

# Study Spanish in Santa Ana, Costa Rica



Sam Houston State University's Department of World Languages and Cultures partners with Centro Lingüístico Conversa to give students the extraordinary opportunity to immerse themselves in Costa Rican Spanish language and culture in the beautiful Central Valley city of Santa Ana.

SHSU faculty member, Dr. Maria Barker, guides students in developing their listening and speaking skills through focused practice. Highly-trained Conversa faculty provide supplemental instruction on topics ranging from grammar and pronunciation to Costa Rican cooking and dancing.

Besides classroom instruction, students live with experienced host families who provide opportunities for spontaneous conversation and authentic cultural experiences. Students in the WOLC Costa Rica Study Abroad program take excursions to organic farms, ecological reserves, museums, and to a locally-owned ceramics factory.

This program helps students to become truly global individuals through a unique opportunity to participate in a community of scholars.

Join us to discover the spirit of Costa Rica:

¡Pura vida!



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# ESTIMATED PROGRAM COST – 2020

## WOLC Costa Rica Study Abroad



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### Estimated Faculty-Led Program Cost

Program Cost Item	Amount in US\$
SHSU Tuition (6 credit hours) *	\$1,406.00
SHSU Fees *	\$472.00
SHSU Study Abroad Service Fee *	\$200.00
Program Fee	\$2,320.00
<b>Billable to SHSU Student Account subtotal:</b>	<b>\$4,398.00</b>
Airfare	\$550
Passport	\$145
Books and Supplies	\$80
Health Insurance	\$50
Personal Expenses	\$500
<b>Estimated Additional Student Expenses subtotal:</b>	<b>\$1,325.00</b>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$5,723.00</b>

Program fee includes airport pickup and drop off; family stay in Santa Ana; all meals; shuttle service from Santa Ana to classes and back; 3-day weekend trip to area near the Sarapiquí river, including fieldtrips to pineapple farm, chocolate tour, Rainforest Adventure tram and grounds of Selva Verde hotel; fieldtrips near Santa Ana (coffee farm; sugar cane mill; pottery factory); a day trip to history and art museums in San José; extra grammar lessons and activities; weekly yoga, Latin dance and cooking lessons; opportunities for community service; access to wireless internet on Conversa campus.

Scholarship/Financial Aid	Amount in US\$
Regular summer financial aid can be used towards SHSU tuition if available to you	
SHSU International Education Fee Scholarship (SHSU GPA 3.0)	\$1,000
College of Humanities and Social Sciences (for CHSS majors & minors, up to a \$1,000)	\$1,000

**These amounts are the estimated costs for Summer 2020.**

\* Based on [Undergraduate Resident Tuition \(Traditional Price Plan\) for Summer 2019](#). Tuition for Summer 2020 might change. SHSU Tuition and Fees will be billed and payable online through your Student Account Center or in person at the Bursar's Office. Students studying abroad do not pay the Recreational Sports Fee, Student Center Fee and Medical Fee (\$275).

All other fees listed are estimated additional expenses. The actual total cost will vary for each participant depending on spending habits, travel plans and exchange rate fluctuations.

The Program Fee is due in four instalment payments:

- \$300 deposit due within 1 week of acceptance into program (assessed upon acceptance)
- \$500 payment due February 10<sup>th</sup>
- \$500 payment due March 10<sup>th</sup>
- \$1,020 Remaining Program Balance due May 10<sup>th</sup>

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