO) helps international students find ways to interact with locals and their culture. The CIO hosts a variety of events such as soccer tournaments, talent shows, student talks, a multicultural festival and tours around San José. Trips to different areas around Universidad Veritas are available throughout the semester as well as fee-based excursions to Tortuga island, the Irazu volcano, Nicaragua, and many other locations. Extracurricular activities include Illustrator Club, Yoga, Conversation Club, and a Scuba Diving group.

## ...ACCOMMODATIONS

Students can experience Costa Rican culture and practice their Spanish by living with a host family. All study abroad students are accommodated through homestays with Costa Rican families. Students will have a private room and will be provided breakfast and dinner seven days a week. Laundry service is provided once a week. Lunch can be purchased on or near campus during the week for \$5-\$10. All families live within walking distance of campus. Veritas also provides a shuttle for students with evening classes or extracurricular activities. More accommodation details can be found at [studyabroad.veritas.cr/housing](https://studyabroad.veritas.cr/housing).

## ...TO APPLY

Apply at [eadmissions.veritas.cr/apply/apply\\_now.html](https://eadmissions.veritas.cr/apply/apply_now.html).

## ...ESTIMATED COSTS

	SPRING 2024	SUMMER 2024 (5 WEEKS)	FALL 2024
<b>Tuition &amp; Fees</b>	\$4,800-5,625	\$1,220-3,825	\$4,800-5,625
<b>Housing</b>	\$3,528	\$1,470	\$3,528
<b>Additional Expenses</b>	\$2,000-3,000	\$1,400-1,700	\$2,000-3,000
<b>Approximate Total</b>	\$10,328-12,153	\$4,090-6,995	\$10,328-12,153

Tuition for semester and summer varies based on the type and number of classes a student takes. Summer budget is based on one 5-week term.

Tuition and fees are an estimate and are subject to change. All tuition and housing fees and dates should be confirmed with the program. Tuition and housing shall be paid directly to Universidad Veritas. "Additional Expenses" is an estimate for airfare, excursions, meals, books, insurance and transportation. Students are responsible for all expenses.

Chatham is committed to being as transparent as possible with respect to our study abroad financial arrangements. Financial transactions and business dealings are fully disclosed. Foreign currencies can be converted at [www.xe.com/currencyconverter/](https://www.xe.com/currencyconverter/).

