

Costa Rican Tradition: Peace & Democracy

Course code: POL 3100

Total contact hours: 48 hours

Pre-requisite: None

Course Overview

This course is a general survey of Costa Rican society's complex social and political heritage, examined through a comprehensive and multidisciplinary view focusing on the historical development and present-day dynamics of the economy, society, polity, natural resources, and culture.

This course analyzes Costa Rican culture's growth through its history, studying the development of those elements related to the values of peace and democracy, which have become the standard-bearers that identify this society. Emphasis is paid to how these basic principles are enriched, highlighted, and respected in different periods of history, to the point of becoming firmly entrenched in society's value systems. Special attention will be given to new peace, democracy, environment, economic and political trends, population, and the emergence of old and new paradigms and ideological movements.