

## **CATIE AND UNT: INTERNATIONALLY-PRESTIGIOUS UNIVERSITIES**

CATIE is an international university of renowned excellence, with headquarters in Costa Rica that combines education, research and innovation for development to train leaders as change agents able to face the challenges and opportunities of a changing world.

UNT (University of North Texas) is a public research university focused on the students that forms part of the state university education system of Texas, United States. With nearly 36,000 students, it is one of the largest in the state.

## **MASTER'S IN INTERNATIONAL SUSTAINABLE TOURISM (MIST)**

CATIE and the University of North Texas (UNT) offer a joint graduate program that is unique in Latin America and the United States, to train professionals for management and leadership in the international sustainable tourism industry.

In this master's program, CATIE and the UNT train professionals with leadership and abilities to make tourism management viable under a systemic approach, taking into consideration biophysical, socioeconomic and environmental dimensions. Our program offers the knowledge, skills and scientific and technical tools needed to propose integrated solutions. This master's program is offered in English and the student earns a joint diploma awarded by both universities.

### **Organization of the master's**

Courses are offered on a semester basis, beginning each August. The first two semesters of the master's are offered at UNT in Denton, Texas (in the United States semesters run from Fall to Winter, or from August to May of the first year). During this period, operative courses covering tourism and hotel management, as well as management courses, are offered. Summer (June – July) is a vacation period where the student is expected to prepare for the second year. Students must travel from the United States to Costa Rica in August. The second year begins at CATIE, Costa Rica, at the end of August and ends in mid-May with graduation (Fall and Winter semesters of the second year). Courses in natural resource management, development and environmental policy in tourism are offered during these semesters.

### **Master's courses**

#### ***At UNT, Denton, Texas:***

- Research Applications
- International Sustainable Tourism
- Environmental Impact Assessment
- Hotel and Restaurant Operations
- Tourism Services Management and Marketing
- Planning and Policy in Sustainable Tourism

#### ***At CATIE, Costa Rica:***

- Sustainable Natural Resource Management
- Context and Challenges of Applied Sustainable Development
- Environmental Policies in a Changing World
- Seminars in Sustainable Tourism: Experiences of Successful Practitioners in Costa Rica

Socio-Cultural Contexts of Sustainable Tourism Development  
Professional Field Practicum: Experience with Research Applications (Capstone)

### **Admission requirements**

- Bachelors/licentiate degree from a recognized university.
- A grade point average (GPA) of at least 2.8 or its equivalent.
- Acceptable score in the GRE (Graduate Record Examinations) or the GMAT (Graduate Management Admission Test).

### **How to apply**

- For more information regarding this master's degree, visit the following websites:  
<https://htm.unt.edu/content/ms-international-sustainable-tourism-mist>
- <http://www.catie.ac.cr/es/programas-de-educacion/posgrado>
- <http://www.catie.ac.cr/en/education-programs/posgrado/masters/professional-masters>

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