

Important Enrollment Information

Note: This information is also available in the Costa Rica handbook. Students accepted to the program will also get additional information about enrollment.

How do I know before I leave for Costa Rica which classes I will take at UCR?

Because UCR does not publish the schedule of classes until after you are already there, information on the courses offered your semester abroad isn't available. Students work around this difficulty by reviewing the UCR schedule of classes for previous semesters and the UCR Course Equivalencies list, which can be found on the KU Office of Study Abroad's website. Reviewing these documents will give you an idea of the wide variety of courses that UCR offers and the courses which are likely to be offered during your semester abroad. You should plan with your academic advisor the types of courses in which you will wish to enroll and compile a list of possible classes.

You should plan on taking courses from a wide variety of departments (e.g. Spanish, History, Geography, Psychology, Biology, etc.) and have eight to ten courses pre-approved on the Academic Plan & Approval so you have options. If you feel you **MUST** enroll in a certain course or else risk graduating on time, contact the KU Office of Study Abroad immediately so that we can check on the status of the course and your chances of enrolling in it. Many students seek to take several literature courses while at UCR. However, please keep in mind that these classes can be very challenging because they require background knowledge in literary theory and academic writing. We recommended taking one literature course during the semester. During the enrollment process, Zaida and Isa can give you more specific information about each course.

Please remember that every single course that you take at UCR, whether you need it for your major or not, must be posted to your KU transcript and will be calculated into your KU GPA.

How do I register for classes at UCR? Zaida and Isa will advise and help you in every step of the enrollment process once in Costa Rica. Costa Rican higher education is highly structured, such that most courses above the freshman level have prerequisites. *Grupo de Kansas* students may take courses in all areas at UCR provided that they have the proper prerequisites, they are not courses with *cupo limitado*, and there is space available. The *Grupo de Kansas* program is limited to five students per class and *Grupo de Kansas* students, as all other UCR students, compete for space on the basis of GPA.

Courses with the prefix RP and EG on the course equivalency log don't have prerequisites so *Grupo de Kansas* students are usually able to enroll in them easily. Courses in majors with few students and very specific prerequisites, such as photography, art, and music have very limited space in their studios and non-UCR students won't be able to take them.