CIME is located only a few minutes by bus from the central downtown area of San José; and is close to the campus of the University of Costa Rica. The local area is quiet and residential; however, its proximity to the University makes a variety of restaurants and bookstores easily accessible.

The major objectives of the CIME Spanish program are consistent with its philosophy and goals. Teaching is done with an emphasis on learning about the politics, social conditions, environmental issues, and human rights issues of Central America today. All courses offered by CIME are supplemented with guest lectures and discussions concerning the environment, culture, political processes, gender issues, and development.

CIME’s students come from all over the world. What they have in common is a shared sensitivity to the myriad of problems facing Central America and a desire to learn more about the region and its peoples through language training and experimental learning. All the instructors are highly qualified native speakers with years of teaching experience.
The Center for International Multidisciplinary Education (CIME) was created to fill the information gap in foreign policy between North American citizens and their governments. CIME is a center for study, research, and analysis of Central American social and environmental issues. The center focuses on economic development, agriculture, human rights, gender issues, education, public health, and the environment. Casa Tica (within CIME) provides intensive Spanish immersion courses at all levels.

UW-Superior has a special CIME program for Spanish minors. This is an intensive five-days-a-week, four-1/2 hours per day regimen geared to the individual abilities and needs of each participant. Students are taught individually or in a class with no more than three others. This assures the active participation of each student in a learning atmosphere, which is stimulating, supportive, and fun. The upper-division courses that UW-Superior minors can participate in: **Literatura Costarricense, Gramática Avanzada, Conversación Avanzada, Composición Avanzada, Temas Sociales and Latin-American Culture and Civilization.**

Students normally spend a semester studying and living in Costa Rica. Upper-division classes begin at the end of January and continue through the middle of May or at the beginning of September to the middle of December. A student would ordinarily receive 18 upper-division credits for this special Study Abroad program.

**Fees are subject to change, however, the total cost for a semester in 2017 is estimated at $11,816.** This price includes all classes, books, airport pickup, all fieldtrips, activities, afternoon lectures, room with partial board (breakfast and dinner) with your Costa Rican family, and laundry service, personal expenses (including lunch), plus a program trip to Nicaragua with hotel accommodations including all meals and fees. International airfare is not included in this total.

CIME is one of the few Spanish schools in Costa Rica which offers complimentary afternoon volunteer placements for students wishing to practice Spanish while making a contribution to local community change efforts. Students may work in orphanages, health centers, women’s organizations, environmental organizations, and with other community groups.

Upon arrival, students are placed with Costa Rican families. An integral part of the program, this home-stay experience facilitates language learning and an active participation in the culture and society of Costa Rica. Host families provide private rooms, breakfast, dinner, and laundry service. Family placements are supervised by a housing coordinator who makes every effort to match the needs of the student to those of the host family.

Situated on the Central American isthmus, Costa Rica is a small and peaceful country with unique characteristics. It is an ecological bridge for thousands of species and plant varieties from South and North America. Costa Rica shelters within its valleys, plains, and mountains a valuable part of the natural richness of the world: 205 species of mammals, 849 species of birds, 160 species of amphibians, 218 species of reptiles, and 9000 species of plants. The vast system of national parks encompasses both beautiful beaches and tropical rainforests.

CIME’s website is found at: [http://www.cimecr.org/](http://www.cimecr.org/)