

## FACT SHEET FOR VISITING STUDENTS 2020

Contact Information	
University of Costa Rica Official Website	<a href="http://www.ucr.ac.cr">www.ucr.ac.cr</a>
Student Mobility Website	<a href="https://oaice.ucr.ac.cr/es/movilidad-estudiantil/estudiantes-internacionales.html">https://oaice.ucr.ac.cr/es/movilidad-estudiantil/estudiantes-internacionales.html</a>
Student Mobility Coordinator	<p><b>Mg. Rita Jiménez Aguilar</b>  <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:rita.jimenez@ucr.ac.cr">rita.jimenez@ucr.ac.cr</a>; <a href="mailto:seme.oai@ucr.ac.cr">seme.oai@ucr.ac.cr</a>  <b>Teléfono:</b> (506)2511-1098 / (506)2511-1099/ (506)2511-1136 / (506)2511-1135            Oficina de Asuntos Internacionales y Cooperación Externa, 5º Nivel, Edificio Administrativo A., Ciudad Universitaria Rodrigo Facio, San Pedro de Montes de Oca, San José, Costa Rica            P.O. Box: 11501-2060, San Pedro de Montes de Oca, San José, Costa Rica</p>
Admission Requirements for Visiting Students	
Minimum GPA	8.0/10 equivalent to a 3.2/4.0. GPA (EEUU)
Language Requirements	<p>Proficiency in written and oral Spanish: level B2. Students have to complete the Spanish Proficiency Form that can be downloaded from the Student Mobility website. However, other B2 Spanish language level certificates may also be accepted.</p> <p>UCR offers language courses through the Spanish as a Foreign Language Program: <a href="https://www.spanishclasses.ucr.ac.cr">https://www.spanishclasses.ucr.ac.cr</a>. These classes have costs that cannot be waived through the specific agreements for student exchanges.</p>
Admission Form	Admission Form 2020: download it from UCR's Student Mobility website.
Application Deadlines	<p>First academic semester 2020 (March-July): October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019            Second academic semester 2020 (August-December): March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020</p>
Exchange Duration	Visiting Students can stay at the University of Costa Rica for one or two semesters, maximum.
Academic Information	
I Semester*	Orientation Session: February 26 <sup>th</sup> , 2020
	Beginning of classes: March 09 <sup>th</sup> , 2020
	End of classes: July 11 <sup>th</sup> , 2020
	Final Examinations: From July 13 <sup>th</sup> to July 18 <sup>th</sup> , 2020
II Semester*	Orientation: July 29 <sup>th</sup> , 2020
	Beginning of classes: August 10 <sup>th</sup> , 2020
	End of classes: December 04 <sup>th</sup> , 2020
	Final Examinations: From December 07 <sup>th</sup> to December 12 <sup>th</sup> , 2020
Language of Instruction	<p>Spanish</p> <p>Courses taught in English are available through tailored made programs for partner Universities. For further information regarding these programs, please contact Rita Jiménez at: <a href="mailto:rita.jimenez@ucr.ac.cr">rita.jimenez@ucr.ac.cr</a></p>

\*Tentative dates

<b>Course load</b>	12 Credits minimum/18 credits maximum. For local students, full-time workload is 16 credits per semester. Passing grade: 7.0/10.00
<b>Course Catalogues</b>	<a href="http://www.ucr.ac.cr/estudiantes/carreras">http://www.ucr.ac.cr/estudiantes/carreras</a>
<b>Programs available to Exchange Students</b>	Liberal and Fine Arts: Faculty of Letters, Faculty of Arts Social Sciences: Faculty of Social Sciences, Faculty of Economics, Faculty of Law, Faculty of Education Sciences: Faculty of Sciences Food and Agriculture Sciences: Faculty of Agri-food Sciences Engineering: Faculty of Engineering Health: Faculty of Medicine, Faculty of Dentistry, Faculty of Microbiology
<b>Restricted Programs</b>	The School of Medicine is not opened for exchange students, but other Schools from the Faculty of Medicine are. Applications from Dentistry students will be analyzed on a case-by-case basis.
<b>Accommodation</b>	
<b>Housing</b>	The UCR offers students the possibility to live with a host family during their stay at the UCR. The cost is USD\$700 per month, plus taxes, and the service includes two meals per day and laundry service once per week. However, students can look for apartments on their own. The UCR does not provide assistance in finding alternative housing for exchange students.
<b>Housing Application</b>	Application form for homestays with Costa Rican families: download it from UCR's Student Mobility website.
<b>Financial Information</b>	
<b>Tuition and Fees</b>	Students from a university that has a specific student mobility agreement with the University of Costa Rica do not have to pay for tuition. However, there is a mandatory fee that all students have to pay (approximately USD\$30 per semester). International students from universities that do not have an agreement with the UCR must pay approximately USD \$ 1,300 per semester, depending on the exchange rate.
<b>Financial Aid</b>	UCR does not offer financial aid to visiting students.
<b>Visa Information</b>	
<b>Visas</b>	In order to study in Costa Rica, it is required to get the temporary student visa in the country of origin, bring the documentation required by law and then, once in Costa Rica, obtain the Special Student Category. The cost to process the Special Student Category is approximately USD\$550, but it depends on the amount of translations or authentications required.
<b>Insurance</b>	
<b>Medical Insurance</b>	Students must have an international insurance that includes surgery, hospitalization, medical expenses and repatriation of remains that covers them during the entire stay in Costa Rica. Students can get basic medical assistance at the UCR Health Office.