

Spanish in Costa Rica



Coordinators: Dr. Gail Drus and Dr. Bill Stodart

Saint Francis University's Spanish in Costa Rica Program features an immersion approach in conjunction with Centro Panamericano de Idiomas (CPI), living with host families while spending a week at each of the three CPI campuses in small classes (2-4 students). Students become familiar with the Costa Rican culture as they explore the "Switzerland of the Americas."

ACADEMIC PROGRAM

Students are required to take a minimum of six credits during the program. Spanish majors and minors may earn 6 credits in the language, while others can go that route or choose to take 3 credits in Spanish along with 3 credits in BIOL 412 (Natural History of Costa Rica) and/or 3 credits in CORE 407 (Healthcare System Comparison).

Limited to 2-4 students per instructor, the Spanish classes are tailored to students at any level—from those who are nearing fluency to those who don't know Word Uno of the language. The Biology course is taught by Dr. Gail Drus; the CORE 407 course will be taught by Dr. Bill Stodart.

Another feature that makes this study-abroad program unique is the fact that you will experience three very different campus settings. The first part of the program will take place in San Joaquín de Flores, a typical Costa Rican town in the lush green mountains of the central highlands, where the average yearly temperature is 75 degrees. The middle week of the program will be at the lovely "Cloud Campus" in Monteverde, nearly 5,000 feet above sea level. The program closes out with a week at the beautiful Playa Flamingo campus on the Pacific coast.

HOUSING AND MEALS

At each site, you'll live with a middle-class host family, which will give you the opportunity of a total immersion experience. During your stay with your host family, you will have two meals daily along with open conversation and participation in family life.

EXCURSIONS

The experience includes several excursions and adventures such as a visit to La Paz Waterfall garden; a day in the capital city, San Jose; a day of volunteering in La Carpio, and a day at Tamarindo Beach (with optional surf classes). Additional optional excursions include a night hike through the cloud forest; excursions to Sky Trek for Hanging Bridges canopy tour or a zip-line experience and more.

DATES AND COSTS

May 12 to June 1, 2019

Program fee is approximately \$3875 (includes SPAN credits). Addition costs for BIOL and/or CORE tuition at SFU's reduced summer tuition.

Program fee includes:

- room and some meals
- SPAN credits
- transportation to/from airports
- round-trip airfare
- multiple excursions
- textbooks
- health insurance

Not included: tuition for BIOL or CORE courses, optional excursions, incidental supplies, personal travel, gifts, passport fees, some meals, or any additional fees for changing reservations.

Students should bring \$300 - \$400 for some lunches, miscellaneous spending, and souvenirs.

Payment schedule for program fees:

- Application and application fee (\$300) due ASAP.
- Preliminary payment (\$1000) due March 1
- Balance due May 1st.

Reimbursement policy on back.

Application on back →

2018 SPANISH IN COSTA RICA APPLICATION

Return completed application to the Office for Study Abroad (Francis Hall 15) along with your statement of purpose (see below), a copy of your passport, an unofficial transcript, and a \$300 deposit made payable to Saint Francis University. An interview with the co-directors is mandatory and all completed travel forms (given to you when you turn in your application) before acceptance to the program is considered, (students will be notified if they are denied acceptance). Please see requirements to study abroad listed below.

Name: _____ male Student ID # _____ Date of Birth: _____
 female

Home Address: _____
street city/town state zip

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Course Selections: SPAN 102 SPAN 201 SPAN 481 SPAN 112 SPAN202 SPAN 482 BIOL 412 CORE 407

Prior Language Instructions: Language(s) _____ Years Studied: _____

Emergency Contact Information:

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Phone: (_____) _____ Email: _____

If you have already agreed upon a roommate, please indicate: _____

Statement of Purpose

Please attach your typed Statement of Purpose to this application. Limit your statement to 250-300 words. Address why you want to study abroad, your travel experience, if any, and some additional information about yourself (interests, goals, etc.).

Pre Approval Interview

Please schedule an interview with Dr. Gail Drus (gdrus@francis.edu) or Dr. Bill Stodart (bstodart@francis.edu) to be considered for acceptance into this program

Requirements to Study Abroad

At the time of application students must have a 2.7 GPA for the semester-long program or a 2.5 GPA for any of the short-term programs (anything lower requires approval from the program director). Passing grades (C or better) in key subject areas may also be required. Students must have successfully completed at least one semester, and preferably one year, at Saint Francis University before studying abroad. Students must demonstrate emotional stability and maturity and indicate the ability to lead a responsible and healthy life abroad as a representative of the U.S. and Saint Francis University. Students must submit the application and all travel forms to the Office for Study Abroad (see application process below) before acceptance into any study abroad program will be considered. Previous health, academic, or disciplinary problems, may influence the decision.

Study Abroad Withdrawal Policy

Withdrawal from any Saint Francis University study or service abroad program must be made in writing and delivered to the Office for Study Abroad in person (Francis 15) or certified mailed (Saint Francis University, Office for Study Abroad, P.O. Box 600, Loretto, PA 15940). The date in which the withdrawal is received at the Office for Study Abroad will determine the amount of refund.

If you withdraw or are withdrawn from your study abroad program you will receive a refund minus: non-refundable application fee, any non-recoverable portion of the airfare, any non-recoverable program costs such as housing payments and deposits, excursion pre-payments, etc. (The closer the program is to the start date, the less recoverable costs will be available). Student withdrawals are not accepted after the start of a program.

If you withdraw from the study abroad program, it is also your responsibility to withdraw from your study abroad courses.

Withdrawals from a study abroad program due to lack of passport and/or visa are held to the same withdrawal policies.

Your signature below indicates your understanding and acceptance of the Study Abroad Withdrawal Policy and of the Agreement and Waiver statement.

_____ name

_____ date

Citizenship Status

Reporting your legal resident status is mandatory. Please check where appropriate.

- U.S. Citizen Non-Resident Alien
 U.S. Resident Permit (Green Card)
 I have an F-1 student visa
 I will require an F-1 student visa.

Agreement and Waiver

I certify that the information on this application is correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that on becoming a student in this program, I shall be subject to all rules, regulations, and requirements as to conduct, academic, and financial policies of Saint Francis University, and the national and local ordinances of the country of which I am studying. I understand that Saint Francis University reserves the right to require the withdrawal of any student based of unsatisfactory work or behavior.

Saint Francis University and its affiliated institutions, in making arrangements for the program, act only as agents. Neither Saint Francis University, its Trustees, nor any of its employees, nor any other persons, parties, organizations, or agencies collaborating with them, is or shall be responsible or liable for injury, loss, damage, deviation, delay, or curtailment, however caused, or the consequences thereof which may occur during any of the travel or program.

Any misrepresentation on the part of the applicant is cause for non-acceptance, cancellation of acceptance, or dismissal from school if subsequently discovered.

RETURN ALL FORMS TO THE OFFICE FOR STUDY ABROAD

15 Francis Hall / 472-3245 / studyabroad@francis.edu