

SPANISH-LANGUAGE IMMERSION PROGRAM: COSTA RICA

JULY 18 – AUGUST 15, 2009

PROGRAM FEE: \$3,076

(Includes 4 units of SDSU resident credit, accommodations, two daily meals)

This program offers students the opportunity to live in Costa Rica and study Spanish language and culture. The program is offered through the College of Extended Studies and by the Department of Spanish & Portuguese. It has the approval of San Diego State University and the Office of the Chancellor, California State University. The program is open to SDSU students, students at other colleges and universities, and the general public. **All participants will earn SDSU resident credits upon successful completion of the program.**

ADMISSION/PRE REQUISITES

- * **Enrollment is limited to space availability and applications will be accepted in the order received. This program is limited to 25 participants.**
- * Participants must be 18 years of age, have successfully completed Spanish 102 or its academic equivalent and be in good academic standing.

ABOUT THE INSTITUTO DE CULTURA Y LENGUA COSTARRICENSE

ICLC, Instituto de Cultura y Lengua Costarricense is a private Spanish language institute, founded in 1992 by two Costa Rican educators, specializing in teaching Spanish to foreigners. Located on top of a small hill with a view of distant fields, the Institute is surrounded by flowers and fruit trees and is only 10 minutes by bus from Alajuela (10 miles west of San José, the capital of Costa Rica).

HOME STAY

- * **Your home stay begins the afternoon of Saturday, July 18 and ends the morning of Saturday, August 15, 2009**

You will live in a Spanish speaking home during this program. ICLC selects all home stays and makes all placement arrangements. The experience and living arrangements may vary for each placement. You will have your own room and there may be other students in the home. You will have your own key and are free to come and go within the framework of the home stay rules and dynamics. Two daily meals and weekly laundry service are provided. Your home stay facilitates your immersion into everyday life in Costa Rica, helps you learn about this new culture, and enables you to practice those newly acquired language skills.

IMPORTANT PROGRAM DATES

SATURDAY, JULY 18, 2009.....Arrive in Costa Rica, your host family will meet you at the airport (Juan Santamaría International Airport).
Plan on arriving in Costa Rica no later than 9PM

MONDAY, JULY 20.....First day of classes

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14.....Last day of classes and finals (Attendance required)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15.....Home stay ends

CLASSES

Faculty from ICLC teaches all classes and will focus on vocabulary, grammar, and conversation. Instruction is offered at all levels and students will be placed according to verbal and written proficiency. Classes are small (three to six students) and are held Monday through Friday, four to five hours per day.

ACADEMIC CREDIT

All participants will enroll in a minimum of 4 units of SDSU Spanish. Those enrolling in a 3 unit course will also be required to enroll in 1 unit of 299 or 499 Special Study. Students requiring 6 units may, with department approval, register for additional units at a cost of \$130 per unit. You must obtain written approval, from the Spanish Department, before registering for your course(s).

COURSE OFFERINGS

SPAN 201	Intermediate Spanish I (4 units)
SPAN 202	Intermediate Spanish II (4 units)
SPAN 211	Intermediate Conversation & Reading (3 units)
SPAN 212	Intermediate Conversation & Writing (3 units)
SPAN 281	Intermediate Spanish for U.S. Hispanics (3 units)
SPAN 282	Intermediate Spanish for U.S. Hispanics (3 units)
SPAN 299	Special Study (1-3 units)
SPAN 301	Advanced Conversation & Reading (3 units)
SPAN 302	Advanced Conversation & Writing (3 units)
SPAN 341	Spanish American Civilization (3 units)
SPAN 350	Advanced Grammar (3 units)
SPAN 381	Advanced Spanish for Spanish Speakers (3 units)
SPAN 499	Special Study (1-3 units)

FACULTY

Peter P. Lindquist, Ph.D., Assistant Professor with SDSU's Department of Spanish and Portuguese, will be the program's Academic Director, on-site representative of the Department and University and Instructor of Record. He will provide academic and personal support, as well as assure the quality of your education. Professor Lindquist has led language immersion programs in Costa Rica. If you wish to meet with him and discuss any questions you might have about the school, the instructors or Costa Rica, you may contact him at plindqui@mail.sdsu.edu

INCLUDED ACTIVITIES

The Institute offers afternoon activities and/or mini-courses for all students. These offerings vary from week to week, but may include an introduction to Costa Rican cooking, Latin dancing, topics in Spanish grammar, or Central American issues. We recommend participation in these weekly offerings,

most of which are free of charge. In-country activities may be subject to change. The College of Extended Studies cannot accept responsibility for changes to in-country activities.

OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES

Some half-day and full-day excursions are **optional** and not included in the program cost. The ICLC staff can help select destinations or activities and can help make arrangements. You are also free to explore Costa Rica independently or with others in the group.

AIRFARES

Each participant is responsible for making their own travel arrangements, including arrival and departure dates. *Some participants enrolled in this program may be eligible for special, discounted, student only fares.* For more information please contact STA Travel, located on campus at SDSU at (619) 594-4589.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

- * **You must travel with a current passport with at least 6 months validity remaining from date of departure from Costa Rica.**

U.S. passport holders will not require a visa for this program. You can apply for your passport at designated branches of the U.S. Postal Service. Forms and instructions are available at <http://travel.state.gov/passport/>. This process may take several weeks—sometimes months—so we strongly encourage you to apply early.

Please consult with the Travel Study office if you have yet to apply for your passport.

HEALTH INSURANCE

- * **Evidence of adequate worldwide health and accident insurance coverage is required to participate.**

To participate in the program you must have or obtain medical/accident insurance that will cover the expenses of serious illness or accident, the services of legally qualified doctors, surgeons, nurses, hospital stay, all required tests, accidental death and dismemberment coverage, and emergency evacuation, and repatriation of remains. Your current carrier may cover some but not all of these required items. If you elect to use your own health insurance you will be required to purchase a separate policy to obtain Emergency Medical Evacuation/ Repatriation coverage. More information about insurance requirements will be provided upon acceptance into the program.

RISK AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY

Participation in an international program that requires air and/or ground travel, as well as field trips involves risks which may result in damage to property, injury to persons, and death. All participants will be required to sign a statement acknowledging these risks and releasing the State of California, the California State University system, SDSU, and its employees of all liability. These forms will be provided to all participants and will become part of your final acceptance into the program.

ASSOCIATED STUDENTS STUDY ABROAD SCHOLARSHIP

SDSU students who have applied, or have been accepted, to participate in a study abroad program outside the United States are encouraged to apply for the Associated Students Study Abroad Scholarship. For additional information, visit: <http://as.sdsu.edu/>

PRE-DEPARTURE MEETINGS

* **All accepted participants will be required to attend two *mandatory* pre-trip meetings.** During these meetings you will meet the other participants, enroll in your SDSU courses and have final questions answered about the school, home stay, customs, expectations, and travel details. Health and safety, liability, and insurance requirements will also be covered.

**MEETING #1: FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 2009 -- 9AM-12 NOON
COLLEGE OF EXTENDED STUDIES, ROOM TBA**

**MEETING #2: FRIDAY, MAY 29, 2009 -- 9AM-12 NOON
COLLEGE OF EXTENDED STUDIES, ROOM TBA**

TO APPLY

Applications will be processed in the order received and on a space-available basis. Program is limited to 25 participants.

SUBMIT YOUR COMPLETED APPLICATION ALONG WITH:

- 🌐 \$700 deposit (**PAYABLE TO SDSU**), which will be applied to your total program fee
- 🌐 Two passport-style, original color photos (print your name in back of each photo)
- 🌐 An unofficial transcript showing completion of Spanish 102 or academic equivalent

MAIL OR DELIVER TO

Yadirah Lagomarsini, Program Coordinator
San Diego State University
Travel Study: College of Extended Studies
Gateway Center, Room 2503
5250 Campanile Drive
San Diego, CA 92182-1920

•• PAYMENT SCHEDULE ••

Payments can be made by check or major credit card, payable to SDSU
Late payments are subject to a \$20 administrative fee

- 🌐 **\$700 deposit is due at the time of application**
- 🌐 **FINAL INSTALLMENT: \$2,376 (plus extra unit fee if applicable) due on or before Friday, May 29, 2009**

The program fee is based on a minimum of 20 students and the current exchange rate. If the exchange rate changes or minimum enrollment is not achieved, the program fee may be recalculated. Final acceptance into this program is predicated on the timely submission of the application, payment of all fees, authorized approval of the proposed course of study and submission of all documents required by SDSU and SDSU College of Extended Studies, Travel Study office.

WHAT IS INCLUDED IN THE FEE?

- Enrollment at SDSU in 4 units of Spanish
- Tuition costs at the Instituto de Cultura y Lengua Costarricense (including orientation, instruction, academic reports, and administrative services)
- Complimentary activities organized by the Instituto de Lengua y Cultura Costarricense
- Home stay accommodations with two daily meals and weekly laundry service
- Most course materials
- Travel Study staff and SDSU faculty support

NOT INCLUDED IN THE FEE:

- Airfare
- Passport/visa fees
- Dinners
- Health/Medical insurance
- Personal expenses/spending money (including *optional* tours and activities)
- Additional units (\$130 per unit)

••REFUND POLICY••

Programs cancelled prior to departure due to insufficient enrollments, terrorism, and government advisories or questionable safety of an area provides 100% refunds.

If the program is cancelled the College of Extended Studies does not accept responsibility for any airfare or non program cancellation fees which may be incurred.

Participants who need to cancel must do so in writing to the Travel Study Office and cancellations are effective as per postmark date. A **cancellation fee** will be **deducted** from the funds collected as follows:

Received on or before April 17, 2009	25% cancellation fee
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MAIL OR DELIVER YOUR COMPLETED APPLICATION, ALONG WITH:

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UNOFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT

TWO PASSPORT-STYLE, ORIGINAL COLOR PHOTOS (WITH YOUR NAME PRINTED IN BACK) to:

Yadirah M. Lagomarsini, Program Coordinator
 San Diego State University
 Travel Study: College of Extended Studies
 Gateway Center, Room 2503
 5250 Campanile Drive
 San Diego, CA 92182-1920

Phone: (619) 594-5154

Email: ylagomar@mail.sdsu.edu

			<input type="checkbox"/> Male	<input type="checkbox"/> Female
Last Name	First Name	MI		
SDSU Red ID Number	Age	Date of Birth	Passport No. / Issuing Country	
Address			City	State Zip
(____) _____	(____) _____			
Home Phone	Cell Phone	Email (PRINT CLEARLY: this is how we will communicate with you)		
How did hear about the program? _____				

CURRENT STUDENT STATUS (IF APPLICABLE)

Campus/School Currently Attending: _____

GPA: _____ Major: _____ Minor: _____

All applicants must be in good academic standing with a minimum GPA of 2.0

Do you plan to use financial aid to pay for any of the program fees? Yes _____ No _____

INFORMATION FOR HOME STAY PLACEMENT

Would you prefer a home stay with: Children No children No Preference
 Pets No Pets No Preference
 Smoking Nonsmoking No Preference

Are you a vegetarian? Yes No

If yes, please describe your dietary restrictions: _____

List your allergies, including non-food items: _____

Other things we should know when considering placement: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

(_____) _____ (_____) _____

Home phone _____ Work/Cell phone _____ Email _____

PERMISSION TO CONTACT PARENTS/GUARDIAN

Parents like to be kept informed of program developments, fees, requirements, and updates and to learn more about the program you will attend. By signing below, you agree that the CES Travel Study Office can provide information to your parents/guardians or respond to phone inquiries from them.

Signature

Date

PROGRAM DEPOSIT

Balance is due according to payment schedule listed in the application

___ Check or money order (payable to SDSU)

___ MasterCard ___ VISA ___ American Express ___ Discover

Card # _____ Exp. Date: _____

Print Cardholder's Name: _____

Cardholder's Signature: _____

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UNDERSTANDING AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I understand that final acceptance into this program is predicated on the timely submission of the application, payment of all fees, authorized approval of the proposed course of study and submission of all documents required by SDSU and SDSU College of Extended Studies, Travel Study office.

I am also aware that the program cost does not include out-of-pocket expenses such as, but not limited to, personal expenses, taxes, travel expenses, passport and visa fees and any excursions and/or activities not included in the program fee. I further acknowledge that any advertised excursions and in-country field trips are subject to change and the College of Extended Studies does not accept responsibility for any changes. Additionally, I acknowledge that the program fee is based on a minimum of 20 students. If the minimum enrollment is not achieved, the program may be cancelled or the program

fee may be

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recalculated.

By signing here, I am confirming that I have read the application and acknowledge my financial, academic, legal and program obligations. I understand and agree to the payment, refund and cancellation policy and acknowledge that if the program is cancelled the College of Extended Studies does not accept responsibility for airfare or other cancellation fees which may be incurred.

Signature

Date