THE UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS has maintained academic partnerships in Costa Rica since 1958. It is one of the oldest cultural exchange agreements between a North American and a Latin American university. The following profile highlights KU research and teaching associated with Costa Rica.

**STUDENTS & VISITING SCHOLARS**

KU enrolled eight students from Costa Rica in fall 2017.

**FACULTY ENGAGEMENT IN COSTA RICA**

KU faculty teach and/or conduct research on Costa Rica and collaborate with Costa Rican researchers on a wide range of areas, some of which are highlighted below.


**STUDY ABROAD PROGRAMS**

KU students engage in comparative academic studies, receive practical training, and visit sites of academic and cultural relevance in Costa Rica. More than 320 students have participated in KU faculty-led programs during the past five years.

**Academic units conduct research on or collaborate with Costa Rica**

22

**KU students studied abroad in Costa Rica**

58

**KU students took Spanish language courses**

4,198

**titles in KU Libraries’ collection on Central America**

157,000

Above data from 2016-2017
KU Global Connections: Costa Rica

In addition to those below, Study Abroad offers a variety of programs in Costa Rica.

Business Practices in Costa Rica (Faculty-led Winter Break)
Bilingual Spanish Language Intensive for Social Workers (Non-Faculty-led Summer)
Early Childhood Unified in Costa Rica (Faculty-led Summer)
International Social Services: A Costa Rican Perspective (Faculty-led Summer)
Preparing for International Careers in San José (Faculty-led Spring Break)
Travel Writing and the Costa Rica Experience (Faculty-led Winter Break)
Semester in Costa Rica with Grupo de Kansas

Agreements
University of Costa Rica

Resources
Department of Spanish & Portuguese
Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies
KU Libraries Costa Rica Resource Guide
School of Languages, Literatures & Cultures
Center for Global and International Studies
International Programs • Office of Study Abroad
KU Global Awareness Program (GAP) • KU Global Scholars
International Undergraduate Admissions
Costa Rica World Factbook

Dr. Caroline Chaboo’s Field Biology in Costa Rica Program moves research from the lab to the tropical rain forests of Costa Rica. KU undergraduates earn three credit hours in biology while gaining critical experience in the field.

During the two-week study abroad program, students examine life histories, ecology, and behavior of arthropod communities on Zingiberales plants. They learn to use high-resolution imaging and microscopes to study these diverse mini-ecosystems. Students not only participate in field work but also collaborate on the analysis and publication of the results.

“My experiences in Costa Rica were unforgettable. I have learned much about myself, the world, and field biology,” said KU student Vickie Grotbeck. “The past two weeks have been not only incredibly informative, but lots of fun as well.”

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