

# Free Mover **PROGRAM** 2021-22






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### Application

Students should fill out the online application form (please use Firefox or Chrome)

### Application dates

- Fall semester 2021 (August – December): **March 24th to May 19th**
- Spring semester 2022 (January – June): **September 22th to November 17th**

### Academic Information

- Passport copy (JPG)
- Official transcript of records (Spanish or English) (PDF)
- List of current courses (PDF)
- 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)
- A certificate of Spanish B2 CEFR (a certificate from your home institution, a teacher or a Spanish Institute)

*Note: School of Management MBA students have an average of 5 years of work experience (minimum of 3 years).*



# 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://bit.ly/3vBHyc3>

## 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.

• The academic semester has **16 weeks** of class, however, some courses are taught in an 8 weeks period.

### Grading:

|           |             |
|-----------|-------------|
| 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)

## In which specific areas do we offer courses to exchange students?

Students can take classes in any program offered by our departments, if they fulfill the pre requisites of the courses.

## Recommended Workload

### Undergraduate

Students should register a **minimum of 9 credits** and a **maximum of 10 credits**. Students should follow the minimum requirements of their home University.

### Master

Students should register **minimum 8 credits** and **maximum 18 credits**. Students should follow the 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 class room work vs individual work is 1 to 3 for master students and 1 to 2 for undergraduate students

## Academic counseling

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

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

## Course catalog

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

<https://catalogo.uniandes.edu.co/2020/Catalogo>

## Pre-requirements

Students are responsible for choosing the courses according to the necessary requirements. If the student does not meet the criteria needed, he 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.

## Course Fees and payment proces

Visiting students have to 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:  
<https://bit.ly/2EJityS>

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

## Spanish Course

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

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.

## 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 contact directly Ana Isabel González, coordinator of the ELE program:

Ana Isabel González:  
[coordinacionele@uniandes.edu.co](mailto: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

<https://goo.gl/ggwwfz>

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.

## 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.

### “Hermanos Sin Fronteras”

Is a group of volunteer Uniandes students willing to help international students through the exchange experience.

## Health insurance

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

## Housing:

Torre Séneca: It is a 26 story tower located in front of the university. It offers 628 rooms distributed in one, two and four bedroom apartments.

<https://goo.gl/Vag9Yn>  
[viviendauniversitaria@uniandes.edu.co](mailto:viviendauniversitaria@uniandes.edu.co)  
Tel. (571)3394949 ext. 5457

## 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:*

### Student Entry Permit (PID)

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 have to renew it at Migración Colombia for another period.

### Student Visa:

- Exchange students coming for **more than 180 days** have to get their student visa before arriving in Bogotá.
- Exchange 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>

- Students are required to obtain a residence permit (cédula de extranjería) once they arrive in Bogotá IF THEY HAVE A STUDENT VISA. This procedure has to 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 at Torre Séneca (per month)

|                 |               |
|-----------------|---------------|
| Individual Room | COP 1.898.000 |
| Two-fold Room   | COP 1.350.000 |
| Four-fold Room  | COP 1.155.000 |

### Transportation

|                           |                    |
|---------------------------|--------------------|
| One way public bus ticket | COP 2.300          |
| One way transmilenio      | COP 2.500          |
| One way Taxi              | COP 5.500 - 20.000 |

### Food

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|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Average Monthly food expense | COP 250.000 - 500.000 |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|

### Entertainment

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| Average Monthly entertainment expense | COP 300.000 |
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Information about Bogotá and Colombia:

<http://www.colombia.com>  
<http://www.bogota-dc.com>  
<http://www.bogota.gov.co>

-Price of a Regular Coke 350 ml is around \$2.500 COP  
-1 USD is equal to \$ 3,580.35 COP (USD conversion rate on March 15th, 2021)