

ABOUT SAMAGU

Colegio Santa María de Guadalupe (SAMAGU) is semi-private Catholic secondary school located in Santo Domingo, Heredia, Costa Rica. We provide a comprehensive university preparatory education grounded in community engagement, ethical formation and responsibility. SAMAGU's mission is to educate students intellectually, and socially while developing critical thinking and leadership.

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS

SAMAGU has an annual cost of $2.226, with scholarship programs regarding students who have financial need (Viria Solano Scholarship), those who excel on sports (Sports Scholarship), and students who have ranked #1 in their class (Father Delio Arguedas Scholarship).

COLEGIO SANTA MARÍA DE GUADALUPE (SAMAGU)

SCHOOL PROFILE 2026

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CEEB code
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QUICK FACTS

Students
7° - 9°: 1173 students
10° - 11°: 625 students

Average Class Size
37 students

Counselors
5 Guidance Counselors
1 College Counselor

Teachers
Approximately 76 teachers

ACADEMIC PROGRAM

OUR PATHWAY

7th Grade
Building Foundations

8th Grade
Personal Growth

9th Grade
Community Service

10th Grade
IB & MEP Electives

11th Grade
University & Beyond

ASSESSMENT & GRADING

MEP GRADING SCALE
0 - 100

As stablished by the Costa Rican Ministry of Public Education (MEP).

IB GRADING SCALE
1 - 7

As stablished by the International Baccalaureate Organization.

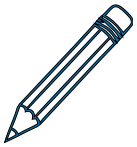
GPA

SAMAGU does not calculate or report GPA.

CLASS RANK

SAMAGU does not rank students.

EVALUATION PROCESS



TESTS



CLASS PROJECTS



QUIZZES



NOTEBOOK

GRADUATE PROFILE

Faith Centered: Love God, self, family, and community through service and integrity.

Critical Thinkers: Analyze, evaluate, and solve problems with ethical judgment.

Effective Communicators: Express ideas clearly in spoken and written communication.

Information Literate: Use technology responsibly to research, evaluate, and share information.

Collaborative Decision Makers: Apply knowledge to make informed decisions.

Global Citizens: Uphold human rights while respecting cultural, civic, and democratic values.

Resilient Leaders: Embrace challenges with responsibility, maturity, and perseverance.

Lifelong Learners: Pursue continuous growth and contribute meaningfully to Costa Rican society.

IB DIPLOMA PROGRAMME



OUR STUDENTS

The program integrates coursework across the humanities, sciences, mathematics, and languages, with a strong emphasis on research and interdisciplinary analysis. We encourage our students to evaluate complex global challenges from multiple perspectives, developing reflective thinking and social responsibility in their approach to problem-solving.

IB DIPLOMA CORE

CAS

Creativity
Activity
Service

TOK

Theory
Of
Knowledge

EE

Extended
Essay

SAMAGU empowers our IB students for university readiness and long-term academic excellence by strengthening essential analytical, communication, and leadership skills. By embedding a strong international perspective into our curriculum, we ensure our graduates transition equipped with adaptability, global consciousness, and intellectual curiosity needed for a meaningful impact on the world.

COURSES OFFERED

IB Diploma Courses		MEP Diploma Courses integrated to IB
Literature HL	SAS SL	Social Studies
English B HL	MAI SL	Civics
Global Politics HL	Biology SL	Physical Education
Theory Of Knowledge	Extended Essay	Advisory
CAS		Chapel



MEP DIPLOMA PROGRAM

OUR STUDENTS

The Costa Rican National Curriculum integrates coursework across humanities, sciences, mathematics, languages, and other disciplines with a holistic development. All students participate of the Community Service program in Grade 9 promoting reflection, collaboration, and social responsibility to engage as community minded global citizens.



COURSES OFFERED

MEP Diploma Courses

Spanish	Science	Civics
English	Religion & Chapel	Physical Education
French	Mathematics	Psychology
Music & Art	Computer Lab	Philosophy
Industrial Arts & Home Education	Social Studies	Advisory & Counseling

Electives for 10th & 11th grade

Accounting	Bilingual Entrepreneurship
Computer Science	Conversational English
Graphic Design	Tourism

MINISTERIO
DE EDUCACIÓN PÚBLICA
GOBIERNO DE COSTA RICA



Through innovative teaching practices aligned with national educational policies, students are encouraged to develop critical thinking, ethical values, social responsibility, and preparation for higher education and lifelong learning by fostering academic excellence, civic engagement, and personal growth.

STUDENT LIFE







OPPORTUNITIES

- Traditional Cimarrona
- Dance
- Volleyball
- Basketball
- Soccer
- Athleticism
- Band, Latin Jazz and Orquestra
- Cheerleading
- Theater
- Sculpture
- Karate
- Chess
- Badminton
- Weightlifting
- Ping Pong

EXTRACURRICULAR & CULTURAL EXCHANGES

Students at SAMAGU actively participate in extracurricular clubs, cultural exchanges, and international programs designed to support their personal development and leadership growth. Our students participate in exchange programs with France and the United States, as well as international academic, cultural, and athletic activities where they proudly represent both SAMAGU and Costa Rica. Through student life, we encourage students to cultivate collaboration, responsibility, and initiative while developing the confidence and leadership skills needed to make a meaningful impact in their communities and beyond.

LUX EST VITA
COLEGIO STA. MARIA DE GUADALUPE