you further your professional goals. Through this programme, you will:

• Students who have received an undergraduate

Forests, Forestry and Poverty

Deforestation is one of the main global environmental challenges of our times, because of its significant

the last century will also be a central aspect of this course.

investigate the unique attributes of the human economic, social, and cultural systems that are most directly

labor force, mortality, and more.

into feminist analyses of development issues, and explores gender inequalities in the areas of education,

among others, are directly related to the gendered ways in which they have been approached. It also delves

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U.S.}-based organizations and contribute to the development of new regional and international agreements.

UPEACE Charter

Waves, stripes, or ripples?

This programme requires 11 courses, and you must complete these within 2 years. The four courses you

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Food Security

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sustainable food production is an issue of global concern.

The United Nations (e.g., scaling-up of agroecology). In addition, we take on some of the most pressing agriculture

sustainable agricultural practices within their historic contexts (e.g., green revolution) and we will examine

analyze key debates in the field. To provide context to our discussions, we situate the emergence of

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### GENERAL INFORMATION

- **Location**: Costa Rica is located in Central America.
- **Climate**: Costa Rica has a tropical climate with an average temperature of 22 degrees Celsius (72 degrees Fahrenheit) that increases considerably on the coastal areas. Changes in temperature are considerable due to the elevation and the size of the country. The dry season, which extends from December to April, is followed by the rainy season during the months of May to November. During the rainy season, rain can be expected in the afternoons; however, due to the short distances in this relatively small country, they can all be experienced in just one day.
- **Biodiversity**: Costa Rica is known for its biodiversity, with an entire 25.58% of the country composed of conservation and natural protected territory. It proudly shelters 5% of the existing biodiversity in the entire world. An entire 25.58% of the country is composed of conservation and natural protected territory.
- **Happy Planet Index**: According to the New Economist Foundation's Happy Planet Index, Costa Ricans are among the happiest, healthiest and most environmentally friendly nations in the world. Costa Rica is a democratic and peaceful country, and has been ranked as one of the most peaceful countries in the world. One of Costa Rica's cultural legacies is their love for peace and democracy. Ticos, as Costa Ricans call themselves, like to point out that their nation is the exception in Latin America, referring to it as 'the Switzerland of Central America'.
- **Language**: Spanish is the official language, although many Costa Ricans are bilingual.
- **Religion**: The majority of Costa Ricans are Catholic, although there is a small Jewish community and some Muslim and Buddhist followers.
- **Transport**: Costa Rica has an extensive road network, with many small towns and villages connected by comfortable busses. Rail travel is excellent and very convenient. Taxis are also available.
- **Utilities**: The cheapest way to travel is by taxi. Buses can get crowded, so it is a good idea to travel by car or taxi when arriving. The electricity is the same as in the US and Canada. The general price range for utilities (electricity, water, cable, etc.) is between $30 and $50 per month. Internet service costs approximately $50/month. One way going to University is approximately $10 per month.
- **Food and drinks**: Costa Rican food incorporates several staples of Latin American cuisine, yet it has its own distinctive flavors due to the large degree of influence from Europe. Casado, is the most common dish in Costa Rica. It consists of beans, tomato, and carrot, and a choice of meat between chicken, fish, pork or steak with rice with finely diced red bell peppers and onions, fried plantains, a cabbage salad with avocado.
- **Internet Service**: Internet service costs approximately $50/month.
- **Travel**: The country is one of the best places to visit. From its two main cities, San José and Pérez Zeledón, you can fly to most of the country's destinations. The airport in San José connects Costa Rica to most major cities, so tourists can travel to almost any part of the country from the capital.

### COST OF LIVING

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### FOOD AND DRINKS

#### Ingredients

- Rice
- Beans
- Meat
- Salad
- Fried Plantains

#### Recipe: Basic casado

1. Cook the rice with finely diced red bell peppers and onions.
2. Cook the beans with tomato and carrot.
3. Fry the plantains.
4. Assemble the casado with rice, beans, meat, salad, fried plantains.

### INFORMATION

For more information about Costa Rica, click [here](http://www.visitcostarica.com/ict/paginas/informacion.asp).