

United World College

Costa Rica

SHORT COURSES



Peace Leadership the Costa Rican Way

Welcome to a different way of developing your peace Leadership abilities!

The **United World College Costa Rica (UWCCR)** is one of 13 colleges around the globe devoted to promote peace and understanding through the power of education. In our campus, 165 students from 66

countries live and learn for a period of two college years, in a unique multicultural environment.

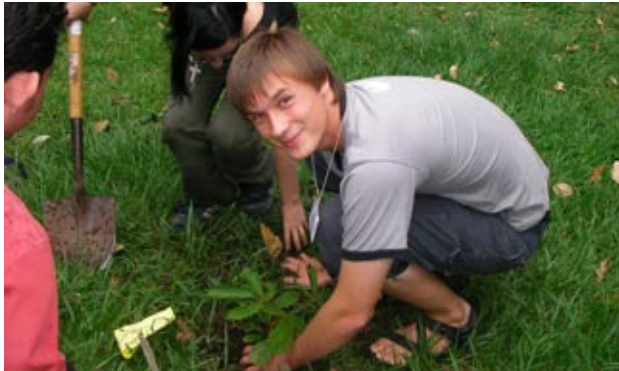
Situated in a country widely recognized for its democracy, peace building achievements and impressive natural resources, our campus is located in Santa Ana, a beautiful suburb east of San José, Costa Rica's capital.

Our outreach national and international teaching staff and facilitators have broad expertise in peace building

knowledge and skills and are bilingual (English-Spanish).

Our infrastructure offers fully equipped academic and residential areas including cafeteria, sports facilities, infirmary, all of them protected with 24 hour security and wireless internet access.

In short, we have the perfect setting to develop your peace leadership short course and to experience the Central American culture and nature.



Peace Leadership in a Central American Cultural Context

As a means to expand our purpose to educate for peace beyond our community and taking advantage of our campus residential and academic facilities, the UWCCR has conceived an Outreach Short Courses Program that offers a valuable opportunity to experience Central American culture through activities such as:

- Guided trips to San José City and its main sites
- Costa Rican cultural dinners
- Costa Rican folkloric presentations
- Interaction activities with our Costa Rican and other Latin American student facilitators.

Then, within this different culture setting, the core of our program is implemented through daily learning activities on a variety of topics related to peace building and leadership that include:

- Basic conflict management and resolution
- Negotiation
- Consensus building
- Mediation
- Dialogue facilitation

Short course language is English.

Experiential learning methods are used to connect day-to-day experiences throughout the short course, with its core topics, resulting in an enhancement of the participants learning process. But that is not all...

Peace Leadership in Harmony with a Stunning Natural Environment

Being located at a country with unique biodiversity and precocious natural sceneries, our Outreach Program is also enriched by one day trips off campus to first rate eco-adventure facilities and two day trips to Costa Rica's world renowned natural parks and coastal communities.

These trips intensify cultural immersion, foster environmental awareness and offer a key opportunity for experiential learning outcomes, aside from the chance to relax and enjoy at a maximum your stay in Costa Rica.

Teaching and Facilitation Team

Finally, all of our teacher and facilitator staff has valuable experience in active or experiential methodologies and have strong expertise in the topic areas of our program. Depending on the time of the year when the short course takes place, UWC student



facilitators from other continents also participate, adding intercultural enrichment to the learning experience.

An important part of our peace building expertise comes from harnessing the experience of a unique Collaborative Conflict Resolution System that the UWCCR has to handle internal day-to-day disputes between students, manage and implemented by the students themselves.

That is why, although our program has an important theoretical base, it is essentially a practical based and aimed learning process. In that way we assure that we are developing true change agents for today's peace building challenges.

Short Course Fee

Our 10 day Short Course fee is \$1,500 per person. This fee includes short course tuition, transportation inside Costa Rica for all programmed group activities, eco-adventure and environmental park fees and expenses, and food and lodging needs during the whole course.

Travel costs to and from Costa Rica, are not included in the fee.

For more information about our short course or to book your institution or organization's short course, please contact our outreach program at outreach.info@uwccr.com, with Eduardo Garro, Outreach Coordinator.

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