

COSTA RICA CENTER FALL 2021 – SPRING 2022 TRAVEL & VISA INFORMATION

We are happy you have chosen the LIU Global Costa Rica Center. We hope you are prepared for an experience full of new realizations and challenges. The following is important information for all students traveling to the Costa Rica Center. **IMPORTANT:** The visa information applies to U.S. citizens. If you are NOT a U.S. citizen, you must consult with the nearest Costa Rican embassy or consulate.

PASSPORT

All LIU Global students need a valid passport to participate. Make sure your passport is valid for at least one year, that it is in good shape, and that it has at least 10 empty pages. When you enter the country, make sure that it gets stamped at the airport.

If you do not have a passport, please apply for one immediately. First-time applicants need to apply in person. For U.S. citizens, see the U.S. Department of State website for more information:

http://travel.state.gov/passport/passport_1738.html

VISA

→ IF YOU WILL BE ATTENDING THE COSTA RICA CENTER FOR 2 CONSECUTIVE SEMESTERS (A FULL ACADEMIC YEAR). You will enter as a tourist and then apply for an extended visa after you arrive in Costa Rica, as per the local migration laws. Non-U.S. citizens should confirm the entry requirements for visitors from your country. The Costa Rica Center staff will assist you in applying for the extended visa. You **MUST** bring the following with you to Costa Rica:

- **A total of \$160 to cover visa-related costs**
This will cover the Costa Rican government's visa fee, legal services and official translations and other related migration costs for the extended stay visa that you will request in Costa Rica with the help of our staff. You must bring this money in cash to hand in to Oscar Ugalde, Administrative Coordinator of the Costa Rica Center, on your first day in Costa Rica.
- **Valid passport with an expiration date of no less than a year**
- **2 recent passport photos**

These can also be obtained in Costa Rica for a total of about \$5.