

## ***UCR Course Enrollment Information***

### **“How do I know before I leave for Costa Rica which classes I will take at the UCR?”**

Because the University of Costa Rica does not distribute course timetables or post timetables online until shortly before enrollment begins (by that time you will already be in Costa Rica), information on the courses to be offered is not readily available as you plan for your time abroad.

The way students normally work around this difficulty is by reviewing the University of Costa Rica timetable of courses for previous semesters, and the list of courses -- and their University of Kansas equivalents -- that students on our program have taken in the past. PDF files of the UCR Timetable of Courses for the previous academic year and the KU-UCR Course Equivalency list are available on the KU Office of Study Abroad website at [www.studyabroad.ku.edu](http://www.studyabroad.ku.edu) (Click on Program Search, Costa Rica, University of Costa Rica, San José.) Reviewing these documents will give you an idea of the wide variety of courses that the University of Costa Rica offers and the courses which are likely to be offered during your semester of study in San José. You should plan with your academic advisor the *types* of courses in which you will wish to enroll, and compile a list of possible classes you want to take. Then make sure that you have e-mail contact information for your advisor so that you can get in touch with your advisor once you know specific course availability.

For additional course information, you may also visit the website created by the Costa Rican “Grupo de Kansas” staff at <http://kansas2.fcs.ucr.ac.cr> . This website has a condensed, “unofficial” version of the UCR course catalogue. Please note that this website does not make any reference to what semesters courses are offered, nor is every UCR course listed. Its purpose is to serve as a general course catalogue, not a timetable of classes.

Upon your arrival to the UCR, the "Grupo" office will advise and help you in every step of the enrollment process. Although Grupo students are free to select practically any UCR course available, it is important to know that you must have completed all prerequisites in order to register for any given class. Costa Rican higher education is highly structured, such that most courses above the freshman level have prerequisites.

In addition, some courses are more difficult to enroll in, such as biology courses, classes with labs, business courses, and art classes. Again, if you feel you **MUST** enroll in a course such as these (or else risk graduating on time), contact the Office of Study Abroad immediately so that we can check on the status of the course and your chances of being allowed to enroll in a particular course during the semester of your study abroad at the UCR.

Ms. Ugalde, Program Coordinator in San José, is there to advise and help students in the process of enrollment at the University of Costa Rica. You will be given an advising appointment early during the on-site orientation. Please contact Megan Goold, Program Coordinator at the KU Office of Study Abroad, at [mgoold@ku.edu](mailto:mgoold@ku.edu) if you have any questions regarding your upcoming program in Costa Rica.