

FACT SHEET

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General Information

Universidad del Norte
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10.475 Undergraduate students

1.706 Graduate students

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Important Dates

Spring (jan - jun) 2026

Summer (jun- jul) 2026

Fall(jul - dec) 2026

Nomination deadline	October 15th	March 16th	April 15st
Application deadline	October 31st	April 20th	April 30th
Application review	October 31st - November 6th	April 23rd - 31st	April 30th - May 9th
Acceptance letter	November 10th	May 4th	May 12th
Course registration	Mid January	Late May - Early June	Early July
Arrival to Barranquilla	January 16th - 21st	June 12th -15th	July 19th -23rd
Orientation session	Third week of January	June 15th	Third week of July
Start of classes	Fourth week of January	June 16th	Fourth week of July
Add & Drop courses	First 3 days of class	First day of class	First 3 days of class
End of classes	Fourth week of May	July 10th	Fourth week of November
Start of final exams	Fourth week of May	June 16th - July 10th	Fourth week of November
End of final exams	First week of June	June 16th - July 10th	First week of December
Transcripts	June 15th	August 5th	December 15th

Nomination

The home university must nominate students using the following nomination form: <https://forms.office.com/r/UXfWXeJ7nC> providing the following information: full name, email address, gender, date of birth, academic program, academic level, period, and type of mobility.

If you are a "Free Mover" student, please contact unincoming@uninorte.edu.co directly.

Student Application Process

1. Initial Application (Pre-Acceptance)

Once the nomination has been received and approved, the student will receive instructions by email to begin their application on the "Horizons" mobility platform, where they must enter the following initial information:

- Motivation Essay
- Academic Recommendation Letter
- Languages
- Transcript
- Additional Documents (research internship)
- Passport Information
- Background or Conditions
- Emergency Contacts

2. Course Review and Approval

The application will be evaluated by the Mobility Office and sent to the academic coordinator for approval of the selected courses, according to their availability.

3. Letter of acceptance

Parallel to the review of the courses, the letter of acceptance will be issued, with the courses still subject to academic confirmation.

4. Final application (Post-Acceptance)

The student must continue their application in Horizons, where they will complete:

- Medical information
- Medical insurance
- Visa details (if applicable)
- Arrival information
- Additional documents (for double degree students)

****All documentation requested on the platform must be completed and submitted before the student's arrival in Barranquilla.***

<p>Academic Offer</p>	<p>The Universidad del Norte offers a diverse range of undergraduate and graduate programs through its academic divisions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Architecture, Urban Planning, and Design • Basic Sciences • Health Sciences • Law, Political Science, and International Relations • Institute of Education Studies • Business School • Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences • Engineering • Language Institute <p>Undergraduate programs: https://www.uninorte.edu.co/carreras 59 Graduate programs: https://www.uninorte.edu.co/postgrados</p> <p>*All courses are subject to availability each academic semester. You can check their availability at the following link: https://www.uninorte.edu.co/web/matriculas/horarios</p>		
<p>Academic Workload</p>	<p>To obtain full-time student status, students must take a minimum of 10 academic credits per semester, in compliance with the country's immigration requirements, and a maximum of 18 credits per semester, except for undergraduate programs in Health Sciences, where the maximum academic load is 24 credits.</p> <p>In the case of the summer period, students may take a maximum of two courses, considering the intensity of the program and the reduced duration of the period.</p>		
<p>Language of Instruction</p>	<p>Spanish is the main language of instruction. Some courses are taught in English. The suggested level for both languages is B2.</p>		
<p>Course Registration</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.The academic courses registered in the application will be reviewed by the academic coordinator for approval on the platform. 2.Two weeks before the start of classes, courses will be registered by the international mobility office. If courses are unavailable or schedules conflict, the student will be contacted so that they can make the change with their home university. 3.Once the semester has begun, course changes can only be made during the first three working days of classes at the start of the academic period. 		
<p>Extracurricular Courses</p>	<p>At Uninorte, we offer a wide variety of extracurricular activities so you can develop your interests and skills and integrate with the student community. You can participate in cultural, sports, artistic, volunteer, and university wellness activities.</p> <p>Students must register for these activities at the Vive Uninorte Fair during the third week of classes.</p> <p>Learn more about what's on offer at Bienestar y Vida Universitaria</p>		
<p>Grading System</p>	<p>The grading scale for academic courses ranges from 0.0 to 5.0. For more information, please refer to our student regulations.</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> <p style="text-align: center;">Undergraduate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5.0 = excellent • 4.5 = very good • 4.0 = good • 3.5 = acceptable • 3.0 = approved • Less than 3.0 = failed, and must repeat the course. </td> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> <p style="text-align: center;">Graduate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5.0 = excellent • 4.5 = very good • 4.0 = good • 3.5 = approved • Less than 3.5 = failed, and must repeat the course. </td> </tr> </table>	<p style="text-align: center;">Undergraduate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5.0 = excellent • 4.5 = very good • 4.0 = good • 3.5 = acceptable • 3.0 = approved • Less than 3.0 = failed, and must repeat the course. 	<p style="text-align: center;">Graduate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5.0 = excellent • 4.5 = very good • 4.0 = good • 3.5 = approved • Less than 3.5 = failed, and must repeat the course.
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<p>Transcript of Record</p>	<p>Transcripts of records are issued in Spanish and in digital format. They will be sent by email to the student and to the International Office of their home university approximately five weeks after the end of the semester.</p> <p>They are NOT generated automatically at the end of the semester.</p>		

Cost of Living in Barranquilla

Average Monthly Cost	Amount (USD)
Accommodation	200 – 400
Food (supermarket)	140 – 200
Public transportation	60 – 70
Mobile phone	20 – 30
Study materials, personal and leisure expenses	90 – 100
Approximate total <i>Depending on the student's lifestyle</i>	510 – 800 USD

International Health Insurance

It is **mandatory** for all students to have valid international health insurance from the moment they arrive and throughout their stay at Uninorte and in Colombia.

This insurance must include:

Comprehensive medical coverage without reimbursement: It must include hospitalization, surgeries, consultations with specialists, laboratory tests, and diagnostics. In addition, the insurance must not operate on a reimbursement basis; that is, the insurer must authorize and pay for medical care directly.

Medical repatriation and funeral expenses: The policy must cover transportation to the country of origin in the event of serious illness or death. This must include medical repatriation and funeral expenses.

Coverage from day one and immediate accessibility: The insurance must be active from the first day of arrival and offer assistance through contact channels such as telephone, WhatsApp, or email.

National and international coverage valid throughout the mobility: The policy must be valid for the entire duration of studies in Colombia and when traveling outside the country during mobility.

The Universidad del Norte recommends that all international students take out ALLIANZ international health insurance offered by Lacouture Seguros.

The semesterly cost (5 months) of Allianz International Health Insurance is approximately USD 390.

- If you do not take out the insurance suggested by the University, you must verify that your health insurance includes the items mentioned above.
- For more information about Allianz insurance, please contact Marlen Ospina at marlenospina@lasesoress.com

Immigration Information

Upon arrival in Colombia, international students must present their Letter of Acceptance from Universidad del Norte and their Option for Entry into Colombia to the Immigration Officer.

The two options for entering Colombia are:

1. Integration and Development Permit (PID): Applies to citizens of countries that do not require a visa to enter Colombia and who have student status and are studying abroad for a maximum of one (1) academic semester (less than 180 calendar days), as stated in Decree 1067 of 2015.

This permit is valid for 90 days and may be renewed before the end of the first 90 days. The renewal is called a Temporary Stay Permit (PTP) and costs approximately \$143,000 COP (US\$35).

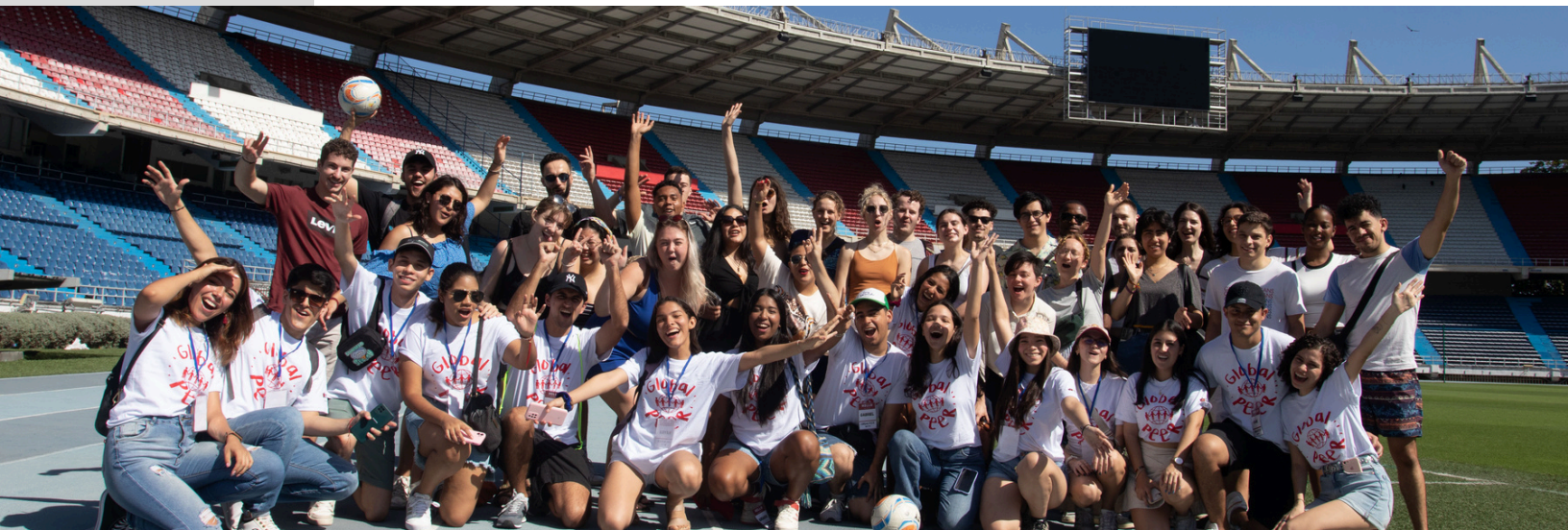
2. Visa de visitante (Tipo V): Aplica para ciudadanos de países que requieren visa para ingresar a Colombia y quienes tengan estatus de estudiante y realicen una movilidad superior a un semestre (más de 180 días calendario).

Los estudiantes que ingresan con Visa de Estudiante tienen 15 días calendario para tramitar su cédula de extranjería colombiana, la cual tiene un valor aproximado de \$ 280.000 COP (67 USD). Este proceso es obligatorio

Para más información por favor visite la página web de: [Cancillería Colombiana](#) y de [Migración Colombia](#) para confirmar toda la información del trámite antes de llegar a Colombia.

Additional services for international students

Housing	The University does not have on-campus residences , but it does support students in the process of selecting accommodation by sending them a catalog of recommended accommodation that takes into account aspects such as safety, proximity to campus, and each student's preferences. This accommodation catalog will be sent along with the acceptance letter. Negotiations between the landlord and the student are conducted directly.
Global Peer Program	Once international students are accepted, they will be assigned a student from Uninorte as a Global Peer , who will support them during the preparatory phase and throughout their stay to facilitate their academic and cultural adaptation process at Universidad del Norte and in our city.
Airport Pickup	It is recommended that international students arrive at Ernesto Cortissoz International Airport (Barranquilla, Colombia) before the orientation day. Universidad del Norte offers a free airport pick-up service, transferring students to their accommodation in Barranquilla. A Uninorte student, member of our Global Peer program, will be waiting for the student at the airport to welcome them and take them to their accommodation.
Orientation Session	It takes place one week before classes begin. During this orientation session, international students will be able to interact with their peers, learn more about the campus and the city, and receive information about: Language Institute, Student Wellness, Univoluntarios, Medical Center, Karl C. Parrish Medical Center, city safety, immigration procedures upon arrival, the Center for Student Success (CREE), the Student Support Center (CAE), and technological tools for their studies.
Complementary Spanish Course	A Basic Spanish for Foreigners course (4 credits) is offered free of cost . The level of the course will be determined based on the overall level of international students for that semester.
Cultural Activities	We want students to get to know a little more about the Colombian Caribbean, so for all periods we offer: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Barranquilla City Tour (Orientation day)• Day trip to Cartagena or Santa Marta.• Visit to the Barranquilla Carnival Museum• Campus activities such as the Uninorte Global Challenge• International Student's Fair
24/7 emergencies	Students are provided with a contact for emergency support 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.



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