



Costa Rica International Academy

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SCHOOL OVERVIEW

Costa Rica International Academy is a private college-preparatory PreK-12 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. Students at CRIA pursue a U.S.-based curriculum.

Curriculum & Graduation Requirements

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.

Grading Scale:

A (90 - 100); B (80 - 89); C (70-79); D (60-69) F (59 and below)

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

English	Social Studies	Math	Science
4 Credits	4 Credits	3 Credits	3 Credits (2 labs)
Language	Fine Art	PE	Electives
3 Credits	1 Credit	1 Credit	6 Credits

CRIA offers AP courses in addition to regular courses. On average, CRIA students take 3-4 AP courses throughout their high school years. Please see the [CRIA 2024-2025 program of studies link](#) to see details of each class at CRIA

AP Testing Results

2024 - 147 exams were written with 82.3% of exams scored 3-5

2023 - 67 AP exams were written with 91% of exams scored 3-5

2022 - 27 AP exams were written with 81% of exams scored 3-5

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2024-2025 Student Body

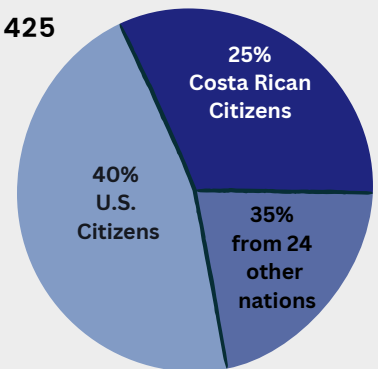
PREK-12 ENROLLMENT: 425

Class of 2025: 28

Class of 2026: 32

Class of 2027: 36

Class of 2028: 35



Co-Curricular & Service Activities

- Model United Nations (MUN)
- Student Government Association (SGA)
- National Honor Society (NHS)
- Yearbook Club
- Academic Quiz Bowl Team
- Student Lead clubs
- Sport Teams:
 - Soccer
 - Volleyball (girls)
 - Basketball
 - Swimming

All students must complete 40 hours of community service to graduate. Service projects are student initiated and run along with certain clubs at the school.

Graduate Statistics

Class of 2024: 79% attending college: 21.5% to U.S.; 21.5% to Europe; 21.5% to Costa Rica 14.5% to Canada and 21% taking a gap year

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.; 25% to Europe 10% to Costa Rica;; 10% to Canada

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

UNIVERSITIES & COLLEGES CRIA STUDENTS ACCEPTANCES & ENROLLED 2019-2024

Baylor University
Brandeis University, Waltham*
Breda University of Applied Science*s (Netherlands)
Brown University*
Bucknell University
California Polytechnic University, San Luis Obispo*
Carnegie Mellon University
Chatham University
Clemson University
Colorado State University*
Columbia University, New York City*
Colby College in Waterville, Maine*
Complutense University*, Madrid
Concordia University*, Canada
Culinary Institute of America, San Antonio
Dalhousie University, Canada
Drexel University
Duke University*
ECIS University* (Spain)
Eckerd College (with scholarship)
Elon University* (with scholarship)
Embry Riddle Aeronautical University
Emory University
ESCP Business School, (l'École Supérieure de Commerce de Paris)*
Escuela de Alta Dirección y Administración, Barcelona, Spain*
Falmouth University (UK)
Florida International University*
Florida State University*
Fordham University
Glyndwr University (UK)
Hanze University, Netherlands
Ivey Business School Western University in London Ontario, Canada*
James Madison University
IE University Madrid, Spain*
Les Roche University* (Switzerland)
Loyola University Chicago
Maastricht University in Maastricht, Holland*
Naropa University*
Penn State University*
Point Loma Nazarene University (with scholarship)
Quest University (with scholarship) (Canada)*
Regents University (UK)*
Rhode Island School of Design
San Diego State University*
Savannah College of Art and Design (with scholarship)
Seton Hall University*
Saint Michael's University*
Saint Mary's University, Canada*
Suffolk Community College, New York*
University of Syracuse

Texas A & M University
Texas Tech University*
UC Leuven Limburg, Belgium
Universidad de Ciencias Médicas, Costa Rica*
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 Greenwich (UK)
University of Glasgow*
University of Huddersfield (UK)
University of Idaho*
University of Manchester (UK)
University of Massachusetts
University of Maryland
University of Michigan
University of North Carolina
University of Navarra (Spain)
University of Oregon*
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*
University of Washington
Utrecht University (The Netherlands)
Virginia Tech University
Western University in London, Ontario, Canada*
Whittier College
Webster University* (The Netherlands)
Wilfred Laurier University* (Canada)
York University* (Canada)



*Denotes students attending