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Important Note:

****Please be aware that our university housing program only manages student's lodging with Host Families. It is a requirement for any student wishing to attend ULACIT within an exchange agreement to stay at a Host Family.**

I, _____ (passport / ID number) _____
in my condition of international student applying to the **Academic Cultural Exchange Program at ULACIT**, formally express that I have carefully read the conditions specified below and agree to follow and respect them all and during my participation into the program.

First

Host families speak mostly Spanish, and while some families also possess a command of the English language, they are encouraged to help students enhance their foreign language skills in the home. Therefore, **as an international student coming to Costa Rica you should understand that speaking and practicing Spanish is a significant aspect of your studying/living-abroad experience.**

Second

Our homestay program includes: a private room, three meals per day (during weekdays and weekends), a private or shared bathroom, linens, and use of laundry and kitchen facilities throughout your stay. Though, most host families will be glad to prepare meals and do your laundry; it is important you negotiate with your family how those things will be arranged around the house. In other words, as a member of the family you are expected to contribute with house chores by keeping your things organized, helping with cooking or washing the dishes, among others.

Third

International students are expected to be respectful of all house rules and take care of any household items which are provided to them throughout their homestay. **In case of damaging or loss of any household item (furniture, house appliances, house keys, locks, etc), the student will be requested to either pay or replace it as soon as possible.** The Global Education office has the right to withhold any student's grade transcript or program approval documentation if such student, after causing a damage or loss, does not comply with what this policy establishes.

Fourth

As an international student, and member of a family, you are expected to keep good communication with all family members and respect the rules of the house including bringing visitors to the home. It is a general norm/rule, to only invite friends and/or classmates after having talked to the family about

appropriate times and common areas of the house. **It is strictly prohibited to invite people when family members are not around or take them into your rooms.**

Fifth

Participating students will receive information including: home address, telephone numbers, and a brief host family profile, approximately two weeks before their arrival to Costa Rica to ensure time for student and host-family coordination and communication. Please introduce yourself to your host family either by email or telephone.

Sixth

In case of a personal emergency, in or outside your home (accident, physical illness, loss, robbery/assault), your family will assist you solving the situation. Therefore, it is your responsibility to keep their phone numbers, emails and home address at hand. Program directors will assist families whenever necessary.

In case hospitalization is needed, students must use their international insurance information and cover all their expenses. Thus, every student must have their international insurance handy at all times.

Seventh

We will always do our best to meet your accommodation requirements but sometimes it may be difficult to find a family for you without pets or children. As Costa Rica is a nation of animal lovers, many families will have their pets indoors. Family pets are not allowed in student rooms.

Eighth

As an international student, and member of a family, you should **communicate your school schedules at the start of your homestay** and update your family on weekend or evening plans (please keep them updated on when you will not be present for dinner or returning home at a regular time). The safety of our students is of the utmost importance to the university and each family, so students should make their family aware of their location at all times as well of a phone number where they can reach you, in case of an emergency.

Ninth

Toiletries and personal products are not provided by your homestay, so we recommend that students bring enough toiletries to last them at least the first week. It is not necessary to bring a semester supply along with you, as there are many stores located near the university and host homes. That being said, if there are certain brand name products (such as contact solution, etc.) that you are most comfortable with, you may want to bring enough to last your entire trip.

Tenth

Costa Ricans generally wake up early to eat breakfast and will expect their hosted students to be present at family meals, unless otherwise specified. Please be aware that your specific needs in regard to food or meal preparation have been communicated to the family after you filled out our housing

request form; however, please keep in mind that other preferences (such as brand, specific foods, fancy diets) must be personally met by the student.

Eleventh





Generally, Costa Rican households do not have dryers and therefore rely on air drying their clothing which takes time, especially in the low season when there is more humidity present in the air. Students should be aware that clothes put into the wash will not be returned to them for wearing the following day. Students are also encouraged and allowed to do their laundry whenever they feel most needed.

Twelfth

Your host family will either bring you to school on your first morning or show you the way any day before classes starting date (depending on your arrival). You must make sure you understand home directions and the use of public transportation. The university does not offer any private shuttle to the houses of our host families or any other sites of interests. All students will be offered a city tour which provides important information about strategic places in San José, but each student’s mobility within the city is his/her own responsibility.

Thirteenth

This housing contract and all the specifications it details apply during the academic period(s) selected by the student for his/her exchange at ULACIT. The following refund policy applies only when a major event affects the continuance of the student within the housing program. **No refunds are applicable when a student cancels its participation without a valid justification.**




-  First two weeks: 75% refund
-  After first two weeks but before a month: 50% refund
-  Before two months: 25% refund
-  After two months: no refund

My Signature

My Passport/ID Number

University of Origen _____
Home Phone Number _____

Note:

-  Please send this form thoroughly filled out to: studyabroad@ulacit.ac.cr
-  The information in this document may be verified at any moment during the enrollment process.
-  Illegible forms will be sent back. We advise applicants to have all the requested information handy as this form cannot be saved (this form is expected to be sent in PDF format). Please print it and sign it.