

COSTA RICA INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY

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SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY

Costa Rica International Academy is the premier international school serving the international community in Guanacaste, Costa Rica. The rural 16-acre campus, steps from pristine beaches along the Pacific coast, opened its doors in 2000. CRIA offers a private, college-preparatory school enrolling approximately 320 students in Preschool through Grade 12. There are approximately 75 students in the high school. 35% of students at CRIA are U.S. citizens, 35% Costa Rican citizens, and the remainder are citizens from 24 other nations. Both the U.S. high school and the Costa Rican *Bachillerato* diplomas can be earned. Students in the high school pursue a U.S.-based curriculum. The language of instruction is English, and classes range in size from 8-20 students.

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. Class of 2022 is 12 students.

GRADUATE STATISTICS

Class of 2021: 91% attending college: 36% to U.S.; 9% to Costa Rica; 36 % to Europe

Class of 2020: 100% attending college: 62.5% to U.S.; 12.5% to Canada; 25% to Europe

Class of 2019: 79% attending college: 47% to U.S.; 27% to Canada; 26% to Costa Rica

Class of 2018: 79% attending college: 71% to U.S.; 14% to Canada; 7% to Costa Rica; 7% to Europe

AP COURSES

CRIA offers AP courses which in the last 3 years have included: Biology, Statistics, Calculus AB, Spanish Language and Culture, Human Geography, Environmental Science, Psychology, English Language & Composition and Macroeconomics. On average, CRIA students take 2-3 AP courses throughout their high school years. In May of 2021, 16 AP exams were written and a score of 3-5 was earned on 76% of the exams.

EXTRACURRICULAR / SERVICE ACTIVITIES

CRIA offers extracurricular activities such as Model United Nations, student government, National Honor Society, yearbook, and community service. Sports include soccer, volleyball (girls), competitive track, swimming, gymnastics and basketball. Due to Covid-19, the required 40 hours of community service was suspended for the 2019/20 and 2020/21 academic years and have resumed for 2021-22. Service projects are student initiated and run.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS/ COURSES OFFERED

English	Social Studies	Math	Science	Languages	Fine Art	PE	Electives	TOTAL
4 credits	3 credits	3 credits	3 credits (2 with lab)	3 credits	1 credit	1 credit	6 credits	24 credits

*Transfer credits from other institutions and online providers will be at the Director's discretion

UNIVERSITIES & COLLEGES CRIA STUDENTS ACCEPTANCES & ENROLLED 2017-2020

Alfred University*
Barry University (with scholarship) *
BAU University of Applied Sciences (Berlin)*
Breda University of Applied Science*s (Netherlands)
Brown University*
 Bucknell University
California Polytechnic University, San Luis Obispo*
 Carnegie Mellon University
 Chapman University
 Chatham University
Colorado State University*
Complutense University*, Madrid
Concordia University*, Canada
 Culinary Institute of America, San Antonio
 Dalhousie University, Canada
 Eckerd College (with scholarship)
Elon University* (with scholarship)
 Emory University
 Falmouth University (UK)
Florida International University*
Florida State University*
 Fordham University
 Franklin University (Switzerland)
 Glyndwr University (UK)
 Hanze University, Netherlands
 John Cabot University, Rome
 Loyola University Chicago
Naropa University*
Ontario Institute of Audio Recording Technology (Canada)*
 Point Loma Nazarene University (with scholarship)
Quest University (with scholarship) (Canada)*
Regents University (UK)*
San Diego State University*
 Savannah College of Art and Design (with scholarship)
Seton Hall University*
Saint Michael's University*
Saint Mary's University, Canada*
State University of New York Geneseo*
 Syracuse University
Texas Tech University*
 Tulane University
 UC Leuven Limburg, Belgium

Universidad Latina*, Costa Rica
Universidad National*, Costa Rica
Universidad Rey Juan Carlos (Spain)*
Universidad Veritas*, Costa Rica
Universidad CEU San Pablo* (Spain)
Universidad de Nebreja* (Spain)
University California Berkeley*
 University of California Riverside
University of California Davis*
 University of California Irvine
 University California San Diego
 University California Santa Cruz
University of California Santa Barbara*
University Charles III* (Madrid, Spain)
University of Colorado Boulder*
University of Florida*
 University of Huddersfield (UK)
University of Idaho*
 University of Manchester (UK)
 University of Massachusetts
 University of Maryland
 University of Oregon
 University of Pittsburg
 University of the Pacific
University of Prince Edward Island*
 University of Regina, Canada
 University of San Diego
University of South Florida (with scholarship)*
University of Tampa*
 University of Texas at Dallas
 University of Toronto
 University of Washington
University of Utah*
University of Victoria*, Canada (with scholarship)
 University of Washington
 Whittier College
Wilfred Laurier University* (Canada, scholarship)

*Denotes students attending