

FREE PROGRAM 2022-2023



Application Process

Application

Interested students should fill out the online application form via this link <https://uniandes.moveonca.com/login/6233670d658b7222d436d803/eng>.

Application Dates

- Fall Semester 2022 (August – December) March 16 to May 4th
- Spring semester 2022 (January – June) September 14 to November 2nd

Required Documents

- Passport copy (JPG)
- Official transcript of records (Spanish or English) (PDF)
- List of current courses (PDF)
- A certificate of Spanish B2 CEFR (a certificate from your home institution, a teacher, or a Spanish Institute)
- An essay in Spanish explaining the reasons why you want to study at Universidad de los Andes (PDF)
- One picture (3cmx4cm white background) (JPG)

- Portfolio (Only for students who want to join the Faculty of Architecture and Design) (Free format)
- CV (Only for master level students) (PDF)

Academic Information

Language(s) of Instruction

Most of our classes are taught in Spanish. Therefore, a B2 Spanish level is required. However, if the student is going to take courses taught in English a B2 English level and an A2 Spanish level are required.

Important Dates for International Students:

<https://registro.uniandes.edu.co/index.php/calendario-academico-2022>

Education System

Class format is based on lectures, readings, class participation and self-study. Students are expected to attend all lectures, to complete all course-related assignments and readings, and to sit exams in order to receive a course grade.

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· The academic semester has 16 weeks of class; however, some courses are taught in an 8-week period.

Grading System:

Excellent 4.50 – 5.0
Very Good 4.00 – 4.49
Good 3.50 – 3.99
Fair 3.00 – 3.49
Poor 2.00 – 2.99
Failure 1.50 – 1.99

Pass and Fail (P - F)

These grades apply for the courses that, based on determination by the Academic Council, receive non-numeric grades. The credits for courses that are passed count as graduation requirements, but they will not be taken into consideration in the calculation of semester average. (Art 53 reglamento Estudiantes de Pregrado).

Available areas for Free Mover students

Students can take classes in most of our programs as long as they fulfill the prerequisites of the courses.

Recommended Workload

Free Mover Students could register a minimum of 3 credits and a maximum of 18 credits. Students should follow the minimum requirements of their home University.

1 credit equals 48 hours of course work (in and out of class). It is important to remember that the ratio of classroom work vs individual work is 1 to 3 for master students and 1 to 2 for undergraduate students.

Free Mover students staying for 2 semesters require a GPA of 3.25 for undergraduate students and a GPA for 3.5 for master students during the first semester. If the GPA is below, students will not be eligible to continue a second semester.

Academic Counseling

Academic doubts for international students are going to be answered by the academic coordinators. List of academic coordinators:

Undergraduate: <https://goo.gl/eOqJmR>
Master: <https://goo.gl/NOi5uU>

Students who would like to enroll in any of the School of Management master programs, can only apply if their institution has an agreement with any of the School of Management master Programs at Uniandes. For further information please contact "Centro de Servicios Académicos"

Centro de Servicios Académicos
csa.adm@uniandes.edu.co

Course Catalog

On the following link you will find our historic catalog of courses. Please keep in mind that the official catalog for your mobility semester will be published 1 or 2 weeks before the course registration.

<http://uniandes.smartcatalogiq.com/2021/Catalogo>

Pre-requirements

Students are responsible for choosing the courses according to the necessary requirements. If the student does not meet the criteria needed, they should not ask to be enrolled in the class.

Online Course Registration

It is important to remember that the University apply the "first come, first served" rule. If you do not register on time, it will be difficult to find places on the courses of your choice.

<https://goo.gl/OhqJ4T>

Spanish Course

A Spanish course is offered to all our international students; if students want to take this class, they must take the placement exam (written and oral) and register for the class officially. This class is 3 credits.

<http://bit.ly/3litz0h>

Intensive Spanish Course in July

There is an intensive Spanish program. Free mover students are required to pay the tuition fee for that course. If you are interested in taking this class, you must directly contact Ana Isabel González, coordinator of the ELE program:

Ana Isabel González: coordinacionele@uniandes.edu.co

Other Languages

If students would like to take language courses (English, French, German, Portuguese, etc.) They need to take the placement exam during the established dates from the Languages department.

For more information <http://bit.ly/3bNhSub>

Sport Courses

Students can also register sports classes if desired. In that case, it is important to know that each class is 1 credit and will be graded on the pass or fail basis. Or they can freely practice sports in the facilities according to the policies established.

<https://goo.gl/ggwwfZ>

Course Fees and payment proces

Free Mover students must pay their tuition fees during the first week of classes. In order to do so, please keep in mind the following information:

1. Your invoice will not be released until you turn in your PID / Student visa

2. In order to get your invoice you need to validate your personal information at:

<http://matriculas.uniandes.edu.co/>

3. Payment methods:

- Cash or check
- Electronic payment PSE
- Credit card
- International bank transfer

Note: If you drop a class, there will be no refund.

General Information

Orientation Session::

Universidad de los Andes has an orientation session of three days on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday the week before classes begin. The orientation session for international students is highly recommended.

Health Insurance

Students must have an international travel and health insurance with a wide health and dental coverage. This is mandatory for all Free Mover students.

Visa Information

Depending on the length of the period of studies and the nationality of the student, they should do one of the following processes:

The migration officer at the port of entry should stamp the student's passport with the PID entry stamp.

· Students, whose nationality does not require a tourist visa, coming for less than 180 days when they hand in the admission letter to the migration officer at the airport.

· This permit is valid for 90 days, and they must renew it at Migración Colombia for another 90 days period.

Student Visa:

· International students coming for less than 180 days and whose nationality requires a tourist visa to enter Colombia: Further information about visa:

<https://goo.gl/14FBja>

· International students coming for more than 180 days must obtain their student visa before arriving in Bogota.

· Students are required to obtain a residence permit (cédula de extranjería) once they arrive in Bogota if they have a student visa. This procedure must be done within the next 15 days of his arrival to Colombia, and costs approximately \$90 US Dollars. All the information about this process can be found at:

<http://bit.ly/2vgEEbw>

Each student is responsible for obtaining the correct migration document according to their specific situation. To be enrolled and registered in Uniandes, students must have one of the following documents once they have entered Colombia: the PID stamp, a visa, or a cedula colombiana (for Colombian students)

Living Expenses

This budget is an estimate, and it can change depending on the student's preferences.

Housing

Universidad de los Andes does not provide in campus housing. Each student is responsible to find their own accommodation. There are multiple housing alternatives near the university campus. For instance:

City U <https://vivienda.uniandes.edu.co>
The Spot <https://thespotforliving.com>
Living X <https://livinnxbogota.com>
Esstudia <https://esstudia.com/bogota-17-4-centro>

Popular neighborhoods for international students near campus are La Candelaria, Las Nieves, La Macarena, Germanía.

Transportation

One-way public bus ticket:	COP 2.450
One-way Transmilenio :	COP 2.650
One-way Taxi:	COP 4.900 - 24.000

Entertainment

Average monthly entertainment expense: COP 400.000

Food

Average monthly food expense: COP 300.000 – 600.000

Price of a Regular Coke 350 ml is around \$2.500 COP -1 USD is equal to \$ 3,9256.50 COP (USD conversion rate on February 24th, 2022)

Information about Bogotá and Colombia

<http://www.bogota.gov.co>
<https://www.colombia.co/>