

Pitzer College in Costa Rica

Summer Health Program 2024

The Pitzer in Costa Rica Summer Health Program is organized, in collaboration with the Institute for Central American Development Studies (ICADS). The program begins in Claremont during the spring semester where students participate in a half-course seminar introducing them to Costa Rica, epidemiology, public health concepts, and intercultural learning. The program then continues to Costa Rica for six weeks where students take an intensive Spanish language class, their core class, participate in an internship in the health care system, and take study trips.

- Program Dates** **Sunday, May 19 to Saturday, June 29, 2024**
(Six Full Weeks. Participation in the entire program is required.)
- Courses** ***Sociology of Health and Health Care*** CR101 PZ (1 course or 4 semester units)
This core course involves readings, site visits, and lectures by local experts on politics, economics, and health as well as intensive internship experiences in health care settings.
Spanish Language (1 course or 4 semester units)
Intensive language instruction in small classes (usually 1:4 maximum teacher to student ratio).
Students who are fluent in Spanish will have a special course designed for them.
- Prerequisites** **Spanish Proficiency:** Completion of the second semester of college-level Spanish or a demonstrated equivalency is required prior to participation in the summer program (students with 3-4 years of high school Spanish might qualify). A third or fourth semester is preferred and recommended for students who wish to maximize their learning and internship opportunities on the program.
- Pre-Departure Seminar:** A required half-course credit seminar (CGS 101) is offered during the spring semester. Usually, this seminar takes place on Thursday evenings from 5 PM to 7 PM. If you are serious about doing this program, please keep this time slot open.
- Housing** Students will live with families in the San Jose area and are encouraged to participate fully in family life. Only one student is placed in each home to maximize use of Spanish.
- Meals** Breakfast and dinner will be taken with the family. Participants will receive an allowance for lunches at local restaurants.
- Field Trips** Two two-night study trips – to a cloud forest and the Caribbean side of Costa Rica (conditions permitting) – are an integral part of the program.
- Cost** The cost for 2024 is \$12,000. This amount will cover tuition for two courses, all program activities and study trips, room and board, and a round-trip flight. Financial Aid will be available for Pitzer students who typically receive financial aid. Students should connect with their college's financial aid department to determine if financial aid is available for the program.
- Application** **Due Nov. 15, 2023 for priority consideration.** Applications received after this date will be considered if there is still space in the program. To receive an application, email the Office of Study Abroad & International Programs at studyabroad@pitzer.edu.
- Questions:** Please contact studyabroad@pitzer.edu.