Universidad Interamericana de Puerto Rico

Requirements:
Students must have completed at least 30 credits at their home institution with a minimum GPA of 2.5. A basic knowledge of Spanish is not required.

Financial responsibilities:
Students pay tuition and room fees to the home institution as usual; all existing scholarships and grants still apply. Extra insurance is not needed as Puerto Rico is still within the United States boundary. Students are responsible for funding their transportation to and from the university, class materials such as books, and any personal expenses.

Room:
Students will live with Spanish speaking roommates in campus residences halls.

Board:
Various meal plans can be purchased from the university, ranging from breakfast, lunch, and dinner 15 times per week at about $750 to only dinner five times per week at about $375. The cafeteria is open from 7:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., and 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. throughout the week. Meals are not provided on weekends or holidays.

Classes:
Students have the option of either taking regular courses at the university with native Spanish speakers or registering for special courses with Spanish as a second language. The special courses include Spanish-intensive curriculum as well as lessons in Caribbean culture.

About Puerto Rico:
Puerto Rico is a small, mostly urban island with over 3.5 million inhabitants. Its official languages are Spanish and English. Puerto Rico's tropical climate usually stays between 75°F and 85°F year-round, with an abundance of rain along the northern coast and highlands. Puerto Rico became a commonwealth of the United States in the early 19th century after the Spanish-American War. The 400 years of Spanish colonial rule, as well as a mixture of Taino and African heritage, remains apparent in many facets of Puerto Rico’s culture, including its language, which is based on a mix of Castilian Spanish and African cuisine, and legal system, which is based on the Spanish civil code within the US system of justice. Puerto Rico uses US currency and is protected by the US military. Puerto Rican food is prepared with many herbs and spices; soups and stews are very popular. Puerto Ricans are known for their warmth and hospitality, as well as their expressive and lively body language.

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