



LEAD University is a small, private university, founded in 2016, in alliance with the business sector. It offers business and engineering degrees. LEAD stands for Leadership, Excellence, Advancement and Development.

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The **International Student Handbook** and other relevant material for international partners and students is available at: <http://bit.ly/studyabroadulead>



**WELCOME TO
COSTA RICA**

NOMINATION AND APPLICATION PROCEDURES

- Deadline (Fall):
- May 15.
- Deadline (Spring):
- October 15.
- Nominations and Requirements:
- The list of students nominated by the home university needs to be sent by email to Daniela Hernández: **daniela.hernandez@ulead.ac.cr**
 - Please include: full names, date of birth, email, exchange period, field of study, the number of semesters completed to date and Spanish level (minimum requirement B2).
 - Students need to include a letter confirming their Spanish competencies with their application.
- Application form:
- Upon nomination, by your home university, you will receive a link to complete your online application.
Please note that you will need to complete your application papers with proof of your health insurance upon arrival.
- Student Visas:
- To apply for a student visa, please contact Daniela Hernández who will guide you through the process: daniela.hernandez@ulead.ac.cr
- Courses:
- The complete list of available courses across the different degrees can be found in the plans of study available at:
<http://bit.ly/studyabroadulead>
 - The course load international students take needs to be agreed with and approved by their home university.
 - Full time students usually take a maximum of 30 ECTS.
- COVID-19 update:
- All courses are expected to be offered online for the spring 2021 and on site for fall 2021. However, measures change unexpectedly and drastically so reach out to Daniela Hernández (daniela.hernandez@ulead.ac.cr) to obtain the latest information.

ACADEMIC SCHEDULE (TENTATIVE DATES)

- **January 11, 2021 - April 23, 2021:** Spring Term (Classes Resume)
- **April 19, 2021 - April 23, 2021:** Exam Period
- **April 25 - May 8, 2021:** Spring Break
- **May 10, 2021 - August 20, 2021:** Summer Term (Classes Resume)
- **August 30- September 3, 2021:** Mandatory Induction Week for newly arriving Exchange Students
- **September 6, 2021:** Start of the Fall Term (Classes Begin)
- **December 13-17, 2021:** Exam Period
- **December 18, 2021:** End of the Fall Term (Classes End)
- **December 18, 2020 – January 9, 2022:** Term Break (No Classes)

EXAMS

- Exchange students will take their exams together with regular students without exceptions.
- Should students need special accommodations, these need to be communicated to the Director of Academic Affairs at the outset of their stay, so the appropriate arrangements can be made with faculty.
- Official transcripts of records will be emailed to the home institution with a copy to the student after completion of their semester abroad.

HEALTH AND MEDICAL INSURANCE

- Students are expected to purchase health insurance in their home country covering their stay in Costa Rica.

VISA AND HOUSING

- Students who stay longer than 90 days will need to apply for a student visa.
- LEAD University will guide exchange students through the process.
- LEAD University does not offer student accommodation on campus, but helps students find housing or host families.
- Visa application costs: Approximately \$500.

ESTIMATED COST OF LIVING, (IN USD, PER MONTH)

Accommodation:	\$300-600	International Health Insurance:	To be purchased from your home country
Food:	\$300	Cell phone plan:	\$55
Transport:	\$50	Miscellaneous:	\$100
Academic books/articles	Provided by LEAD University	TOTAL:	Between \$805-1105 (excluding health insurance)