



# Costa Rica International Academy

CEEB Code: 834-138

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Education (MEP)

## 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 2026-2027 program of studies link](#) to see details of each class at CRIA

## AP Testing Results

**2026** - 124 AP exams were written with 90% of exams scored 3-5

**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

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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.

## 2026-2027 Student Body

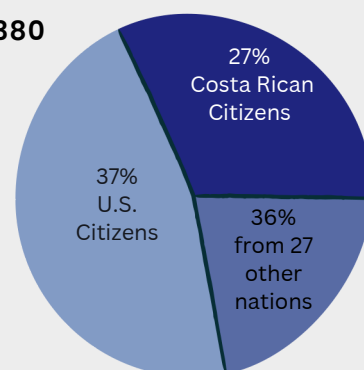
### PREK-12 ENROLLMENT: 380

Class of 2027: 31

Class of 2028: 34

Class of 2029: 37

Class of 2030: 34



## 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

### CRIASport Teams:

- Soccer
- Volleyball (girls)
- Basketball (boys)
- 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 2026** 71% attending college:  
41% to U.S. 32% to Europe; 9% to Costa Rica,  
18% to Canada, 29% taking a gap year

**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

# UNIVERSITIES & COLLEGES CRIA STUDENTS ACCEPTANCES & ENROLLED 2019-2026

American University (DC)\*  
 American University of Paris\*  
 The American University of Rome  
 Appalachian State University  
 Arizona State University  
 Auburn University  
 Bathspa University  
 Baylor University  
 Brandeis University, Waltham\*  
 Breda University, Applied Science\* (Netherlands)  
 Brown University\*  
 Boise University  
 Boston University  
 Bucknell University  
 Butler University  
 Cal State Long Beach  
 Carnegie Mellon University  
 Chatham University  
 Chapman University  
 Clemson University  
 Colegio Universitario de Estudios Financieros, Spain  
 College of Charleston  
 College of International Studies (CIS), Spain\*  
 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\*  
 EADA, Spain\*  
 Eastern Connecticut State 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\*  
 ESADA, Spain  
 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  
 Greece University  
 Hanze University, Netherlands  
 Ivey Business School Western University Canada\*  
 James Madison University  
 John Cabot University, Italy  
 IE University Madrid, Spain\*  
 Les Roche University\* (Switzerland)  
 Louisiana State University  
 Loyola University Chicago  
 Loyola University Maryland\*  
 Lycoming College\*  
 Manchester University  
 Maastricht University in Maastricht, Holland\*  
 Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences  
 McGill University \*  
 NC State University\*  
 North Eastern University  
 Penn State University\*  
 Point Loma Nazarene University

Queen's University, Canada  
 Quest University, Canada\*  
 Regents University (UK)\*  
 Rhode Island School of Design  
 Rochester Institute of Technology  
 San Diego State University\*  
 Savannah College of Art and Design  
 Seton Hall University\*  
 Saint Mary's College of California\*  
 Saint Michael's University\*  
 Suffolk Community College, New York\*  
 Southern Methodist University  
 Seneca Polytechnic, Canada  
 SUNY Maritime College  
 TBS - Barcelona, Spain\*  
 TEC\*  
 Texas A & M University  
 Texas State University  
 Texas Tech University\*  
 Texas Tech University Costa Rica \*  
 Trent University\*  
 Tulane University\*  
 UC Leuven Limburg, Belgium  
 Universidad de Ciencias Médicas, Costa Rica\*  
 Universidad Europea Madrid  
 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 Hawaii Manoa  
 University of Huddersfield (UK)  
 University of Idaho\*  
 University of Iowa  
 University of Kansas  
 University of Kentucky  
 University of Louisville

University of Manchester (UK)  
 University of Massachusetts  
 University of Miami  
 University of Michigan\*  
 University of Maryland  
 University of Michigan  
 University of Montreal  
 University of New Brunswick  
 University of North Carolina  
 University of Nevada, Reno  
 University of Oregon\*  
 University of Ottawa\*  
 University of the Pacific  
 University of Pittsburgh  
 University of Prince Edward Island\*  
 University of Redlands  
 University of Regina, Canada  
 University of San Diego  
 University of South Carolina\*  
 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  
 Van Hakk Larenstein University, NL  
 Villanova University\*  
 Virginia Tech  
 Washington College  
 Western University Canada\*  
 Whittier College  
 Webster University\* NL  
 Wilfred Laurier University, Canada\*  
 York University, Canada\*



\*Denotes students attending