



UH & Sol Education Abroad
General Programs 2014 - HEREDIA, COSTA RICA

The **University of Houston (UH)** and **Sol Education Abroad** (affiliated provider) offer a unique intensive language and cultural learning experience in **Heredia, Costa Rica** at the Universidad Latina (ULatina). During this immersion, students may take Spanish courses in the *Beginning* (1000), *Intermediate* (2000) and *Advanced* (3000) levels or classes in other subject areas (in Spanish).

UH's General Programs are offered year-round. Students stay for Summer, Semester, Winter Break or up to Academic Year sessions. Please contact Maria Saldaña <mjsaldana@uh.edu>, advisor at the Office of International Studies and Programs (OISP), to get further details and complete necessary paperwork at the University of Houston for credit transfer.

DATES & PRICES & CREDITS Below is a list of all program options.

| COSTA RICA PROGRAM Latin University | SUMMER sessions | | | SEMESTER sessions | YEAR-ROUND |
|--|---|--|--|---|--|
| | 6 weeks | 9 weeks | 12 weeks* | 15 - 16 weeks | 5 weeks |
| Dates - 2014 | May 10 - June 21 May 31 - July 12 June 21 - Aug 2 July 12 - Aug 23 | May 10 - July 12 May 31 - Aug 2 June 21 - Aug 23 | May 10 - Aug 2 May 31 - Aug 23 | Jan 11 - Apr 26 Aug 30 - Dec 20 | Any dates you want! |
| Number of Classes | 2 | 3 | 4 | 4 - 5 | 2 |
| Classes Available | 1501 & 1502 OR 1502 & 2301 OR 2301 & 2302 OR 2 Adv. Span | 1501, 1502 & 2301 OR 1502, 2301 & 2302 OR 2301, 2302 & 1 Adv. Span OR 2302 & 2 Adv. Span | 1501, 1502, 2301 & 2302 OR 1502, 2301, 2302 & 1 Adv. Span OR 2301, 2302 & 2 Adv. Span OR 4 Adv. Span | 1501, 1502, 2301, 2302, Adv. Span OR 4 - 5 classes of Language & Classes with Locals (regular university courses) | 1501 & 1502 OR 1502 & 2301 OR 2301 & 2302 OR 2 Adv. Span |
| Credits to Transfer | 6 - 10 | 9 - 13 | 12 - 16 | 15 - 16 | 6 - 10 |
| Total cost (US) | \$4,145 | \$5,245 | \$7,245 | \$8,245 | \$3,595 |

*If you plan to take over 14 hours in the summer this may require a petition for overload that is signed by the department of major. 08/26/13

PROGRAM COST INCLUDES:

Tuition at host university (includes books & fees), room & board with host family, 3 meals a day, laundry, weekend excursions (3), cultural activities (summer: 3 to 4/week, semester: 1 to 2/week), international medical insurance, welcome & farewell event, onsite orientation, airport transfers, transcript, 24/7 onsite director support. *Not included in the above price: round trip airfare & personal spending money.*

PAYMENTS:

- **\$150** program deposit is due when you apply online with Sol Education Abroad. The deposit is applied towards your program price and IS NOT an additional fee. You can pay online by check (at NO CHARGE to you) or pay by credit card (where you pay a small processing fee): <http://www.soleducation.com/payonline>
- Final Payment is due to Sol Education Abroad, one month before departure, also payable online.

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COURSES OFFERED:

SPANISH CLASSES - Summer & Semester sessions

- Beginning:** ♦ SPAN 1501 Elementary Spanish I
♦ SPAN 1502 Elementary Spanish II
- Intermediate:** ♦ SPAN 2301 Intermediate Spanish I
♦ SPAN 2302 Intermediate Spanish II
- Advanced (year-round):**
♦ SPAN 3301 Oral Communication
♦ SPAN 3302 Written Communication

- ♦ SPAN 3305 Spanish Grammar Review
- Advanced (summer only):**
♦ SPAN 3394 Selected Topics in:
Latin American Literature
Latin American Civilization & Culture

CLASSES WITH LOCALS – Semester ONLY (3 credit hours each) – in Spanish and in many subjects!

For many of these classes you will get approval from departments other than Hispanic Studies. Start at the OISP for guidance!

- ♦ Business
- ♦ Education
- ♦ Engineering
- ♦ Hotel & Restaurant Management
- ♦ Liberal Arts & Social Sciences
- ♦ Natural Sciences & Mathematics
- ♦ Pharmacy
- ♦ Technology

PROGRAM OVERVIEW:

Learn Spanish in one of the most beautiful countries in the world . . . ;Costa Rica! Explore the verdant cloud forests and tropical coastlines of the Central American country while immersing yourself in the Spanish language and culture.

ACADEMIC OVERVIEW:

The Universidad Latina (ULatina), located in Heredia, Costa Rica, is a private university fully accredited by the Costa Rican government. The Heredia location was founded in 1986 with a focus on Business Administration. Today the university has a full range of degrees for students from across Central America and other parts of the world. The ULatina is located on a spacious campus set amongst pine trees. Green space abounds for studying outside or for intramural sports. First-rate academics combined with a beautiful locale make the ULatina a world-class location for study abroad.

EXCURSIONS (all-inclusive, see website for details & photos):

- ♦ Pacific Beach Trip (Manuel Antonio National Park)
- ♦ Arenal Volcano, Hot Springs, Rain Forest Zipline, & La Fortuna Waterfall
- ♦ White-Water Rafting
- ♦ Poás Volcano Hike & La Paz Waterfall
- ♦ San José City Tour

CULTURAL ACTIVITIES SUCH AS (all-inclusive, see website for details & photos):

- ♦ Salsa & Merengue Dance Classes
- ♦ Hiking in Costa Rica
- ♦ Yoga Class
- ♦ Market Day
- ♦ Festivals
- ♦ Museum Visits
- ♦ Theater Night
- ♦ Traditional Cooking Class
- ♦ Heredia City Tour

APPLICATION PROCESS:

- 1) Complete **SoI Education Abroad's** online application at www.soleducation.com/apply
- 2) Complete **OISP's** online application at www.uh.edu/studyabroad/application/initial.php (take a printout to OISP of the online application for your first office visit)
- 3) Schedule an appointment with Maria Saldaña by email mjsaldana@uh.edu or by calling 713-743-9206. During your appointment, OISP will inform you of any other documents needed and deadlines.
- 4) Download the Course Equivalency Form from the OISP website. You must complete this form and take it to the Hispanic Studies Dept. (Agnes Arnold Hall Room 416) for advisor approval. Return the form to the OISP office after it is signed (501 E. Cullen Bldg., Room 501 F). If you are taking **CLASSES WITH LOCALS** in other subjects, the study abroad office can direct you to the appropriate advisor on campus.