



FACT SHEET

Study at Uninorte

International Affairs Office

Vigilada Mineducación



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Important Dates

Summer (jun - jul) 2025

Autumn (jul - dec) 2025

Spring (jan - jun) 2026

Nomination deadline	March 17th	April 15th	October 14th
Application deadline	April 21st	April 30th	October 31st
Application review	April 21st - 30th	April 30th - May 10th	October 31st - November 8th
Acceptance letter	May 2nd	May 12th	November 12th
Course registration	Late May - Early June	Early July	Mid January
Arrival to Barranquilla	June 13th - 16th	July 19th - 23rd	January 16th - 21st
Orientation session	June 16th	July 24th	According to the 2026 academic calendar
Start of classes	June 17th	July 28th	According to the 2026 academic calendar
Add & Drop courses	First day of class	First 3 days of class	First 3 days of class
End of classes	July 10th	November 23rd	According to the 2026 academic calendar
Start of final exams	June 17th - July 10th	November 24th	According to the 2026 academic calendar
End of final exams	June 18th - July 10th	December 3rd	According to the 2026 academic calendar
Transcripts	August 4th	December 10th	According to the 2026 academic calendar

Nomination and Application Instructions

1. The home university will nominate the student through the following link: <https://forms.office.com/r/UXfWXeJ7nC>, providing the following information: full name, email, gender, date of birth, academic program, academic level, period and type of mobility.
2. Upon approval of the nomination, the student must start his/her application (Pre-Acceptance) on the Mobility platform (Horizons). Instructions will be sent by mail once the nomination is received.
3. The application will be reviewed and sent to the academic coordination for approval of the courses, according to availability.
4. Simultaneously to the review of the courses, the letter of acceptance will be sent with the courses subject to approval. The student may continue with his/her application (Post-Acceptance) in the Mobility platform (Horizons), where he/she must complete medical information, medical insurance, visa information (if applicable), arrival information and additional documents (double degree) before his/her arrival in Barranquilla.

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

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, Arts and Social Sciences
- Engineering
- Language Institute

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

**** English courses are subject to availability according to the corresponding semester.**

**** We recommend validating course availability 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 course requests according to availability for approval on the platform.
2. Students must verify the approval of their courses on the mobility platform. If any course is not approved, they must add a new one until all requests are approved.
3. Once the courses are approved, the Uninorte International Mobility Office will register the courses in the system.
4. Students will receive their class schedule during the orientation day, upon arrival at the university.
5. **Schedule and course changes can only be made during the first 3 days of classes** at the beginning of the semester.

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 <small>*Depending on the student's lifestyle</small>	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.

**Pre-existing diseases are excluded*

**Maternity is not covered*

SEMESTER RATE PER STUDENT (5 MONTHS)

Under 60 years old | 350 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

Immigration information

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 \$143.000 COP (35 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 \$ 280.000 COP (67 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.

Once the student is accepted, a housing catalog will be sent with the letter of acceptance.

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**. The course level will be determined based on the overall proficiency of the international students for that semester.

**Extracurricular
Activities**

For all terms we offer:

- Barranquilla City Tour
- Cartagena or Santa Marta day trip
- Visit to the Museo del Carnaval (Carnival exhibition)
- On-campus activities
- Global Coffee
- International Student's Fair

Communications

International students will receive weekly recommendations about activities on campus and in the city through this WhatsApp group, so they can stay informed and build connections with other students.

Emergencies 24/7

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



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