

SAN JOAQUIN, COSTA RICA

COURSE INFORMATION

INSTITUTO SAN JOAQUIN DE FLORES

Housed in a two-story building, the Instituto is a warm and welcoming environment surrounded by a garden thick with tropical flowers, trees, and birds. Students who study in the colorful classrooms of the second floor often spend their time on the couches of the first floor living room — which is adorned with local artwork — practicing Spanish with one another or simply reading the newspaper. While classes typically finish by the mid-afternoon, students often stay late in this beautiful setting to finish homework, discuss questions with an instructor, or socialize with friends.

FALL & SPRING SEMESTERS

Recommended course load: 12–18 hours

COURSE	ILLINOIS EQUIVALENT
Advanced Spanish Grammar	SPAN 204
Conversation: Community-Based Learning	SPAN 208 or 232
Spanish Composition	SPAN 228
Intro to Literary Analysis	SPAN 250
Intro to Cultural Analysis	SPAN 254
Latin American Cinema	SPAN 326 ²
Conservation & Ecotourism	SPAN 399 ^{1,2}
Contemporary Hispanic Texts	SPAN 200
Business Spanish	SPAN 202
Intro to Linguistics	SPAN 252
Phonology	SPAN 303 ¹
Intro to Latin American Literature	SPAN 316 ²
Latin American Music	SPAN 324 or 326 ²
Cultural History of Central America	SPAN 324 or 336 ²

SUMMER SEMESTER

Recommended course load: 6–9 hours

COURSE	ILLINOIS EQUIVALENT
Advanced Spanish Grammar	SPAN 204
Spanish Composition	SPAN 228
Intro to Cultural Analysis	SPAN 254
Contemporary L.A. Short Stories	SPAN 316 ²
Latin American Cinema	SPAN 326
Contemporary Hispanic Texts	SPAN 200
Business Spanish	SPAN 202
Conversation (not Community-Based Learning)	SPAN 208
Latin American Music	SPAN 324 or 326 ²
Cultural History of Central America	SPAN 324 or 326 ²
Tropical Ecology	SPAN 399 ^{1,2}

All courses have been pre-approved for credit in the Illinois Department of Spanish, Italian, and Portuguese for the equivalents indicated.

Course offerings are subject to change, and course availability depends on student enrollment minimums for each course. In addition to the courses offered at the Instituto San Joaquin de Flores, you may elect 1 course during the semester from a variety of courses at either the Universidad Latina (Fall or Spring) or the Universidad Nacional (Spring only).

¹ May count as LAS advanced hours (1 class/3 hours from study abroad may count toward an advanced hours requirement per semester).

² Students are allowed to take more than one SPAN 399 course. The 399 signifies that this course does not have an exact equivalent in the Illinois Spanish Department.

