



Global Education Solutions

# Course Descriptions

San Jose, Costa Rica

2007 July 5-Week (Spanish Language, Liberal Arts & Sciences)

The following is a list of courses and/or subject areas that have been offered in the past by the host institution. Please note foreign institutions do not usually finalize course listings until the beginning of the academic year. This list will be updated online as the host institution provides additional information.

## 2007 July

Course Requirement Summary		
Level	Sem. Credits	Course Structure
Beginner Level	8 - 9	1 Spanish Language Course 1 English Elective
Intermediate Level	8 - 9	1 Spanish Language Course 1 English Elective
Advanced Level & Above	7 - 9	1 Spanish Language Course 1 English or Spanish Elective

Beginner Level - Total Possible Credit(s): 8 - 9

### 1 Spanish Language Course

**Course Title:** SPN 101 Basic Spanish I  
**Host Institution Title:** SPN Básico 1 gramática y conversación  
**Recommended Sem Credits:** 5 **Contact Hours:** 80  
**Level(s)** 100  
**Instruction in:** Spanish  
**Primary Subject Area:** Spanish Language & Literature  
**CEA Partner Institution:** Veritas University

**Description:**

No previous knowledge of the Spanish language is required for this level. The core of this class is the development of oral skills. A wide variety of activities are used which enable students to interact immediately in simple everyday situations such as ordering food, making hotel reservations, and doing formal and informal interviews. Students will be introduced to basic grammar rules including: ser/estar, pronouns, gender and number agreement, prepositions, use of definite/indefinite articles, and present, past and future tenses in the indicative mood. Students will be evaluated by participation, assignments, midterm and final exam. (60 contact hours). The conversation part of the course is intended to help students use their basic listening and speaking skills to express themselves in everyday situations. Students learn greetings, descriptions, past tense narration, and expressions of preference. They also learn how to ask for and give information. They discuss travel, housing, family, food, shopping, weather, social relations and work in order to understand and manipulate a basic conversation with native speakers. This course also covers Spanish pronunciation.

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**Course Title:** SPN 102 Basic Spanish II  
**Host Institution Title:** SPN 102 Básico 2 gramática y conversación  
**Recommended Sem Credits:** 5 **Contact Hours:** 80  
**Level(s)** 100  
**Instruction in:** Spanish  
**Primary Subject Area:** Spanish Language & Literature  
**CEA Partner Institution:** Veritas University

**Description:**

This course is designed for students with a basic knowledge of the language. Complemented by everyday exposure to Costa Rican life, this course emphasizes written exercises, grammatical structures, as well as conversational fluency. Students will continue to increase their vocabulary by participating in various activities including discussions on political and social issues. Basic grammar rules that will taught include: present

progressive, gustar/interesar, positive tu and usted commands, and question and exclamatory phrases. Students will be evaluated by participation, assignments, midterm and final exam. The conversation part of this course continues to emphasize conversational Spanish. Extensive use is made of structured oral exercises and projects such as interviewing native Costa Ricans. Corrective phonetics, vocabulary development and oral comprehension are refined.

## 1 English Elective

**Course Title:** ARCH 3112 History of Latin American Architecture and Art  
**Host Institution Title:** ARCH 3112 Historia del arte y arquitectura en Latino America  
**Recommended Sem Credits:** 3 **Contact Hours:** 48  
**Level(s)** 300  
**Instruction in:** English  
**Primary Subject Area:** Architecture  
**CEA Partner Institution:** Veritas University  
**Description:**

This course offers a chronological overview of main invents and influences that contributed to the making of past and present architecture in Latin America, analyzing the artistic manifestations.

**Course Title:** ARCH 3113 Theory of Latin American Cities  
**Host Institution Title:** ARCH 3113 Teorías de la ciudad Latinamericana  
**Recommended Sem Credits:** 3 **Contact Hours:** 48  
**Level(s)** 300  
**Instruction in:** English  
**Primary Subject Area:** Architecture  
**CEA Partner Institution:** Veritas University  
**Description:**

This course offers a panoramic overview of the development of cities in Latin America. Students will learn about similarities and differences among Latin American countries and their cities learning to develop certain analysis skills of urban form and human behavior in the city environment.

**Course Title:** ARCH 3200 Tropical Architecture and Design  
**Host Institution Title:** ARCH 3200 Tropical Architecture and Design  
**Recommended Sem Credits:** 4 **Contact Hours:** 60  
**Level(s)** 300  
**Instruction in:** English  
**Primary Subject Area:** Architecture  
**CEA Partner Institution:** Veritas University  
**Description:**

The objective of this course is to learn about climatic design in the tropics and develop the skills to analyze a particular geographical situation. Students will become familiarized with restricted resource usage; the knowledge of land and climate and the rural tradition where domestic construction is passed on from one generation to another.

**Course Title:** COMM 3200 Intercultural Communication  
**Host Institution Title:** COMM 3200 Comunicación intercultural  
**Recommended Sem Credits:** 3 **Contact Hours:** 48  
**Level(s)** 300  
**Instruction in:** English  
**Primary Subject Area:** Communication  
**CEA Partner Institution:** Veritas University  
**Description:**

An overview of the field of Intercultural Communication. The course examines theoretical aspects of culture and world view, intercultural contact, entry and reentry processes. Addresses issues of diversity and commonalities amongst human beings, implications and applications according to each situation and professional context. Students will develop skills for intercultural competence.

**Course Title:** DNCE 2500 Introduction to Latin American Tropical Dance  
**Host Institution Title:** DNCE 2500 Introducción al baile tropical an Latinoamérica  
**Recommended Sem Credits:** 3 **Contact Hours:** 48  
**Level(s)** 200  
**Instruction in:** English  
**Primary Subject Area:** Anthropology

**Other Subject Area(s):** Cultural Studies, History  
**CEA Partner Institution:** Veritas University

**Description:**

Explores the technique, rhythm and movement style of Latin American Tropical Dance. History, anthropology, folklore and songs are part of this experiential course.

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**Course Title:** ECON 3403 Introduction to International Economics and Latin America

**Host Institution Title:** ECON 3403 Introduccion a la economía internacional & Latinoamerica

**Recommended Sem Credits:** 3 **Contact Hours:** 48

**Level(s)** 300

**Instruction in:** English

**Primary Subject Area:** Economics

**CEA Partner Institution:** Veritas University

**Description:**

Examines Latin American policies that affect the international economy, with attention to trade barriers, economic nationalism and regionalism, international political economy, exchange market intervention and international transmission of economic perturbations.

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**Course Title:** ENV 3005 Environmental Impact and Social Development

**Host Institution Title:** ENV 3005 Impacto ambiental y desarrollo social

**Recommended Sem Credits:** 4 **Contact Hours:** 60

**Level(s)** 300

**Instruction in:** English

**Primary Subject Area:** Ecology

**Other Subject Area(s):** Economics, Sociology

**CEA Partner Institution:** Veritas University

**Description:**

Introduction to the study of major environmental problems and issues confronting modern society. Ecosystems, population patterns and dynamics. Use and misuse of resources. Population and environmental quality. Environmental citizenship and economic incentives. Costa Rican initiatives and eco-tourism.

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**Course Title:** ENV 3044 Introduction to Tropical Ecology

**Recommended Sem Credits:** 4 **Contact Hours:** 60

**Level(s)** 300

**Instruction in:** English

**Primary Subject Area:** Ecology

**CEA Partner Institution:** Veritas University

**Description:**

This is an introductory course to tropical ecology. Students will learn about the interactions between earth and land and how this interactions or processes affect our life and the stability of the planet. Within this context students will gain insight about basic ecological concepts, natural environments, organisms and their interactions and about human impacts on the environment. Emphasis will be given to the study of the most relevant tropical ecosystems such as: tropical rain forest, cloud forests, coral reefs and mangroves. Field trips to selected environments will provide on site examples of some of the issues learned through class work and readings. All field trips are mandatory.

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**Course Title:** ENV 3190 Tropical Marine Biology

**Recommended Sem Credits:** 4 **Contact Hours:** 60

**Level(s)** 300

**Instruction in:** English

**Primary Subject Area:** Biology

**CEA Partner Institution:** Veritas University

**Description:**

An introduction to the biology and ecology of tropical marine ecosystems. Studies the balance between ecosystems and human stress and demands on the constant changing marine environment. Students must enroll in both the lecture course. All field trips are mandatory.

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**Course Title:** ETH 3100 Selected Topics in Afro-Caribbean Studies

**Host Institution Title:** ETH 3100 Temas seleccionados en estudios afroamericanos

**Recommended Sem Credits:** 3 **Contact Hours:** 48

**Level(s)** 300

**Instruction in:** English

**Primary Subject Area:** Cultural Studies

**Other Subject Area(s):** Humanities  
**CEA Partner Institution:** Veritas University

**Description:**

Intensive examination of a particular topic, theme, issue, or problem concerning the Black presence in Costa Rica and Central America. Sample offerings could include Central America and ethnic politics, History and Culture, Blacks in Central American governments, Contemporary Black literature, and History of the Black experience in Costa Rica.

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**Course Title:** GEB 3350 Introduction to International Business  
**Host Institution Title:** GEB 3350 Introducción a los negocios internacionales  
**Recommended Sem Credits:** 3 **Contact Hours:** 48  
**Level(s)** 300  
**Instruction in:** English  
**Primary Subject Area:** Business  
**CEA Partner Institution:** Veritas University

**Description:**

An overview of cultural environment of international business and the institutions which affect business today. International economic, political and trade issues are analyzed in the context of socioeconomic goals and policies of the nations involved. The Latin American perspective with regard to the U.S., Asia and Europe is examined: NAFTA, Merco sur, the EC and other common market areas and agreements.

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**Course Title:** GEB 3500 Ecotourism: The Costa Rican Case  
**Host Institution Title:** GEB 3500 Ecotourism: El case de Costa Rica  
**Recommended Sem Credits:** 4 **Contact Hours:** 60  
**Level(s)** 300  
**Instruction in:** English  
**Primary Subject Area:** Economics  
**Other Subject Area(s):** Sociology  
**CEA Partner Institution:** Veritas University

**Description:**

This course will provide students with an introduction to Costa Rican ecotourism. It will offer the chance to analyze this dynamic process from different socio-economic perspectives. It will discuss the economic importance of ecotourism for the Costa Rican national economy, the stimulation of grassroots, community ecotourism projects, and the role of ecotourism in securing environmental protection. The advances and limitations of ecotourism will be explored. Students will be encouraged to develop their own conclusions about how ecotourism can help to secure economic, environmental and participatory alternatives in order to advance the Costa Rican sustainable development process.

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**Course Title:** HUM 3500 Latin American Art  
**Recommended Sem Credits:** 3 **Contact Hours:** 48  
**Level(s)** 300  
**Instruction in:** English  
**Primary Subject Area:** Art History  
**Other Subject Area(s):** Cultural Studies  
**CEA Partner Institution:** Veritas University

**Description:**

A survey of Latin American art covering twenty centuries of aesthetic and cultural production: Pre-Conquest, Colonial, Baroque, Independence, Modern and Contemporary. We will examine the ways literature, spaces, objects, and images have functioned across a broad spectrum of history, region, and culture in what are now the Central American countries.

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**Course Title:** HUM 3513 Arts & Humanities: Costa Rica Colloquium  
**Host Institution Title:** HUM 3513 Coloquio costarricense  
**Recommended Sem Credits:** 3 **Contact Hours:** 48  
**Level(s)** 300  
**Instruction in:** English  
**Primary Subject Area:** Humanities  
**CEA Partner Institution:** Veritas University

**Description:**

A general survey of the complex heritage and social evolution of Costa Rica, examined through a comprehensive and multidisciplinary view focusing on the historical development and present day dynamics of economy, society, polity, natural resources and culture. Special attention will be given to topics such as cultural background, identity formation, social development and education the roots of present day crises, problems of peace and democracy, some artistic and literary trends, and the emergence and role of old and new ideological movements. Emphases

will be placed upon different topics during the course, according to students' backgrounds and expectations.

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<b>Course Title:</b>	MGMT 3021 Logistics Management
<b>Host Institution Title:</b>	MGMT 3021 Administración de logística
<b>Recommended Sem Credits:</b>	3 <b>Contact Hours:</b> 48
<b>Level(s)</b>	300
<b>Instruction in:</b>	English
<b>Primary Subject Area:</b>	Management
<b>Other Subject Area(s):</b>	Business
<b>CEA Partner Institution:</b>	Veritas University
<b>Description:</b>	An overview of logistics management areas within the domestic and international contexts. Examines logistics objectives such as warehousing, inventory control, transportation, import-export logistics, etc. Emphasis is given on the importance of legal aspects in certain logistics areas.

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<b>Course Title:</b>	PHIL 3100 Comparative Classical Philosophy
<b>Host Institution Title:</b>	PHIL 3100 Filosofía clásica comparada
<b>Recommended Sem Credits:</b>	3 <b>Contact Hours:</b> 48
<b>Level(s)</b>	300
<b>Instruction in:</b>	English
<b>Primary Subject Area:</b>	Philosophy
<b>CEA Partner Institution:</b>	Veritas University
<b>Description:</b>	An overview of the history and selected concepts in major eastern and western classical philosophical movements and systems. Emphasis on certain topics such as mind-body, knowledge of self and others, predestination and free will, cause and effect and other fundamental ideas in classical knowledge.

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<b>Course Title:</b>	PHOT 1161 Basic Photography
<b>Host Institution Title:</b>	PHOT 1161 Fotografía básica
<b>Recommended Sem Credits:</b>	3 <b>Contact Hours:</b> 48
<b>Level(s)</b>	100
<b>Instruction in:</b>	English
<b>Primary Subject Area:</b>	Photography
<b>CEA Partner Institution:</b>	Veritas University
<b>Description:</b>	The course offers basic knowledge in the field of photography. Through practical exercises aiming to apply the information provided through lectures, students will have a complete knowledge of the basic photographic processes, from exposure to printing. Students must have their own SRL cameras.
<b>Required Supplies:</b>	Students must bring their own camera.

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<b>Course Title:</b>	PHOT 1161 Basic Photography
<b>Host Institution Title:</b>	PHOT 1161 Fotografía básica
<b>Recommended Sem Credits:</b>	3 <b>Contact Hours:</b> 48
<b>Level(s)</b>	100
<b>Instruction in:</b>	Spanish
<b>Primary Subject Area:</b>	Photography
<b>CEA Partner Institution:</b>	Veritas University
<b>Description:</b>	The course offers basic knowledge in the field of photography. Through practical exercises aiming to apply the information provided through lectures, students will have a complete knowledge of the basic photographic processes, from exposure to printing. Students must have their own SRL cameras.
<b>Required Supplies:</b>	Students must bring their own camera.

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<b>Course Title:</b>	PHOT 2600 Digital Photography
<b>Host Institution Title:</b>	PHOT 2600 Fotografía Digital
<b>Recommended Sem Credits:</b>	3 <b>Contact Hours:</b> 48
<b>Level(s)</b>	200
<b>Instruction in:</b>	English
<b>Primary Subject Area:</b>	Photography
<b>CEA Partner Institution:</b>	Veritas University
<b>Description:</b>	The course offers a general knowledge in the reaches and the stages of digital photography. Through practice

exercises aiming to apply the information provided through lectures, students will be able to consciously create and manipulate digital photographic images. Students must have their own digital cameras.

**Required Supplies:** Students must have their own digital cameras.

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**Course Title:** POL 2500 Human Rights in Latin America  
**Host Institution Title:** POL 2500 Derechos humanos en Latinoamérica  
**Recommended Sem Credits:** 3 **Contact Hours:** 48  
**Level(s)** 200  
**Instruction in:** English  
**Primary Subject Area:** Political Science  
**CEA Partner Institution:** Veritas University

**Description:**

An introduction to the issues surrounding the development and abuse of human rights in Latin America. Students will explore the most recent advances in this field along with the most pertinent problems pertaining to their adoption and implementation. A particular emphasis will be given to the case of Costa Rica, giving the students an opportunity to explore the development of human rights in the following areas: women's rights, children's rights, HIV/AIDS, the CAFTA agreement and labor rights, indigenous groups and human rights, disability and age issues, and the prison environment. Specific attention will be given to testimonies of human rights abuses and the development of the Costa Rican legal framework in relation to these aforementioned areas. By analyzing these cases and the issues involved, students will gain an understanding of how human rights are being implemented through Costa Rica's laws, policy framework and its institutional commitment to human rights.

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Intermediate Level - Total Possible Credit(s): 8 - 9

### 1 Spanish Language Course

**Course Title:** SPN 201 Intermediate Spanish I  
**Host Institution Title:** SPN 201 Intermedio 1 gramática y conversación  
**Recommended Sem Credits:** 5 **Contact Hours:** 80  
**Level(s)** 200  
**Instruction in:** Spanish  
**Primary Subject Area:** Spanish Language & Literature  
**CEA Partner Institution:** Veritas University

**Description:**

This course is designed for students who have a fairly good knowledge of the language. The course emphasizes a review and practice of grammatical structures through oral and written exercises. This review includes, among other concepts, a concentration on the differences between ser/estar, por/para, and preterite/imperfect. In compact groups, students have the opportunity to participate dynamically in class activities. Students will be evaluated by participation, assignments, midterm, written compositions and final exam. The primary goals of the conversation part of this course are to help students express themselves with confidence, to expand their vocabulary, and to enhance their communicative skills so that they are able to debate. Primary focus is concentrated around everyday situations and students are given the opportunity to practice both their listening and speaking skills. In addition, Spanish pronunciation is reviewed and practiced. Students compare and contrast people, places, situations and customs. They discuss ways to solve problems and talk about future vacations, marriage and work plans. Movies and literature are also topics for discussion.

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**Course Title:** SPN 202 Intermediate Spanish II  
**Host Institution Title:** SPN 202 Intermedio 2 gramática y conversación  
**Recommended Sem Credits:** 5 **Contact Hours:** 80  
**Level(s)** 200  
**Instruction in:** Spanish  
**Primary Subject Area:** Spanish Language & Literature  
**CEA Partner Institution:** Veritas University

**Description:**

This course is designed for students having a relatively good knowledge of Spanish. The course is based on reading exercises as well as simple text discussions. Students will develop a much more complex vocabulary and will be introduced to the personal pronoun vos, impersonal "se", "perfect" tenses, conditional tense, subjunctive mood, and comparative structures. Cultural and social activities are widely used as study material. Upon completion of this class, students should be able to hold a simple conversation and understand most everything they read. Students will be evaluated by participation, assignments, midterm, written compositions and final exam. The conversation part of this course promotes facility in understanding, speaking and writing the language. Emphasis is placed on situational, everyday conversation by enriching the students' vocabulary and correction of phonetics. Structured speech is worked on to provide a firm foundation in spoken Spanish with progression towards free conversation. Students will have the opportunity to practice their Spanish through communicative exercises such as oral projects and interviews with native Costa Ricans. This course is taken in conjunction with Spanish 201.

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**Course Title:** SPN 210 Intermediate Spanish Conversation  
**Host Institution Title:** SPN 210 Español conversacional intermedio  
**Recommended Sem Credits:** 5 **Contact Hours:** 80  
**Level(s)** 200  
**Instruction in:** Spanish  
**Primary Subject Area:** Spanish Language & Literature  
**CEA Partner Institution:** Veritas University

**Description:**

This class will focus on theme guided discussions, designed to make students feel more comfortable with expressing themselves in Spanish. Possible discussions may include: various aspects of the Latin American economy, socio-economic issues in Latin America, healthcare issues, and Latin American music.

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## 1 English Elective

**Course Title:** ARCH 3112 History of Latin American Architecture and Art  
**Host Institution Title:** ARCH 3112 Historia del arte y arquitectura en Latino America  
**Recommended Sem Credits:** 3 **Contact Hours:** 48  
**Level(s)** 300  
**Instruction in:** English  
**Primary Subject Area:** Architecture  
**CEA Partner Institution:** Veritas University

**Description:**

This course offers a chronological overview of main invents and influences that contributed to the making of past and present architecture in Latin America, analyzing the artistic manifestations.

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**Course Title:** ARCH 3113 Theory of Latin American Cities  
**Host Institution Title:** ARCH 3113 Teorías de la ciudad Latinamericana  
**Recommended Sem Credits:** 3 **Contact Hours:** 48  
**Level(s)** 300  
**Instruction in:** English  
**Primary Subject Area:** Architecture  
**CEA Partner Institution:** Veritas University

**Description:**

This course offers a panoramic overview of the development of cities in Latin America. Students will learn about similarities and differences among Latin American countries and their cities learning to develop certain analysis skills of urban form and human behavior in the city environment.

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**Course Title:** ARCH 3200 Tropical Architecture and Design  
**Host Institution Title:** ARCH 3200 Tropical Architecture and Design  
**Recommended Sem Credits:** 4 **Contact Hours:** 60  
**Level(s)** 300  
**Instruction in:** English  
**Primary Subject Area:** Architecture  
**CEA Partner Institution:** Veritas University

**Description:**

The objective of this course is to learn about climatic design in the tropics and develop the skills to analyze a particular geographical situation. Students will become familiarized with restricted resource usage; the knowledge of land and climate and the rural tradition where domestic construction is passed on from one generation to another.

**Course Title:** COMM 3200 Intercultural Communication  
**Host Institution Title:** COMM 3200 Comunicación intercultural  
**Recommended Sem Credits:** 3 **Contact Hours:** 48  
**Level(s)** 300  
**Instruction in:** English  
**Primary Subject Area:** Communication  
**CEA Partner Institution:** Veritas University

**Description:**

An overview of the field of Intercultural Communication. The course examines theoretical aspects of culture and world view, intercultural contact, entry and reentry processes. Addresses issues of diversity and commonalities amongst human beings, implications and applications according to each situation and professional context. Students will develop skills for intercultural competence.

**Course Title:** DNCE 2500 Introduction to Latin American Tropical Dance  
**Host Institution Title:** DNCE 2500 Introducción al baile tropical an Latinoamérica  
**Recommended Sem Credits:** 3 **Contact Hours:** 48  
**Level(s)** 200  
**Instruction in:** English  
**Primary Subject Area:** Anthropology  
**Other Subject Area(s):** Cultural Studies, History  
**CEA Partner Institution:** Veritas University

**Description:**

Explores the technique, rhythm and movement style of Latin American Tropical Dance. History, anthropology, folklore and songs are part of this experiential course.

**Course Title:** ECON 3403 Introduction to International Economics and Latin America  
**Host Institution Title:** ECON 3403 Introducción a la economía internacional & Latinoamérica  
**Recommended Sem Credits:** 3 **Contact Hours:** 48  
**Level(s)** 300  
**Instruction in:** English  
**Primary Subject Area:** Economics  
**CEA Partner Institution:** Veritas University

**Description:**

Examines Latin American policies that affect the international economy, with attention to trade barriers, economic nationalism and regionalism, international political economy, exchange market intervention and international transmission of economic perturbations.

**Course Title:** ENV 3005 Environmental Impact and Social Development  
**Host Institution Title:** ENV 3005 Impacto ambiental y desarrollo social  
**Recommended Sem Credits:** 4 **Contact Hours:** 60  
**Level(s)** 300  
**Instruction in:** English  
**Primary Subject Area:** Ecology  
**Other Subject Area(s):** Economics, Sociology  
**CEA Partner Institution:** Veritas University

**Description:**

Introduction to the study of major environmental problems and issues confronting modern society. Ecosystems, population patterns and dynamics. Use and misuse of resources. Population and environmental quality. Environmental citizenship and economic incentives. Costa Rican initiatives and eco-tourism.

**Course Title:** ENV 3044 Introduction to Tropical Ecology  
**Recommended Sem Credits:** 4 **Contact Hours:** 60  
**Level(s)** 300  
**Instruction in:** English  
**Primary Subject Area:** Ecology  
**CEA Partner Institution:** Veritas University

**Description:**

This is an introductory course to tropical ecology. Students will learn about the interactions between earth and land and how this interactions or processes affect our life and the stability of the planet. Within this context students will gain insight about basic ecological concepts, natural environments, organisms and their interactions and about human impacts on the environment. Emphasis will be given to the study of the most relevant tropical ecosystems such as: tropical rain forest, cloud forests, coral reefs and mangroves. Field trips to selected environments will provide on site examples of some of the issues learned through class work and readings. All field trips are mandatory.

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**Course Title:** ENV 3190 Tropical Marine Biology  
**Recommended Sem Credits:** 4 **Contact Hours:** 60  
**Level(s)** 300  
**Instruction in:** English  
**Primary Subject Area:** Biology  
**CEA Partner Institution:** Veritas University  
**Description:**  
 An introduction to the biology and ecology of tropical marine ecosystems. Studies the balance between ecosystems and human stress and demands on the constant changing marine environment. Students must enroll in both the lecture course. All field trips are mandatory.

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**Course Title:** ETH 3100 Selected Topics in Afro-Caribbean Studies  
**Host Institution Title:** ETH 3100 Temas seleccionados en estudios afroamericanos  
**Recommended Sem Credits:** 3 **Contact Hours:** 48  
**Level(s)** 300  
**Instruction in:** English  
**Primary Subject Area:** Cultural Studies  
**Other Subject Area(s):** Humanities  
**CEA Partner Institution:** Veritas University  
**Description:**  
 Intensive examination of a particular topic, theme, issue, or problem concerning the Black presence in Costa Rica and Central America. Sample offerings could include Central America and ethnic politics, History and Culture, Blacks in Central American governments, Contemporary Black literature, and History of the Black experience in Costa Rica.

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**Course Title:** GEB 3350 Introduction to International Business  
**Host Institution Title:** GEB 3350 Introducción a los negocios internacionales  
**Recommended Sem Credits:** 3 **Contact Hours:** 48  
**Level(s)** 300  
**Instruction in:** English  
**Primary Subject Area:** Business  
**CEA Partner Institution:** Veritas University  
**Description:**  
 An overview of cultural environment of international business and the institutions which affect business today. International economic, political and trade issues are analyzed in the context of socioeconomic goals and policies of the nations involved. The Latin American perspective with regard to the U.S., Asia and Europe is examined: NAFTA, Merco sur, the EC and other common market areas and agreements.

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**Course Title:** GEB 3500 Ecotourism: The Costa Rican Case  
**Host Institution Title:** GEB 3500 Ecotourism: El case de Costa Rica  
**Recommended Sem Credits:** 4 **Contact Hours:** 60  
**Level(s)** 300  
**Instruction in:** English  
**Primary Subject Area:** Economics  
**Other Subject Area(s):** Sociology  
**CEA Partner Institution:** Veritas University  
**Description:**  
 This course will provide students with an introduction to Costa Rican ecotourism. It will offer the chance to analyze this dynamic process from different socio-economic perspectives. It will discuss the economic importance of ecotourism for the Costa Rican national economy, the stimulation of grassroots, community ecotourism projects, and the role of ecotourism in securing environmental protection. The advances and limitations of ecotourism will be explored. Students will be encouraged to develop their own conclusions about how ecotourism can help to secure economic, environmental and participatory alternatives in order to advance the Costa Rican sustainable development process.

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**Course Title:** HUM 3500 Latin American Art



**Required Supplies:** Students must bring their own camera.

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**Course Title:** PHOT 1161 Basic Photography  
**Host Institution Title:** PHOT 1161 Fotografía básica  
**Recommended Sem Credits:** 3 **Contact Hours:** 48  
**Level(s)** 100  
**Instruction in:** Spanish  
**Primary Subject Area:** Photography  
**CEA Partner Institution:** Veritas University  
**Description:**

The course offers basic knowledge in the field of photography. Through practical exercises aiming to apply the information provided through lectures, students will have a complete knowledge of the basic photographic processes, from exposure to printing. Students must have their own SRL cameras.

**Required Supplies:** Students must bring their own camera.

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**Course Title:** PHOT 2600 Digital Photography  
**Host Institution Title:** PHOT 2600 Fotografía Digital  
**Recommended Sem Credits:** 3 **Contact Hours:** 48  
**Level(s)** 200  
**Instruction in:** English  
**Primary Subject Area:** Photography  
**CEA Partner Institution:** Veritas University  
**Description:**

The course offers a general knowledge in the reaches and the stages of digital photography. Through practice exercises aiming to apply the information provided through lectures, students will be able to consciously create and manipulate digital photographic images. Students must have their own digital cameras.

**Required Supplies:** Students must have their own digital cameras.

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**Course Title:** POL 2500 Human Rights in Latin America  
**Host Institution Title:** POL 2500 Derechos humanos en Latinoamérica  
**Recommended Sem Credits:** 3 **Contact Hours:** 48  
**Level(s)** 200  
**Instruction in:** English  
**Primary Subject Area:** Political Science  
**CEA Partner Institution:** Veritas University  
**Description:**

An introduction to the issues surrounding the development and abuse of human rights in Latin America. Students will explore the most recent advances in this field along with the most pertinent problems pertaining to their adoption and implementation. A particular emphasis will be given to the case of Costa Rica, giving the students an opportunity to explore the development of human rights in the following areas: women's rights, children's rights, HIV/AIDS, the CAFTA agreement and labor rights, indigenous groups and human rights, disability and age issues, and the prison environment. Specific attention will be given to testimonies of human rights abuses and the development of the Costa Rican legal framework in relation to these aforementioned areas. By analyzing these cases and the issues involved, students will gain an understanding of how human rights are being implemented through Costa Rica's laws, policy framework and its institutional commitment to human rights.

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**Advanced Level & Above - Total Possible Credit(s): 7 - 9**

### **1 Spanish Language Course**

**Course Title:** SPN 301 Advanced Spanish I  
**Host Institution Title:** SPN 301 Avanzado 1 gramática y conversación  
**Recommended Sem Credits:** 5 **Contact Hours:** 80  
**Level(s)** 300  
**Instruction in:** Spanish  
**Primary Subject Area:** Spanish Language & Literature  
**CEA Partner Institution:** Veritas University  
**Description:**

This course is geared towards students who are able to communicate and understand the Spanish language. This course is intended to refine grammatical understanding by concentrating on the use of the past tense for discourse, the future tense for conjecture, the conditional tense for hypothetical situations, and the subjunctive mood in noun, adverbial and adjective clauses for expressing influence, emotion and probability. Reading and composition are especially important components of this course. Students will be evaluated by participation, assignments, midterm, written and oral compositions, and final exam. Spanish conversation is explored at an

advanced level in order to challenge and perfect each student's conversational skills, both listening and speaking. The class is structured around debate and discussion of current issues, newspaper articles, television and movies. Weaknesses in Spanish pronunciation are addressed. A high level of Spanish grammar is expected in conversation.

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**Course Title:** SPN 302 Advanced Spanish II  
**Host Institution Title:** SPN 302 Avanzado 2 gramática y conversación  
**Recommended Sem Credits:** 5 **Contact Hours:** 80  
**Level(s)** 300  
**Instruction in:** Spanish  
**Primary Subject Area:** Spanish Language & Literature  
**CEA Partner Institution:** Veritas University  
**Description:**  
This course serves as an introduction to morpho linguistics and will examine the syntactic and morphological complexities of the language. Emphasis is placed on the correct usage of oral and written Spanish. Analysis of grammar, vocabulary, idioms and the reading and composition of complex texts are explored. After successful completion of this course, the student should be able to express his/her ideas and opinions in a fluent manner, both orally and in writing. Students will be evaluated by participation, assignments, midterm, written and oral compositions, and final exam. This conversation class is designed for students who desire a greater proficiency in the spoken language. Students will take an in-depth look at Spanish idioms and colloquial expressions. Conversations and discussions in class are based on general themes of interest. Students will also be challenged to discuss issues with which they are unfamiliar. Spanish majors are recommended to take this class.

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**Course Title:** SPN 304 Business Spanish  
**Host Institution Title:** SPN 304 Español para negocios  
**Recommended Sem Credits:** 5 **Contact Hours:** 80  
**Level(s)** 300  
**Instruction in:** Spanish  
**Primary Subject Area:** Spanish Language & Literature  
**CEA Partner Institution:** Veritas University  
**Description:**  
Development of basic technical vocabulary, commercial correspondence and memos in Spanish in preparation for careers in international business, marketing and publicity will be the focus. Specific topics include up-to-date terminology, administrative theories, conventions and usage, business vocabulary and concise language to convey messages. Students will be evaluated by attendance, participation, class assignments, group work, written compositions and oral presentations. (This is a four-week course offered only in March, July and December for Advanced level Spanish students).

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**Course Title:** SPN 310 Advanced Spanish Conversation  
**Host Institution Title:** SPN 310 Español conversacional avanzado  
**Recommended Sem Credits:** 5 **Contact Hours:** 80  
**Level(s)** 300  
**Instruction in:** Spanish  
**Primary Subject Area:** Spanish Language & Literature  
**CEA Partner Institution:** Veritas University  
**Description:**  
This class will focus on theme guided discussions, designed to make students feel more comfortable with expressing themselves in Spanish. Possible discussions may include: various aspects of the Latin American economy, socio-economic issues in Latin America, healthcare issues, and Latin American music. Please note, this is a four-week course.

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**Course Title:** SPN 340 Advanced Techniques of Oral Expression  
**Host Institution Title:** SPN 340 Técnicas de expresión oral  
**Recommended Sem Credits:** 5 **Contact Hours:** 80  
**Level(s)** 300  
**Instruction in:** Spanish  
**Primary Subject Area:** Spanish Language & Literature  
**CEA Partner Institution:** Veritas University  
**Description:**  
This class will focus on increasing a student's Spanish fluency, oral improvisation and public speaking. Students will be evaluated by attendance, participation, class assignments, oral presentations and examinations. Please note, this is a four-week course.

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**Course Title:** SPN 410 Advanced Composition

**Host Institution Title:** SPN 410 Composición avanzada  
**Recommended Sem Credits:** 5 **Contact Hours:** 80  
**Level(s):** 400  
**Instruction in:** Spanish  
**Primary Subject Area:** Spanish Language & Literature  
**CEA Partner Institution:** Veritas University

**Description:**

This course examines some of the finer grammatical points of advanced syntax. A special emphasis will be placed on the composition and explanation of research and academic texts. Please note, this is a four-week course.

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## 1 English or Spanish Elective

**Course Title:** ARCH 3112 History of Latin American Architecture and Art  
**Host Institution Title:** ARCH 3112 Historia del arte y arquitectura en Latino America  
**Recommended Sem Credits:** 3 **Contact Hours:** 48  
**Level(s):** 300  
**Instruction in:** English  
**Primary Subject Area:** Architecture  
**CEA Partner Institution:** Veritas University

**Description:**

This course offers a chronological overview of main invents and influences that contributed to the making of past and present architecture in Latin America, analyzing the artistic manifestations.

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**Course Title:** ARCH 3113 Theory of Latin American Cities  
**Host Institution Title:** ARCH 3113 Teorías de la ciudad Latinamericana  
**Recommended Sem Credits:** 3 **Contact Hours:** 48  
**Level(s):** 300  
**Instruction in:** English  
**Primary Subject Area:** Architecture  
**CEA Partner Institution:** Veritas University

**Description:**

This course offers a panoramic overview of the development of cities in Latin America. Students will learn about similarities and differences among Latin American countries and their cities learning to develop certain analysis skills of urban form and human behavior in the city environment.

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**Course Title:** ARCH 3200 Tropical Architecture and Design  
**Host Institution Title:** ARCH 3200 Tropical Architecture and Design  
**Recommended Sem Credits:** 4 **Contact Hours:** 60  
**Level(s):** 300  
**Instruction in:** English  
**Primary Subject Area:** Architecture  
**CEA Partner Institution:** Veritas University

**Description:**

The objective of this course is to learn about climatic design in the tropics and develop the skills to analyze a particular geographical situation. Students will become familiarized with restricted resource usage; the knowledge of land and climate and the rural tradition where domestic construction is passed on from one generation to another.

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**Course Title:** COMM 3200 Intercultural Communication  
**Host Institution Title:** COMM 3200 Comunicación intercultural  
**Recommended Sem Credits:** 3 **Contact Hours:** 48  
**Level(s):** 300  
**Instruction in:** English  
**Primary Subject Area:** Communication  
**CEA Partner Institution:** Veritas University

**Description:**

An overview of the field of Intercultural Communication. The course examines theoretical aspects of culture and world view, intercultural contact, entry and reentry processes. Addresses issues of diversity and commonalities amongst human beings, implications and applications according to each situation and professional context. Students will develop skills for intercultural competence.

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**Course Title:** DNCE 2500 Introduction to Latin American Tropical Dance

**Host Institution Title:** DNCE 2500 Introducción al baile tropical an Latinoamérica  
**Recommended Sem Credits:** 3 **Contact Hours:** 48  
**Level(s)** 200  
**Instruction in:** English  
**Primary Subject Area:** Anthropology  
**Other Subject Area(s):** Cultural Studies, History  
**CEA Partner Institution:** Veritas University

**Description:**

Explores the technique, rhythm and movement style of Latin American Tropical Dance. History, anthropology, folklore and songs are part of this experiential course.

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**Course Title:** ECON 3403 Introduction to International Economics and Latin America  
**Host Institution Title:** ECON 3403 Introduccion a la economía internacional & Latinoamerica  
**Recommended Sem Credits:** 3 **Contact Hours:** 48  
**Level(s)** 300  
**Instruction in:** English  
**Primary Subject Area:** Economics  
**CEA Partner Institution:** Veritas University

**Description:**

Examines Latin American policies that affect the international economy, with attention to trade barriers, economic nationalism and regionalism, international political economy, exchange market intervention and international transmission of economic perturbations.

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**Course Title:** ENV 3005 Environmental Impact and Social Development  
**Host Institution Title:** ENV 3005 Impacto ambiental y desarrollo social  
**Recommended Sem Credits:** 4 **Contact Hours:** 60  
**Level(s)** 300  
**Instruction in:** English  
**Primary Subject Area:** Ecology  
**Other Subject Area(s):** Economics, Sociology  
**CEA Partner Institution:** Veritas University

**Description:**

Introduction to the study of major environmental problems and issues confronting modern society. Ecosystems, population patterns and dynamics. Use and misuse of resources. Population and environmental quality. Environmental citizenship and economic incentives. Costa Rican initiatives and eco-tourism.

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**Course Title:** ENV 3044 Introduction to Tropical Ecology  
**Recommended Sem Credits:** 4 **Contact Hours:** 60  
**Level(s)** 300  
**Instruction in:** English  
**Primary Subject Area:** Ecology  
**CEA Partner Institution:** Veritas University

**Description:**

This is an introductory course to tropical ecology. Students will learn about the interactions between earth and land and how this interactions or processes affect our life and the stability of the planet. Within this context students will gain insight about basic ecological concepts, natural environments, organisms and their interactions and about human impacts on the environment. Emphasis will be given to the study of the most relevant tropical ecosystems such as: tropical rain forest, cloud forests, coral reefs and mangroves. Field trips to selected environments will provide on site examples of some of the issues learned through class work and readings. All field trips are mandatory.

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**Course Title:** ENV 3190 Tropical Marine Biology  
**Recommended Sem Credits:** 4 **Contact Hours:** 60  
**Level(s)** 300  
**Instruction in:** English  
**Primary Subject Area:** Biology  
**CEA Partner Institution:** Veritas University

**Description:**

An introduction to the biology and ecology of tropical marine ecosystems. Studies the balance between ecosystems and human stress and demands on the constant changing marine environment. Students must enroll in both the lecture course. All field trips are mandatory.

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**Course Title:** ETH 3100 Selected Topics in Afro-Caribbean Studies

**Host Institution Title:** ETH 3100 Temas seleccionados en estudios afroamericanos  
**Recommended Sem Credits:** 3 **Contact Hours:** 48  
**Level(s)** 300  
**Instruction in:** English  
**Primary Subject Area:** Cultural Studies  
**Other Subject Area(s):** Humanities  
**CEA Partner Institution:** Veritas University

**Description:**

Intensive examination of a particular topic, theme, issue, or problem concerning the Black presence in Costa Rica and Central America. Sample offerings could include Central America and ethnic politics, History and Culture, Blacks in Central American governments, Contemporary Black literature, and History of the Black experience in Costa Rica.

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**Course Title:** GEB 3350 Introduction to International Business  
**Host Institution Title:** GEB 3350 Introducción a los negocios internacionales  
**Recommended Sem Credits:** 3 **Contact Hours:** 48  
**Level(s)** 300  
**Instruction in:** English  
**Primary Subject Area:** Business  
**CEA Partner Institution:** Veritas University

**Description:**

An overview of cultural environment of international business and the institutions which affect business today. International economic, political and trade issues are analyzed in the context of socioeconomic goals and policies of the nations involved. The Latin American perspective with regard to the U.S., Asia and Europe is examined: NAFTA, Merco sur, the EC and other common market areas and agreements.

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**Course Title:** GEB 3500 Ecotourism: The Costa Rican Case  
**Host Institution Title:** GEB 3500 Ecotourism: El case de Costa Rica  
**Recommended Sem Credits:** 4 **Contact Hours:** 60  
**Level(s)** 300  
**Instruction in:** English  
**Primary Subject Area:** Economics  
**Other Subject Area(s):** Sociology  
**CEA Partner Institution:** Veritas University

**Description:**

This course will provide students with an introduction to Costa Rican ecotourism. It will offer the chance to analyze this dynamic process from different socio-economic perspectives. It will discuss the economic importance of ecotourism for the Costa Rican national economy, the stimulation of grassroots, community ecotourism projects, and the role of ecotourism in securing environmental protection. The advances and limitations of ecotourism will be explored. Students will be encouraged to develop their own conclusions about how ecotourism can help to secure economic, environmental and participatory alternatives in order to advance the Costa Rican sustainable development process.

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**Course Title:** HUM 3500 Latin American Art  
**Recommended Sem Credits:** 3 **Contact Hours:** 48  
**Level(s)** 300  
**Instruction in:** English  
**Primary Subject Area:** Art History  
**Other Subject Area(s):** Cultural Studies  
**CEA Partner Institution:** Veritas University

**Description:**

A survey of Latin American art covering twenty centuries of aesthetic and cultural production: Pre-Conquest, Colonial, Baroque, Independence, Modern and Contemporary. We will examine the ways literature, spaces, objects, and images have functioned across a broad spectrum of history, region, and culture in what are now the Central American countries.

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**Course Title:** HUM 3513 Arts & Humanities: Costa Rica Colloquium  
**Host Institution Title:** HUM 3513 Coloquio costarricense  
**Recommended Sem Credits:** 3 **Contact Hours:** 48  
**Level(s)** 300  
**Instruction in:** English  
**Primary Subject Area:** Humanities  
**CEA Partner Institution:** Veritas University

**Description:**

A general survey of the complex heritage and social evolution of Costa Rica, examined through a comprehensive and multidisciplinary view focusing on the historical development and present day dynamics of economy, society, polity, natural resources and culture. Special attention will be given to topics such as cultural background, identity formation, social development and education the roots of present day crises, problems of peace and democracy, some artistic and literary trends, and the emergence and role of old and new ideological movements. Emphases will be placed upon different topics during the course, according to students' backgrounds and expectations.

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**Course Title:** MGMT 3021 Logistics Management  
**Host Institution Title:** MGMT 3021 Administración de logística  
**Recommended Sem Credits:** 3 **Contact Hours:** 48  
**Level(s)** 300  
**Instruction in:** English  
**Primary Subject Area:** Management  
**Other Subject Area(s):** Business  
**CEA Partner Institution:** Veritas University  
**Description:**  
 An overview of logistics management areas within the domestic and international contexts. Examines logistics objectives such as warehousing, inventory control, transportation, import-export logistics, etc. Emphasis is given on the importance of legal aspects in certain logistics areas.

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**Course Title:** PHIL 3100 Comparative Classical Philosophy  
**Host Institution Title:** PHIL 3100 Filosofía clásica comparada  
**Recommended Sem Credits:** 3 **Contact Hours:** 48  
**Level(s)** 300  
**Instruction in:** English  
**Primary Subject Area:** Philosophy  
**CEA Partner Institution:** Veritas University  
**Description:**  
 An overview of the history and selected concepts in major eastern and western classical philosophical movements and systems. Emphasis on certain topics such as mind-body, knowledge of self and others, predestination and free will, cause and effect and other fundamental ideas in classical knowledge.

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**Course Title:** PHOT 1161 Basic Photography  
**Host Institution Title:** PHOT 1161 Fotografía básica  
**Recommended Sem Credits:** 3 **Contact Hours:** 48  
**Level(s)** 100  
**Instruction in:** English  
**Primary Subject Area:** Photography  
**CEA Partner Institution:** Veritas University  
**Description:**  
 The course offers basic knowledge in the field of photography. Through practical exercises aiming to apply the information provided through lectures, students will have a complete knowledge of the basic photographic processes, from exposure to printing. Students must have their own SRL cameras.  
**Required Supplies:** Students must bring their own camera.

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**Course Title:** PHOT 1161 Basic Photography  
**Host Institution Title:** PHOT 1161 Fotografía básica  
**Recommended Sem Credits:** 3 **Contact Hours:** 48  
**Level(s)** 100  
**Instruction in:** Spanish  
**Primary Subject Area:** Photography  
**CEA Partner Institution:** Veritas University  
**Description:**  
 The course offers basic knowledge in the field of photography. Through practical exercises aiming to apply the information provided through lectures, students will have a complete knowledge of the basic photographic processes, from exposure to printing. Students must have their own SRL cameras.  
**Required Supplies:** Students must bring their own camera.

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**Course Title:** PHOT 2600 Digital Photography  
**Host Institution Title:** PHOT 2600 Fotografía Digital  
**Recommended Sem Credits:** 3 **Contact Hours:** 48  
**Level(s)** 200  
**Instruction in:** English

**Primary Subject Area:** Photography  
**CEA Partner Institution:** Veritas University

**Description:**

The course offers a general knowledge in the reaches and the stages of digital photography. Through practice exercises aiming to apply the information provided through lectures, students will be able to consciously create and manipulate digital photographic images. Students must have their own digital cameras.

**Required Supplies:** Students must have their own digital cameras.

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**Course Title:** POL 2500 Human Rights in Latin America  
**Host Institution Title:** POL 2500 Derechos humanos en Latinoamérica  
**Recommended Sem Credits:** 3 **Contact Hours:** 48  
**Level(s)** 200  
**Instruction in:** English  
**Primary Subject Area:** Political Science  
**CEA Partner Institution:** Veritas University

**Description:**

An introduction to the issues surrounding the development and abuse of human rights in Latin America. Students will explore the most recent advances in this field along with the most pertinent problems pertaining to their adoption and implementation. A particular emphasis will be given to the case of Costa Rica, giving the students an opportunity to explore the development of human rights in the following areas: women's rights, children's rights, HIV/AIDS, the CAFTA agreement and labor rights, indigenous groups and human rights, disability and age issues, and the prison environment. Specific attention will be given to testimonies of human rights abuses and the development of the Costa Rican legal framework in relation to these aforementioned areas. By analyzing these cases and the issues involved, students will gain an understanding of how human rights are being implemented through Costa Rica's laws, policy framework and its institutional commitment to human rights.

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**Course Title:** SPN 3020 Selected Readings in Latin American Literature  
**Host Institution Title:** SPN 3020 Lecturas selectas de la literatura latinoamericana  
**Recommended Sem Credits:** 3 **Contact Hours:** 48  
**Level(s)** 300  
**Instruction in:** Spanish  
**Primary Subject Area:** Spanish Language & Literature  
**CEA Partner Institution:** Veritas University

**Description:**

This course explores in depth the works of many famous Latin American authors and genres. The class will also focus on major current literary events that have had a great cultural impact on the Latin American community.

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**Course Title:** SPN 3050 Phonetics and Phonology  
**Host Institution Title:** SPN 3050 Fonética y Fonología  
**Recommended Sem Credits:** 3 **Contact Hours:** 48  
**Level(s)** 300  
**Instruction in:** Spanish  
**Primary Subject Area:** Spanish Language & Literature  
**CEA Partner Institution:** Veritas University

**Description:**

In this course, students will learn the methods and tools of descriptive linguistics. Application will focus on phonetics and articulation. This is a trimester course offered only on demand. Please contact CEA for more details.

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**Course Title:** SPN 4110 Literature of Contemporary Costa Rican Women  
**Host Institution Title:** SPN 4110 Escritoras Contemporaneas costarricenses  
**Recommended Sem Credits:** 3 **Contact Hours:** 48  
**Level(s)** 400  
**Instruction in:** Spanish  
**Primary Subject Area:** Spanish Language & Literature  
**CEA Partner Institution:** Veritas University

**Description:**

This course is an intensive study of selected works and themes by 20th century Costa Rican female authors such as Lyra, González, Oreamuno, Naranjo, Valbona, Pinto, Calvo and Rossi.

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**Course Title:** SPN 4390 Latin American Film and Literature  
**Host Institution Title:** SPN 4390 El cine y la literatura latinoamericana  
**Recommended Sem Credits:** 3 **Contact Hours:** 48

**Level(s)** 400  
**Instruction in:** Spanish  
**Primary Subject Area:** Spanish Language & Literature  
**Other Subject Area(s):** Film Studies  
**CEA Partner Institution:** Veritas University

**Description:**

This course examines cinematographic production in relation to literature. Specific Latin American works will be studied and analyzed.

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