



GLOBAL EDUCATION

AU IN COSTA RICA

DEPARTURE DATE: MAY 18, 2013

PROGRAM INFORMATION

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 \$125. Education majors may participate in a two-week field experience following their intensive language program.

Alumni 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."

COURSE INFORMATION

COURSES AVAILABLE: SPAN 200 Intensive Intermediate Spanish Study; SPAN 300 Intensive Advanced Spanish Study; SPN 381 Early Childhood Education in Costa Rica (2 credits). 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. Upon arrival at *Conversa Language Center*, each student is given a test and placed in a class commensurate with her/his abilities. Course content is determined by the needs of the student(s). Each Friday, students are evaluated by the instructor. Upon returning to Ashland University, students participate in a debriefing session. **PREREQUISITE:** Successful completion of SPAN 171 & 172 or equivalent.

EXPENSES

PROGRAM COST: 4 weeks (6 credits) - \$2920; 6 weeks (9 credits) - \$4330; 8 weeks (12 credits) - \$5740

INCLUDED: Ashland University tuition, single room with a host family, 3 meals a day, international health insurance, and transportation from San Jose Airport to Santa Ana and return transportation.

NOT INCLUDED: Passport (\$135), pre-departure orientation textbook (\$10), flight (approx. \$850), spending money, exit tax (\$28), and excursions

Early Childhood Education Majors: Students study on 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.

TO APPLY

Go to <http://ashland.abroadoffice.net> and create an account. Go to <http://ashland.abroadoffice.net/costa-rica.html> and choose "Apply" next to AU in Costa Rica. This program will now be listed under "My Applications." Once the Global Education Office checks eligibility requirements, you will be approved and will have access to additional online enrollment forms. Questions? Email global@ashland.edu.

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