In today’s world, environmentally and socially sustainable policies have become increasingly important for organizations, regardless of their size. As aresult, sustainability is increasingly becoming a key driver for innovation and competitiveness. The Master in Responsible Management and Sustainable Economic Development is a unique program that combines the study of complex challenges into opportunities for public, private, social, and corporate sectors and to apply sustainability principles to economic development. You will be trained as a responsible manager with a strong emphasis in sustainability, you will build skills needed to work in the public, private, or social sectors and to apply sustainability principles to economic development.

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**GENERAL INFORMATION**

Costa Rica is a small country located in Central America, with a rich history and culture. It is known for its beautiful landscapes, including rainforests, beaches, and mountains. The country is famous for its high standard of living, democracy, and social peace. Although the country is small and has a population of only 5 million, it is home to impressive biodiversity, with 5% of the world's biodiversity found in Costa Rica.

**COST OF LIVING**

Costa Rica has a relatively low cost of living compared to other countries in the region. Housing is affordable, and the cost of utilities is reasonable. Food and transportation are also relatively inexpensive, making it an attractive destination for expatriates and travelers.

**FOOD AND DRINKS**

Costa Rican food incorporates several staples of Latin American cuisine, yet it has its unique flair. Typical dishes include casado, gallo pinto, and pipa fría. Costa Rica is also known for its fresh produce, which is readily available at farmers' markets.

**WEATHER**

Costa Rica has two distinct seasons: dry and rainy. The dry season lasts from December to April, and the rainy season runs from May to November. The climate is very mild, with an average temperature of 22°C (72°F).