



# 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.

## 2025-2026 Student Body

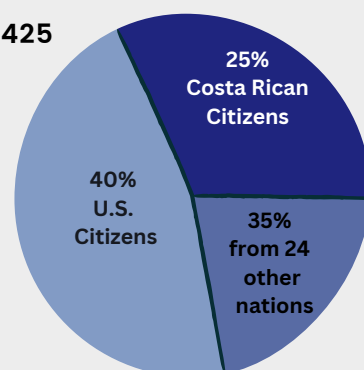
### PREK-12 ENROLLMENT: 425

Class of 2026: 32

Class of 2027: 35

Class of 2028: 34

Class of 2029: 38



## 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

### CRIA 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 2025:** 82% attending college: 52% to U.S., 17% to Canada, 13% to Europe, 18% taking a gap year

**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

## 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 2025-2026 program of studies link](#) to see details of each class at CRIA

## AP Testing Results

**2025** - 116 AP exams were written with 90% of exams scored 3-5

**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

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# UNIVERSITIES & COLLEGES CRIA STUDENTS ACCEPTANCES & ENROLLED 2019-2024

American University (DC)\*  
 American University of Paris\*  
 Arizona State University  
 Auburn University  
 Baylor University  
 Brandeis University, Waltham\*  
 Breda University, Applied Science\* (Netherlands)  
 Brown University\*  
 Boston University  
 Bucknell University  
 Butler University  
 Cal State Long Beach  
 Carnegie Mellon University  
 Chatham University  
 Chapman University  
 Clemson University  
 Colorado State University  
 Columbia University, New York City\*  
 Colby College in Waterville, Maine\*  
 Concordia University Montreal  
 Complutense University\*, Madrid  
 Concordia University\*, Canada  
 Culinary Institute of America, San Antonio  
 Dalhousie University, Canada  
 Duke University\*  
 ECIS University\* (Spain)  
 Eckerd College (with scholarship)  
 Elon University\* (with scholarship)  
 Embry Riddle Aeronautical University  
 Emory University  
 l'École Supérieure de Commerce de Paris\*  
 Escuela de Alta Dirección y Administración Spain\*  
 European Sports Business School, Spain\*  
 Falmouth University (UK)  
 Florida International University\*  
 Florida State University\*  
 Fordham University  
 Glyndwr University (UK)  
 George Mason University  
 Hanze University, Netherlands  
 Ivey Business School Western University Canada\*  
 James Madison University  
 IE University Madrid, Spain\*  
 Les Roche University\* (Switzerland)  
 Loyola University Chicago  
 Lycoming College\*  
 Manchester University  
 Maastricht University in Maastricht, Holland\*  
 Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences  
 McGill University \*  
 North Eastern University  
 Penn State University\*  
 Point Loma Nazarene University (with scholarship)  
 Queen's University (Canada)  
 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 Mary's College of California\*  
 Saint Michael's University\*  
 Suffolk Community College, New York\*  
 Southern Methodist University  
 Seneca Polytechnic (Canada)  
 Texas A & M University  
 Texas Tech University\*  
 Texas Tech University Costa Rica \*

UC Leuven Limburg, Belgium  
 Universidad de Ciencias Médicas, Costa Rica\*  
 Universidad Latina, Costa Rica\*  
 Universidad Nacional\*, Costa Rica  
 Universidad Rey Juan Carlos (Spain)\*  
 Universidad Veritas, Costa Rica\*  
 Universidad CEU San Pablo\* (Spain)  
 Universidad de Nebreja\* (Spain)  
 University of Arizona  
 University of Alabama\* (Honors Program)  
 University of Alberta  
 University of British Columbia  
 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 Central Florida\*  
 University Charles III\* (Madrid, Spain)  
 University of Colorado Boulder\*  
 University College Dublin  
 University of Denver  
 University of Florida\*  
 University of Greenwich (UK)  
 University of Glasgow\*  
 University of Huddersfield (UK)  
 University of Idaho\*  
 University of Iowa  
 University of Kansas  
 University of Kentucky  
 University of Manchester (UK)  
 University of Massachusetts  
 University of Miami  
 University of Michigan\*  
 University of Maryland  
 University of Michigan  
 University of Montreal  
 University of North Carolina  
 University of Oregon\*  
 University of Ottawa\*  
 University of the Pacific  
 University of Pittsburgh  
 University of Prince Edward Island\*

University of Regina, Canada  
 University of San Diego  
 University of South Carolina-Columbia  
 University of Syracuse  
 University of Tampa\*  
 University of Texas Austin  
 University of Toronto\*  
 University of Washington  
 University of Utah\*  
 University of Victoria, Canada\*  
 University of Washington  
 Utah State University  
 Villanova University\*  
 Virginia Tech  
 Western University Canada\*  
 Whittier College  
 Webster University\* (Netherlands)  
 Wilfred Laurier University\* (Canada)  
 York University\* (Canada)



\*Denotes students attending