

Universidad LCI Veritas Veterinary Science Fall Semester Program Costa Rica

Transform Your Passion for Animals into Real-World Experience

Embark on a transformative journey in veterinary science through a hands-on program set against the stunning landscapes of Costa Rica. This immersive 13-week semester is tailored for pre-vet students seeking real-world experience.

Gain over **200 hours of hands-on training** in veterinary hospitals, wildlife rescue centers, and marine conservation projects. Learn directly from seasoned veterinary professionals, including:

Dr. Gabriela Hernández, a leading expert on Marine Mammals of Costa Rica.

Dr. Catherine Salazar, Veritas San Francisco de Asís Veterinary School.

Highlights

- Earn 16 academic credits while gaining 200+ hours of practical experience.
- Work closely with small animals, marine life, and iconic wildlife like sloths.
- Deepen your knowledge of veterinary science by collaborating with the veterinary school, rescue centers, and marine conservation NGOs.
- Spend 5 days in a rescue center and explore conservation and wildlife management projects.
- Enjoy a fully immersive program with **breakfast and dinner included** in your homestay housing and **meals/transportation included** during academic field trips.

Program Details

- **Program Dates:** September 22nd December 19th, 2025.
- Fee: \$10,684 (all-inclusive).
- Language: English.
- GPA Requirement: 2.8.
- Visa Required: No.





Fee Includes:

- Registration and tuition (16 credits).
- Didactic and lab materials.
- Fieldwork components for Wildlife Management and Veterinary Clinical Practice.
- Airport pick-up/drop-off and ground transportation for academic activities.
- Homestay housing with daily breakfast, dinner, and weekly laundry for 87 nights.
- Meals during academic fieldwork in Coronado for the VET 2500 course.

Courses

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- 1. **ENV 3125 Wildlife Management and Conservation Initiatives** (4 credits, M-W 18:00-20:00)
- Fieldwork with NGO Rescue Centers (Dec 13th-17th).
- 2.**VET 2500 Veterinary Clinical Practice and Skills** (4 credits, M-W morning)
 - Fieldwork with domestic small animals at the Veterinary School (Oct 10, 17, 31).

Choose Two Elective Courses:

- ENV 3200 Marine Mammals of Costa Rica: Biology & Conservation (4 credits, T-Th 18:00-20:00)
 Includes field trip on Oct 25-26.
- ENV 3160 Conservation Biology of Endangered Marine Species (4 credits, T-Th 14:00-16:00)
 Includes field trips on Nov 15-16.
- ENV 2500 Introduction to Genetics: Current Applications (T-Th 18:00-20:00).
- ENV 3060 Wildcats (Felides) of Costa Rica (M-W 13:00-15:00) Includes a field trip related to feline habitats.
- ENV Molecular Marine Biology Includes field trip related to Marine Life and sample collection (Nov 15-16).

Why Choose Us?

- Hands-on training in world-class facilities.
- Immerse yourself in Costa Rica's breathtaking ecosystems.
- Enhance your resume with real-world veterinary experience.







