

USAC Heredia, Costa Rica Course Equivalencies for Fall 2025 & Spring 2026

Note: You will take a placement exam when you arrive in Heredia. In general, Spanish language courses are offered in the fall and spring. If the course is only offered in one semester, the semester is noted in the “Term” column. You can check the USAC website for course descriptions: <https://usac.edu/study-abroad-programs/costa-rica/heredia/courses>. To view any pre-requisites, please see USAC’s website. The UWEC Transfer Credit Wizard always takes precedence if there is a discrepancy in the equivalency listed here and that on the TCW.

SPANISH LANGUAGE & LITERATURE STUDIES			
If you have taken the first course in the language track, you do not have to take it for credit but you will have to audit it so that you are at the same point in the sequence when beginning the next course as the other students in the track.			
USAC Title for Heredia	Credits	UWEC Equivalent	Term
<i>Language Track I</i>			
Elementary Spanish I	4	SPAN 101, LE-S1	Fall/Spring
Elementary Spanish II	4	SPAN 102, LE-S1	Fall/Spring
Intermediate Spanish I	3	SPAN 201, LE-R2	Fall/Spring
<i>Language Track II (pre-req SPAN 102)</i>			
Intermediate Spanish I	3	SPAN 201, LE-R2	Fall/Spring
Intermediate Spanish II	3	SPAN 202, LE-R2	Fall/Spring
Spanish Composition I	3	SPAN 301	Fall/Spring
<i>Language Track III (pre-req SPAN 202)</i>			
Spanish Composition I	3	SPAN 301	Fall/Spring
Spanish Composition II	3	SPAN 302	Fall/Spring
<i>Language Track IV (pre-req SPAN 302)</i>			
Advanced Spanish I	3	SPAN 405	Fall/Spring
Advanced Spanish II	3	SPAN 410	Fall/Spring
SPANISH LANGUAGE ELECTIVES (Taught in Spanish)			
Spanish Conversation & Oral Skills	3	SPAN 405 Advanced Conversation. Track II and above.	Fall/Spring
Spanish for Health Professions	3	SPAN 420 Spanish for Health Professions. Track III & IV.	Fall/Spring
SPANISH LITERATURE ELECTIVES (Taught in Spanish)			
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Survey of Latin American Literature I	3	SPAN 367 Survey of Latin American Literature. Track III & IV.	Fall
Survey of Latin American Literature II	3	SPAN 367 Survey of Latin American Literature. Track III & IV.	Spring

20 th Century & Contemporary Latin American Cinema	3	SPAN 475 Topics in Latin American Literature. Track IV.	Spring
Women and Gender in Literature	3	SPAN 491, Special Topics.	Fall
LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES (Language of Instruction as Noted)			
Latin America & its Cultures (300 level, taught in Spanish)	3	SPAN 354. Taught in Spanish.	Fall/Spring
Latin America & its Cultures (200 level, taught in English)	3	GEOG 321: Geography of Latin America (LE: R2, I1). Taught in English.	Fall/Spring
Government & Politics in Latin America	3	POLS 319: Politics of Latin America (no LE). Taught in English.	Spring
Immigration in Latin America	3	SPAN 907U Upper Division Elective, not for LE. Taught in Spanish.	Fall
Dances of Latin America	1	DNCE: 981L lower division elective LE-S3. Taught in Spanish but appropriate for all.	Fall/Spring
Latin America & its Cultures Field Study	1	ANTH 984 lower division elective. LE-K3, R2. Taught in English or Spanish depending on level. Co-requisite: Latin America and its Cultures. (This course has an additional fee)	Fall/Spring
CLIMATE, BIOLOGY & ECOLOGY (taught in English)			
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Ecology and Population Biology	3	BIOL 321: Ecology (no LE)	Spring
Exercise Physiology	3	KINS 308 Exercise Physiology (no LE)	Spring
Foundations for Personal Health and Wellness	3	ELEC 907L: Lower division elective, not for LE	Fall
Sports Nutrition, Exercise, and Performance	3	KINS 450: Applied Nutrition in Kinesiology (no LE)	Spring
Climate, Global Change & Society	3	GEOG 341, Weather & Society (LE: K1)	Fall/Spring
Climate, Global Change & Society Field Study	1	GEOG 341 Weather & Society (LE: K1)	Fall/Spring
General Chemistry I	3	CHEM 105: General Chemistry I Lecture (no LE)	Fall
General Chemistry I Lab	1	CHEM 106: General Chemistry I Laboratory, LE-K1 Lab Science	Fall
General Chemistry II	3	CHEM 109: General Chemistry II with Lab (no LE)	Spring
General Chemistry II Lab	1	CHEM 109: General Chemistry II with Lab (no LE)	Spring
Water in Tropical Landscapes	3	GEOL 308: Water Resources (LE: K1, R3)	Fall/Spring
Water in Tropical Landscapes Field Study	1	GEOL 343: Geological Field Excursion (no LE) Co-requisite: Water in Tropical Landscapes. (This course has an additional fee)	Fall/Spring
Psychology of Happiness	3	PSYC 907U: Upper Division Elective, not for LE	Fall/Spring

Psychology of Sport	3	KINS 312: Psychology of Sport and Physical Activity (no LE)	Fall
Sociology of Sport	3	KINS 312 Psychology of Sport and Physical Activity (no LE)	Spring
Human Anatomy and Physiology	3	BIOL 214: Human Anatomy and Physiology I (LE: K1, Lab Science)	Fall
Human Anatomy and Physiology Lab	1	BIOL 214: Human Anatomy and Physiology I (LE: K1, Lab Science)	Fall
Plants and People	3	BIOL 195: Plants & Society (LE: K1, Lab Science)	Fall/Spring
Tropical Marine Biology	3	BIOL 320: Studies in Tropical Environments (no LE)	Spring
Tropical Marine Biology Field Study	1	BIOL 907U: Upper Division Elective, not for LE	Spring
Tropical Conservation Biology	3	BIOL 907U: Upper Division Elective, not for LE	Fall
Tropical Conservation Biology Field Study	1	BIOL 320: Studies in Tropical Environments (no LE)	Fall
Tropical Ecology	3	BIOL 980U: Upper Division, LE-K1	Fall
Tropical Ecology Field Study	1	BIOL 980L: Lower Division, LE-K1	Fall
INTERNSHIPS			
Past placements conservation, environmental studies, communications/journalism, economics/business, health sciences, social services, teaching English	1-3	ELEC 907 Upper Division Elective. Taught in Spanish. (This course has a refundable fee). See the USAC Heredia internships page for details: https://usac.edu/study-abroad-programs/costa-rica/heredia/activities/internships	Fall/Spring

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