

Study Abroad in San José, Costa Rica

Universidad Latinoamericana de Ciencia y Tecnología (ULACIT)



About the University

Why choose ULACIT in Costa Rica?

The **Latin American University of Science and Technology (ULACIT)**, based in San José, is an enterprising and fully bilingual institution that has led higher education in Central America since 1987. It prepares students to lead in science, technology, and business using a unique "Teaching for Understanding" (TfU) methodology. This innovative approach features 0% exams and 100% project-based learning, focusing on cases and field experiences.

- **#1 Private University** in Costa Rica & Central America (15 years)
- **Fully Bilingual:** 95+ English-taught courses
- **Practice-Driven:** Real projects & SDG focus
- **San José Hub:** City life and close to volcanoes, rainforests & beaches
- **International Campus** Diverse community with students from 15+ countries
- **Costa Rica:** Happiness first - peaceful, sustainable, world-class, and proudly multicultural

Application requirements

How to apply for ULACIT?

To apply for a study abroad term at ULACIT, please prepare the following:

- **A scanned copy of your passport** (valid min. 6 months after the end of the semester)
- **Your Transcript of Records**
- **The International Nomination Form**
- **Your preferred course selection**
- **Immigration Status Form**
- **Image consent form & Commitment letter**
- **Medical insurance verification & Proof of your international health insurance**

You will receive templates of the required documents in our application portal. To apply, students must be at least 18 years old. Final admittance is confirmed once all documentation and payments are finalized. Students must present a valid outbound exit ticket when entering Costa Rica.

Experiential Learning

Learning is hands-on and experience-based



Academic Calendar

Flexible Start Dates

ULACIT offers 2 intakes per year (January & September) and in addition two summer sessions (6 weeks).

Spring Period:
January 12th to April 25th, 2026

Summer Abroad:
Session 1 (June 15th – July 24th)
Session 2 (August 3rd – September 13th)

Fall Period:
September 7th to December 19th, 2026

Bachelor & Master

Study Opportunities

Students can mix and match courses from seven specialized academic tracks:

1. Biomedical Engineering
2. Business & Marketing
3. IT Engineering
4. Industrial Engineering
5. Wellbeing & Psychology
6. Latin American & Development Studies
7. Spanish Immersion

Housing Options

Host Family Program

International students can stay with carefully selected host families within 30 minutes of campus.

Full Service: Includes all three meals, a private room, Wi-Fi, laundry, and house keys.

Cost: Approximately \$950 per month.

Student Voices
Reports on studying abroad

” Studying at ULACIT gave me a truly international perspective. The professors bring global experience into the classroom, and the close-knit community made me feel welcomed from day one.” **Katrina W. – Norway (Political Science & International Relations)**

” The academic experience combined with Costa Rica’s open and relaxed atmosphere made this one of the most enriching experiences of my studies.” **Sven V. – Germany (Industrial Engineering)**

” The university genuinely integrates study abroad students into campus life. When you study abroad without family or friends, that sense of integration makes all the difference.” **Chloe G. – Spain (Marketing & Public Relations)**

Visa Information
180-day provisional tourist visa

Residents of the European Union are typically awarded a 180-day provisional tourist visa automatically upon entry. For students staying longer or requiring a specific status, ULACIT assists with student visa extensions. Students must have a valid passport and an outbound exit ticket when entering the country.

Scholarships & Funding
How to pay for studying abroad?

Funding of studies abroad or semesters abroad are possible through scholarships. Scholarships are a great alternative for students who are not eligible for Auslands-BAföG and cannot take out a student loan. Since scholarships for studies abroad do not have to be refunded, they are quite popular for students.

More information can be found here:

- worldofstudents.org/en/funding/
- worldofstudents.org/en/scholarships/

Tuition & Credits
Discounts for World of Students participants included

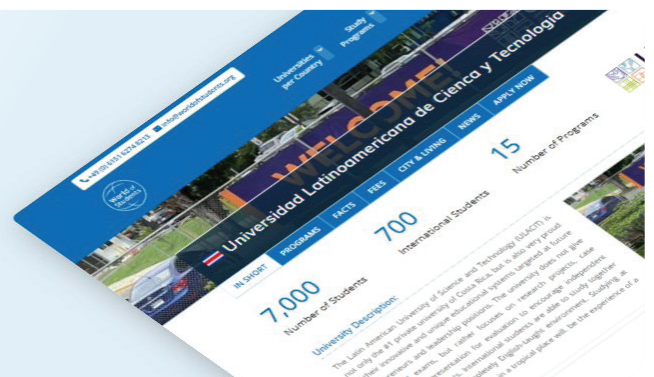
Packages <i>(courses + admissions fees)</i>	Course Amount	ECTS	US Credits	Tuition (USD)	Ideal For
Compact Semester	3	18 ECTS	9 US Credits	\$2,700	Students seeking minimum credit load
Standard Semester <i>(Recommended)</i>	4	24 ECTS	12 US Credits	\$3,490	Most popular option / balanced workload
Full Semester Immersion <i>(4 academic courses + Spanish immersion course)</i>	5	30 ECTS	15 US Credits	\$4,190	Full academic immersion

*Tuition fees are reviewed annually in September. Confirmed fees remain fixed for students once officially admitted. Fee adjustments are moderate and not expected to represent significant change.

More Information on our Website:



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