

University Information	
University	University of Costa Rica
Country	Costa Rica
Department / Faculty	International Affairs Office and External Cooperation
University Website	www.ucr.ac.cr
Short description of the university	https://www.ucr.ac.cr/acerca-u/historia-simbolos.html
Short description of the location	https://www.ucr.ac.cr/acerca-u/campus.html

Contact Information International Office	
Address International Office	Universidad de Costa Rica. Oficina de Asuntos Internacionales y Cooperación Externa. Ciudad Universitaria Rodrigo Facio. Edificio Administrativo A, 5 to nivel, San Pedro, Montes de Oca, San José, Costa Rica. CP. 11501-2060 UCR
Website International Office	www.oaice.ucr.ac.cr
Name and email of the Incoming Exchange Coordinator	Rita Jiménez Aguilar, Head of Student Mobility Section

Application		
Term	1 st Semester	2 nd Semester
Student's application Deadline	October 14th from the previous year (approximately)	March 10th from the present year (approximately)
Information about how to apply	http://www.oaice.ucr.ac.cr/es/movilidad-estudiantil/estudiantes-internacionales.html	

Requirements for Incoming Exchange Students	
Do you have requirements concerning GPA or Overall Average Grade?	Yes, el estudiante debe tener un promedio ponderado igual o superior a ocho (8) en una escala de uno (1) a diez (10), o su equivalente a 3.2 GPA (EEUU). http://ori.ucr.ac.cr/web_exped/normativa.html
Is an official language proof required?	yes, at least a B2 in Spanish
Do you accept a language confirmation issued by Sciences Po Saint-Germain-en-Laye?	yes
Which other documents do you require with the application / registration?	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Letter of Institutional Support from the Director of the International Affairs Office at home University. This letter must be signed and stamped. 2. Statement of purpose explaining your reasons for choosing the University of Costa Rica (1 page maximum), written in Spanish 3. Official and updated academic record or transcript, with your overall GPA, in Spanish or English 4. Letter of support from a professor of your major 5. Photocopy of the first page of your passport (legible copy) 6. Spanish Proficiency Form only for non-native speakers of Spanish (download document) 7. Proof of economic solvency for a minimum of USD\$700 per month (options: a. grant proof, b. sworn declaration along with bank statement) 8. Application for homestay with Costa Rican families, if required

Academic Calendar	1st semester	2nd semester
Orientation Session period (Attendance mandatory)	March	August
Beginning of Classes	March	August
End of Classes	July	November
Exam Period	July	November

Programs and courses open to Incoming Students	
Are Bachelor Exchange Students allowed to take courses at Master's level?	no
Are students allowed to take cross-faculty modules? (e.g. Sociology and Law)?	only if the University of origin allows them or their career allow to cross-faculty modules
When do exchange students inform you of their course selection ?	along with their application or confirmed after arriving
Can students change their course selection after they arrive at your institution?	only when they have the counselling with the professor assigned at the UCR.

Credits		
Minimum and maximum number of credits (or courses) that can be taken by Incoming Exchange Students	Minimum	Maximum
	9 credits	15 credits
	3 courses	5-6 courses

Services offered to exchange students	
Information about accommodation for exchange students	Complete the accommodation request form. http://www.oaice.ucr.ac.cr/es/movilidad-estudiantil/estudiantes-internacionales.html
Buddy program	write to seme.oai@ucr.ac.cr
Airport pick up service	no
other	Spanish clases for foreigners: http://www.spanishclasses.ucr.ac.cr/ Sports, recreation and artistic programs: http://www.programasdra.ucr.ac.cr/

Tuition fees and cost of living	
Are there any mandatory fees exchange students need to pay?	Yes

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Item	Amount
Sports Activity **	¢6,815.00
Official Transcript*	¢ 2,210.00
Rights of Student Wellness *	¢ 2,730.00
Use of Laboratories **	¢ 2,730.00
Student Solidarity Fund *	¢ 545.00
Collective Accident Insurance (annual)*	¢ 7,500.00

* Mandatory payment

** Mandatory payment for some courses

Source: www.oaf.ucr.ac.c

Average costs of living for an international student

Concept	Amount	Observations
Room	\$600	Average prices for one apartment, not fully furnished, per month
Food	\$250	Per month
Books/Supplies	\$350	Per Semester
Health insurance	(-)	The student must buy it at the country of origin, therefore, the cost will vary
Local transportation	\$100	Including possible weekend trips and taxis
Misc/Personal Expenses	\$200	Average per student