

General Information

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Important Dates

	Spring (January - June)	Verano (June - July)	Otoño (July - November)
Nomination deadline	October 1st	March 27	April 1st
Application period	August 28th - October 17th	February 1st - April 8th	January 29th - April 15th
Application review	October 18th - November 3rd	April 9th - April 22nd	April 16th - May 1st
Acceptance letter	November 3rd	April 22nd	May 1st
Course registration	Early January	Late May - Early June	Early July
Add & Drop courses	First 3 days of class	First 3 days of class	First 3 days of class
Arrival confirmation	November 30th	May 27th	June 30th
Orientation session	According to the academic calendar	According to the academic calendar	According to the academic calendar
Course withdrawal	According to the academic calendar	According to the academic calendar	According to the academic calendar
Farewell	According to the academic calendar	According to the academic calendar	According to the academic calendar
Transcripts	December 15th	August 1st	June 15th

Nomination and Application Instructions

- **1.** The home university nominates student via email to the email: unincoming@uninorte.edu.co with the following information (first name, last name, email, gender, date of birth, academic program at home university, academic program at Uninorte, academic level (undergraduate/ graduate), term, and type of mobility)
- **2.** Once the nomination has been received and approved, the student must start his/her application through the Mobility platform that can be found at the following link: https://uninorte-horizons.symplicity.com
- **3.** Once the application is received, it will be reviewed and sent to the academic coordination for approval of the courses according to availability.
- **4.** Once the courses have been reviewed and approved by the academic area, the student must complete all the information and documentation requested on the platform to finalize the application and receive the acceptance letter.

Academic Information

Teaching Language

Spanish is the main language of instruction. Some courses are taught in English. The suggested level for both languages is B2.

Academic Offer

- Architecture, Urbanism and Design
- Basic Sciences
- Health Sciences
- Law, Political Science and International Relations
- Institute of Studies in Education
- Business School
- Humanities and Social Sciences
- Engineering
- Music
- Language Institute

Undergraduate courses: https://www.uninorte.edu.co/carreras

** We recommended to validate the availability of the courses with the International Mobility Office.

Academic Credit System (Colombia)

An academic credit (AC) is equivalent to 48 work hours, of which 16 hours are class work. Therefore, there are 2.0 hours of individual work.

A semester usually consists of 18 credits, except for undergraduate students in Health Sciences Programs (up to 24 cr).

- For the semester exchange, students must enroll in a minimum of 10 credits due to the country's migration requirements.
- For Summer School, we suggest the students to take a maximum of 2 courses.

Course Registration

- **1.** The academic coordinators of each program at Uninorte will review the requested courses according to availability for approval.
- **2.** The student must review the approval of the courses requested in the mobility platform. In case some of the courses are not approved, the student will have to add a new course until all the requested courses are approved.
- **3.** Once academic approval has been received, Uninorte's international office staff is in charge of registering the courses for students.
- 4. Students will receive their class schedules upon arrival, during the Orientation Session

^{*} All the documentation requested on the platform must be delivered before the student's arrival date.

Transcripts

Once the semester ends, it will be sent by e-mail to the student and to the International Office of the home university. They will **NOT** be automatically generated at the end of the semester.

Important Information

Living costs

Average cost per month	Amount in (USD)
Housing	300 - 400
Meals	150 - 250
Phone	20 - 30
Transportation	60 - 70
Study material, personal expenses/leisure *Depending on the student's lifestyle	90 - 100
Approximate cost	620 - 800 USD

International Health Insurance

All students must send their health insurance from their home country. Without it you will not be allowed to enter the campus.

It is mandatory for all exchange students to have sufficient health insurance for the duration of their stay at Uninorte and Colombia.

Universidad del Norte suggests to take the HEALTH INSURANCE with ALLIANZ SEGUROS DE VIDA S.A which includes:

- Hospitalization and surgery due to illness or accident
- Medical consultations with specialists
- Labs and diagnostic tests
- Coverages from the first day arrival
- Repatriation
- Care coverage by paying a copay fee (approx. 7 USD) and not by reimbursement.

SEMESTER RATE PER STUDENT (5 MONTHS)

Under 60 years old

300 USD approx

- If the student does not take the insurance suggested by the University they must verify that the medical insurance includes the items mentioned above.
- The insurance must provide a list of hospitals in Barranquilla with which they have an agreement, along with the name and contact information of their intermediary in Colombia, which will accept and send the guarantee of payment in case of emergency.
- If the student's health insurance does not contain all of the above, it will NOT be accepted by the university.
- Likewise, the insurance can **NOT** be by reimbursement, this means that the payment of hospitals in case of illness or emergency should not require payment to the student beyond a fee for attention.
- It is **mandatory** for all students to fill out the Medical information once they have their health insurance information.

For more information you may contact: marlenospina@lasesoress.com

^{*}Pre-existing diseases are excluded

^{*}Maternity is not covered

Immigration (Visa)

There are two options for legalizing your entry to the country:

1. Integration and Development Permit (PID):

Citizens from countries that do not require VISA for entering Colombia and that will develop an exchange experience for maximum one semester (less than 180 calendar days).

You will need to present the letter of acceptance to Universidad del Norte to the Immigration Officer, in order for them to stamp your passport with an Integration and Development Permit (PID), as stated by Government Act 1067 of 2015. This permit must be renewed before the end of the first 90 days of your stay in the country. This will have a cost of approximately \$125,000 COP (30 USD). You will be accompanied by our office in this process.

2. Student Visa

Citizens from countries that require VISA for entering Colombia and for those that will develop an exchange experience for a period longer than one semester (more than 180 calendar days).

Please contact the Colombian Embassy or Consulate closest to you to confirm all information prior to arriving to Colombia. You must also verify if your nationality requires a visa to come to our country.

On the following link you can check if your nationality could require a visa to enter Colombia: http://www.cancilleria.gov.co/en/procedures_services/visa/requirements

Students who enter with a Student Visa have 15 calendar days to process their Colombian immigration card, which has an approximate value of \$ 246.000 COP (60 USD). For more information, please visit the website of Migración Colombia on the following link: https://www.migracioncolombia.gov.co/cedula-de-extranjeria

Housing

The University does not have residences on campus; however, it supports the process of selecting your accommodation during your stay. In this process, we take into account, aspects of security, proximity to the campus and the preferences of each student.

Housing options:

- Student Residences
- Family Residences
- Apartment Rentals

Additional services for international students

Orientation Session

It takes place one week before the start of classes. During this day the students can share with other international students and learn a little more about the campus and the city, presented by:

- Language Institute
- University Welfare
- Univolunteers
- Medical Center
- Karl C. Parrish Library
- CREE (Resource Center for Student Success)
- National Police (Security in the City)
- Migración Colombia (Migration Process)

Airport Pick up	We recommended to arrive at the Ernesto Cortissoz International Airport in Barranquilla, Colombia before the orientation day, where transportation will be provided from the airport in Barranquilla to the residence of the international student. The pick-up service at the airport is free and one of our students from Uninorte (Global Peer) will be waiting to guide the student to his/her housing.
Global Peer Program	The students will be assigned a Uninorte student as a Global Peer, whom will support him/her before and during their entire stay in Barranquilla, in order to facilitate the process of academic and cultural adaptation to Universidad del Norte and to our city.
Complementary Spanish Course	Spanish for Foreigners course (4 credits) is offered free of charge.
Extracurricular Activities	For all terms we offer: Barranquilla City Tour Cartagena or Santa Marta day trip Visit to Museo del Carnaval (Carnival exhibition) and lunch at typical food restaurant Global Coffee International Student's Fair
	International students will receive weekly recommendations for activities on the Uniporte

Communications

International students will receive weekly recommendations for activities on the Uninorte campus and in the city.

Emergencies 24/7

Students are provided with a support contact in case of emergency 24/7.



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