

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 475 students in Preschool through Grade 12. There are approximately 150 students in the high school. 40% of students at CRIA are U.S. citizens, 25% 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 10-22 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 2024 is 28 students.

GRADUATE STATISTICS

Class of 2023: 60% attending college: 50% to U.S.; 50% to Europe; 30% taking a gap year

Class of 2022: 80% attending college: 50% to U.S.; 10% to Costa Rica; 25% to Europe; 10% to Canada

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

AP COURSES

CRIA offers AP courses which in the last 3 years have included: Biology, Statistics, Calculus AB, Spanish Language and Culture, Physics 1, Macroeconomics, Microeconomics, Precalculus, Computer Science Principles, English Literature, English Language, Psychology and Environmental Science. On average, CRIA students take 3-4 AP courses throughout their high school years. In May of 2022, 27 AP exams were written and a score of 3-5 was earned on 81% of the exams. In May of 2023, 67 AP exams were written and a score of 3-5 was earned on 91% 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), basketball, and swimming. All students must complete 40 hours of community service to graduate. 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 2019-2023

Baylor University	Universidad Rey Juan Carlos (Spain)*
Breda University of Applied Science*s (Netherlands)	Universidad Veritas*, Costa Rica
Brown University*	Universidad CEU San Pablo* (Spain)
Bucknell University	Universidad de Nebreja* (Spain)
California Polytechnic University, San Luis Obispo*	University California Berkeley
Carnegie Mellon University	University of California Riverside
Chatham University	University of California Davis*
Clemson University	University of California Irvine
Colorado State University*	University California San Diego
Complutense University*, Madrid	University California Santa Cruz
Concordia University*, Canada	University of California Santa Barbara*
Culinary Institute of America, San Antonio	University Charles III* (Madrid, Spain)
Dalhousie University, Canada	University of Colorado Boulder*
Drexel University	University of Florida*
ECIS University* (Spain)	University of Greenwich (UK)
Eckerd College (with scholarship)	University of Huddersfield (UK)
Elon University* (with scholarship)	University of Idaho*
Embry Riddle Aeronautical University	University of Manchester (UK)
Emory University	University of Massachusetts
Falmouth University (UK)	University of Maryland
Florida International University*	University of Michigan
Florida State University*	University of North Carolina
Fordham University	University of Navarra (Spain)
Glyndwr University (UK)	University of Oregon
Hanze University, Netherlands	University of the Pacific
James Madison University	University of Prince Edward Island*
Les Roche University* (Switzerland)	University of Regina, Canada
Loyola University Chicago	University of San Diego
Naropa University*	University of South Florida (with scholarship)*
Penn State University*	University of Tampa*
Point Loma Nazarene University (with scholarship)	University of Texas at Dallas
Quest University (with scholarship) (Canada)*	University of Toronto
Regents University (UK)*	University of Washington
Rhode Island School of Design	University of Utah*
San Diego State University*	University of Victoria*, Canada (with scholarship)
Savannah College of Art and Design (with scholarship)	University of Washington
Seton Hall University*	Utrecht University (The Netherlands)
Saint Michael's University*	Virginia Tech University
Saint Mary's University, Canada*	Whittier College
University of Syracuse	Webster University* (The Netherlands)
Texas A & M University	Wilfred Laurier University* (Canada, scholarship)
Texas Tech University*	York University* (Canada)
UC Leuven Limburg, Belgium	
Universidad Latina*, Costa Rica	
Universidad National*, Costa Rica	

*Denotes students attending