

COSTA RICA INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY

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SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY

Costa Rica International Academy (formerly known as Country Day School Guanacaste) is the premier international school serving the international community in Guanacaste, Costa Rica. The 30 acre campus, steps from pristine beaches along the Pacific coast, opened its doors in 2000. The CRIA campus features a day program and offers a private, college-preparatory school enrolling approximately 310 students in Preschool through Grade 12. There are approximately 100 students in the high school. 35% of students at CRIA are U.S. citizens, 30% Costa Rican citizens, and the remainder are citizens from 22 other nations. Costa Rica International Academy is accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools and the Costa Rican Ministry of Education. Both the U.S. high school and the Costa Rican *Bachillerato* programs are offered, and diplomas are awarded for each. Students in the high school pursue a U.S.-based curriculum. The language of instruction is English, and the average class size is 16.

ACADEMIC PROGRAM AND PROFILE

GRADING SCALE

A = 90-100 = 4.0 B = 80-89 = 3.0 C = 70-79 = 2.0 D = 60-69 = 1.0 F = 60 or below = 0.0

*An additional point is computed for AP and an additional 0.5 points for Honors courses.

GPA and RANK

GPA is calculated over a four-year period of grades 9-12. Due to the small number of students in the class and the multicultural and varied scholastic backgrounds of our population, we do not rank our students.

SAT SCORES & Graduate Statistics

From 2012-2016, CRIA students SAT mean scores: Critical Reading – 610; Mathematics – 593; Writing – 565

Class of 2017: 82% attending 4-year colleges: 70% to U.S.; 10% to Costa Rica; 20% to Canada

Class of 2016: 88% attending 4-year colleges: 57% to U.S.; 14% to Canada; 14% to Costa Rica; 14% to Argentina

Class of 2015: 91% attending 4-year colleges: 64% to U.S.; 18% to Canada; 18% to Costa Rica

AP and HONORS COURSES

CRIA offers AP courses which may include: Chemistry, Biology, Statistics, Calculus AB, Macroeconomics, Spanish Language and Culture, U.S. History and Environmental Science. In addition, CRIA may offer the following honors courses: Algebra I, Calculus and Marine Biology. On average, CRIA students take 2-3 AP courses throughout their high school years. In May of 2016, 17 AP exams were written and a score of 3, 4 or 5 was earned on 82% of the exams. In May of 2017, 23 AP exams were written and a score of 3, 4, or 5 was earned on 70% of the exams.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

CRIA offers extracurricular activities such as Model United Nations, student government, National Honor Society, yearbook, chess club, community service, and SAT preparation. Sports include varsity soccer, varsity volleyball (girls); competitive track, swimming, surfing, and basketball.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Students demonstrating exemplary scholarship, leadership, and service are invited to become members of CRIA's chapter of the National Honor Society.

COSTA RICAN *BACHILLERATO* PROGRAM

The Costa Rican *Bachillerato* program (grade 11) is the Costa Rican Ministry of Education's secondary school credential. This program and diploma enables students to study at universities in Costa Rica. Students may opt for the United States Credential, the Costa Rican *Bachillerato* Credential, or both. In the last two years, the vast majority of CRIA students who sat for the *Bachillerato*, earned the credential.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS/ COURSES OFFERED

English	4 credits	English credits may include English 9, World Literature, US Literature, British Literature
Social Studies	3 credits	Social Studies credits may include Early World History 9, U.S. History 10, Modern World History, AP US History, World Geography, Contemporary World Issues, AP Macroeconomics
Mathematics	3 credits	Math credits may include Algebra I, Alg. II, Geometry, Pre-Calculus, AP or Honors Calculus AB
Science	3 credits	Science credits may include Biology, Physics, Chemistry, AP Environmental Science, AP Chemistry, AP Biology, Marine Biology. Two sciences must include a laboratory class
Languages	3 credits	Language credits may include Spanish (Beginner, Intermediate and Advanced), AP Spanish Language and Culture, or other Foreign Language course
Fine Arts	1 credit	Fine Arts credits may include Art, Music, Theatre/Drama, Digital Photography and Videography
PE	1 credit	Students must complete 1 PE credit in Grades 9-12
Core Electives	6 credits	Elective credits may be chosen from previously listed courses and accredited online providers such as K12 and Virtual High School*
TOTAL	24 credits	*Transfer credits from other institutions and online providers will be at the Director's discretion

UNIVERSITIES & COLLEGES CRIA STUDENTS ACCEPTANCES & ENROLLED 2003-2017

Babson College
Barry University
 Boston College
Boston University
 Brown University
 California Polytechnic -San Luis Obispo
 Carnegie Mellon University
Chapman College
Chicago School of the Audio Arts
College of Charleston
 Colorado School of Mines
Colorado State University
 Columbia University
Concordia University (Canada)
 Duke University
 Ecole Hotélière de Glion (Switzerland.)
 Elon College
Emerson College
 Emory University
 Erasmus Univ. Rotterdam (Netherlands)
Florida Atlantic University
Florida International University
Florida Institute of Technology
Fordham University
 Georgetown University
 George Washington University
 Georgia Tech
 Harvard College
 Instituto Tecnológico de Monterrey (Mexico)

John Cabot University (Rome)
 Loyola University-New Orleans
Marymount University
 McGill University (Canada)
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
 Michigan State University
 Michigan Institute of Technology
New York University
Northeastern University
Northwestern University
Parsons School of Design, Paris
Purdue University
 Queen's University, Canada
Quest University, Canada
San Diego State University
 Sarah Lawrence College
 Savannah College of Art and Design
Seton Hall University
Stanford University
 Swarthmore College
 Syracuse University
 Texas A&M University
Texas State
 Tufts University
 Tulane University
Universidad de Costa Rica
 Universidad Interamericana (Costa Rica)
Universidad Nacional (Costa Rica)
Instituto Tecnológico de Costa Rica (Costa Rica)

UCMED (Costa Rica)
Universidad Siglo XXI (Argentina)
University of Arts, London (UK)
U. California - Berkeley
U. California – Davis
 U. California – Santa Cruz
U. California – San Diego
U. of British Columbia (Canada)
U. of Colorado at Boulder
U. of Florence (Italy)
 U. of Massachusetts
U. of Miami
 U. Pennsylvania
 U of San Diego
U. of Tampa
 U. of Toronto (Canada)
 U. of Washington
U. of Oklahoma
U. of Oregon
 Vassar College
 Villanova University
 Virginia Tech.
Wheaton College
 Wellesley College
 Wesleyan University
Westmont College
 Yale University
Bold indicates CRIA graduates' enrollment in last five years

