

# ¡Bienvenidos a Costa Rica!

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## HOW TO APPLY

1. Create an account on Abroad Office— <http://ashland.abroadoffice.net>
2. On the left, choose 2019 AU Programs, then the AU in Costa Rica page. Click Apply to Program and complete application information.
3. Attend four Pre-Departure meetings, beginning in January.



## ABOUT AU IN COSTA RICA

The Intensive Spanish Study in Costa Rica is a program designed to provide students with an immersion experience. Students attend four hours of language instruction per day at *Conversa Language Center* in Santa Ana. For additional cultural experiences, students live with host families and have the option of participating in excursions. All excursions are optional and cost between \$1 and \$180. Education majors may participate in a two-week field experience following their intensive language program.

**ALUMNUS PERSPECTIVE:** “There is absolutely no better way to learn a language than living it. Studying in Costa Rica was, without a doubt, one of the best decisions I have ever made.”

## ESTIMATED PROGRAM COST (costs subject to change)

4 weeks (6 credits) - \$2,717  
6 weeks (8-9 credits) - \$4,025  
8 weeks (12 credits) - \$5,333

**INCLUDED:** Ashland University tuition, single room with a host family, 3 meals a day while in Santa Ana, international health insurance, and round-trip transportation from San Jose Airport to Santa Ana

**NOT INCLUDED:** Flight (approx. \$850), passport (\$135), pre-departure orientation textbook (\$10), spending money and excursions.

## COURSES AVAILABLE

SPAN 200 Intensive Intermediate Spanish Study  
SPAN 300 Intensive Advanced Spanish Study  
SPAN 381 PK-8 Education in Costa Rica—2 credits

**PREREQUISITE:** Successful completion of SPAN 171 & 172 or equivalent (WebCAPE placement).

Students in SPAN 200 or SPAN 300 receive three credit hours for each two weeks of Spanish study. Prior to departure, students participate in orientation sessions at Ashland University. At *Conversa Language Center*, students are placed in a class commensurate with her/his abilities, based on the results of a written and oral assessment. Each Friday, students are evaluated by the instructor. Upon returning to Ashland University, students participate in a debriefing session with the faculty director.

**EDUCATION MAJORS:** Students participate in the traditional four week program. During weeks 5 and 6, students have a two-credit field placement in a Santa Ana school and an afternoon language class. The program is 6 weeks total and 8 credit hours.

## DEADLINE

Attendance at the January pre-departure meeting.  
- Summer Direct Loans available  
- Interest free until departure date

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Departing May 11, 2019  
4, 6 or 8 Weeks Abroad