

VSU in Costa Rica 2013



Spanish Study Abroad Program

May 05 – June 01, 2013



The Spanish section of Modern and Classical Languages department at Valdosta State University offers students an opportunity to earn six credits in Spanish language, culture, and literature at ILISA Language Institute, located in the quiet suburb of San Pedro, not far from downtown San José. The city lies at an elevation of 3,809 ft above sea level, and enjoys a mild climate throughout the year, with an average temperature of 77°F.

San José is a modern city with bustling commerce, brisk expressions of art and architecture, and vibrant cultural venues. Costa Rica ranks among the top 5 countries in environmental performance worldwide and it has been declared one of the most visited international destinations for its rich biodiversity and exquisite natural beauty. Tropical rain forests, active volcanoes and beautiful white sand beaches are among the major attractions.

Highlights:

- Room and board with host family
- Small class sizes (6 max.)
- Excursions to Irazú Volcano, Poás Volcano, La Paz Waterfall Gardens, Tropical Forest, Arenal Volcano, Punta Leona Beach Resort
- Variety of additional cultural excursions and activities
- Free wireless internet access at school

COURSE OFFERINGS: Students will be required to take two classes from the following: SPAN 1001, 1002, 1111, 2001, 2002, 2010, 2011, 3010, 3012, 3014, 3160, 3200, 3270, 4010, 4110, 4020, 4950, 4900.



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2013 Program fee: \$3,890 plus VSU tuition*

*Financial Aid available to qualifying students.

Eligibility: VSU students in good academic standing and financially cleared.

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The VSU in Costa Rica program was established to provide students with an opportunity to earn six credits in Spanish in a summer study program. The program encourages integration into Costa Rican life with daily interaction with Costa Rican families and university students. Guided visits will be provided to the city's pride sites such as the Jade Museum, the Costa Rican Art Museum, the Pre-Columbian Gold Museum, as well as The Mercado Central.

Students will not only enjoy the historic sites, but also all that a university town has to offer such as the Costa Rican discotheques, live music venues, film festivals, theater productions, crafts and the extraordinary capacities of traditional medicine.

Financial Aid

VSU students needing financial aid should apply through Student Financial Aid.

Scholarships may be available through Gilman Scholarship Program: gilman@iee.org

Fees include: Twenty hours of Spanish instruction per week, books, housing with host family in double occupancy room, three meals per day, free wireless internet access at the school, weekly laundry service, supplemental cultural activities including cooking, music and dancing classes, special lectures, entrance fees to museums and other cultural excursions, all inclusive weekend excursions, health insurance, transportation to/from San José international airport and the host family, round trip airline ticket Atlanta-San José-Atlanta and departure fees.

Deadline for applications and the deposit of \$200 for this program is: **November 27, 2012.**

Not Included in the program fees: The fee does not include transportation to/from the Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport, passport or personal activity/spending money.

Housing

Room and board with a host family is included in the program price as well as weekly laundry service.

Each family has been carefully selected by the resident staff of the hosting institution, ILISA, in order to accommodate students' specific needs and ensure a comfortable living situation.

The home stay provides the opportunity for students to experience aspects of the Costa Rican lifestyle that are inaccessible to the average visitor to Costa Rica, not to mention the fabulous opportunity to practice the Spanish language.



Academic Credits

As a VSU program, credits taken can satisfy major, minor, and university requirements with prior approval.

