



Information guide for visiting students

Oficina de Cooperación institucional y
Relaciones Internacionales - OCRI

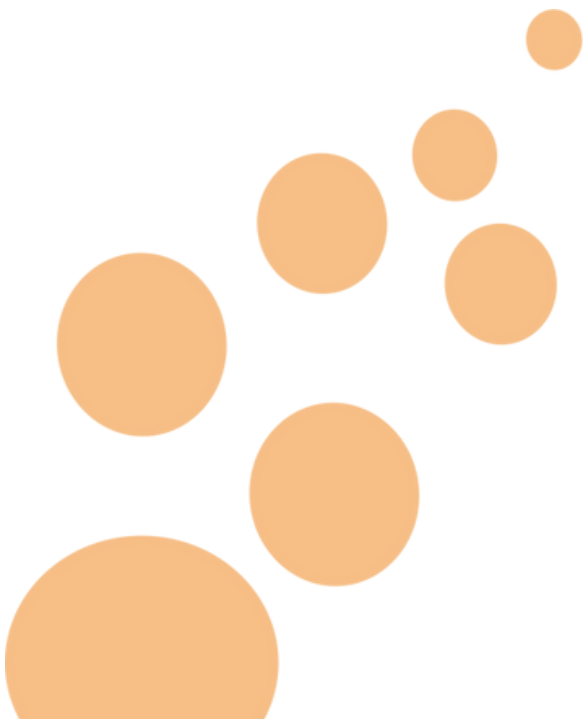


Introduction

The Universidad Católica Luis Amigo is a work created and directed by the Capuchin Tertiary Religious, a congregation founded in Valencia, Spain, in 1889 by Father Luis Amigó y Ferrer, and approved as a Religious Congregation of Pontifical Character in 1902 by the Holy See.

The University offers high-quality academic programs, including postgraduate degrees at the levels of specialization, masters, and doctorates. The Universidad Católica Luis Amigo is headquartered in Medellín and has branches in Apartado, Bogota, Manizales, and Monteria.

Its mission is to provide high-quality education and training to contribute to the development of the country. The aim of this institution is to train qualified professionals who can apply their interdisciplinary knowledge to research, extension, welfare, and internationalization. These professionals should also be able to contribute to social development through their professional practice.



Oficina de Cooperación Institucional y Relaciones Internacionales-OCRI

The unit is responsible for implementing and executing projects and actions that facilitate the internationalization process of Universidad Católica Luis Amigo. The aim is to generate an exchange of experiences in the pedagogical, research, training, and cooperation dimensions to promote institutional development. This includes fostering an internal culture, promoting mobility within the Amigonian community, analyzing the curriculum, promoting training products and services for the institution, formalizing agreements for project development, and participating in academic networks of knowledge at the national and international levels.

The unit is responsible for:

- advising the academic community on international academic matters,
- defining internationalization policies,
- managing academic mobility,
- managing agreements, academic networks, and inter-institutional relations,
- and disseminating academic offers, awards, scholarships, among others.



Information for international students

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Universidad Católica Luis Amigo

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Information for international students



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Incoming Academic Exchange

Foreign students can participate in an exchange semester or internship at the Universidad Católica Luis Amigo, by means of an agreement in force with his/her institution and presented by the Office of International relations. The home university must nominate the students in the dates established for the calls for applications:

- February 15 to April 15 of each year, for exchanges during the second semester (July to November).
- August 15 to October 15 of each year, for exchanges during the first semester (January to July).

The application requirements for international students are as follows:

- Visiting Student Application Form (with photo). Photocopy of passport or citizenship card. Curriculum vitae or résumé. International Medical Insurance: all foreign students must be covered by an international medical insurance that covers medical and medicine expenses, hospitalization, repatriation and repatriation of remains. Coverage must begin upon arrival in Colombia and last until the student returns to his/her home country. Transcripts

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[Application form](#)



Language of instruction:

Primarily Spanish and English for the Foreign Languages Teaching with a concentration in English program.

Language requirements: B1 for non-Spanish speaking students. Proof of Spanish proficiency is required.

Students can apply for mobilities of:

- One semester
- A full academic year
- Research stays
- Internships (with prior authorization from the program).
- Double degree programs

Grading scale:

From 0.0 (zero) to 5.0 (five); a passing grade in the undergraduate course is 3.0.

Nomination Results:

Notification of acceptance of the nominee as an exchange student will be sent approximately one (1) month after the application deadline.

Academic Calendar

Semester 1: Begins the last week of January and ends the last week of May

Semester 2: Begins the last week of July and ends the last week of November.



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Courses: The selection of courses to be taken during the exchange must be made in consultation with the academic tutor at your home university and/or the course director. Please note that this section is subject to change depending on space availability and scheduling.



Check some experiences of international students at the Luis Amigo

- [Estudiante - Licenciatura en Lenguas extranjeras, México](#)
- [Estudiantes - Gastronomía, México](#)



Document of interest

- [Our academic proposal: Medellín and Regional Centers](#)



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Incoming Academic Exchange

Immigration Permit If the student is a national of a country that does not require a visa to enter Colombian territory to study for one semester, he/she will receive a letter requesting a permit to be presented to the immigration authorities upon arrival. This permit is usually valid for 90 days. Before the 90 days expire, the student must apply for a renewal and pay the cost of the permit.

Visas Students who require a visa or whose stay will exceed 180 days must apply for a visa according to the Colombian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and must also apply for a Foreigner's Identification Card, in which case the student is responsible for the cost.

Learn more about [the visa process here](#)



Information of interest

Housing: The Universidad Catolica Luis Amigo does not have university housing, but OCRI will advise and assist students in finding housing according to their budget and needs.

Here are some options to find housing:

- <https://getvico.com/>
- <https://coliving.com/medellin>
- <https://www.compartoapto.com/>

Roomies Project:

This administrative project that the faculty, outside housing options to offer students from other cities or countries can easily find and rent housing. Remember that all negotiations and conditions are agreed between the student or their guardian and the owner of the property. Therefore, the Universidad Catolica Luis Amigo is relieved of any responsibility in the agreements, compliance and other obligations that result from them.



Information of interest

Transportation:

The Universidad Católica Luis Amigo does not have transportation facilities for its students, faculty or administrative staff; however, the city has several public and private transportation options, which are as follows

Metro System: is a mass transportation system that directly serves the city of Medellín and the municipalities of its metropolitan area. This means of transportation has several integrated routes, which are:

- Metro Lines
- Cable car lines
- Tram lines
- Integrated Lines
- Metro Plus articulated buses
- Public Bicycle System – EnCicla

The Metro System has the Civic Card as a mean of payment. This is a rechargeable electronic ticket that is required to use the Metro network. [Learn more about the Metro.](#)

Buses: The city has a private urban bus system that serves all areas of the municipality. The current general rule is that all buses go to the city center. However, there are some routes that deviate from this rule, among which we can highlight the University Route (Routes 300 and 301), which passes through the main university centers of the city, and the Circular Sur Route, which passes through the southern area of the city.



Information of interest

Taxis: There are approximately 27,000 registered taxis in the metropolitan area, identified by their distinctive yellow color. Billing is based on monetized fares through a taximeter that charges according to the distance traveled, and the service starts with a minimum fare of COP 6,300.

Mobile Transportation Apps: In Colombia, there are several mobile transportation applications that can be downloaded from any smartphone and their means of payment are cash and credit or debit cards. Note: These applications are an informal transportation service, they are not regulated by Colombian law, however commonly used these applications are:

- Uber
- InDrive
- DiDi (cars and motorcycles)
- Cabify
- Picap (cars and motorcycles)



Bienestar Institucional / Institutional Welfare

Bienestar Institucional / Institutional Welfare: Welfare is one of the pillars that support the Institutional Educational Project. Its main function is to generate, within the community, environments for the integral development of all its members, through services and programs that promote the integral development of the human being from different sub-processes.

The following are the services offered:

- Academic permanence for the prevention of desertion.
- Recreation and Sports, which provides recreational spaces.
- Art and Culture, whose function is to develop the talents and skills of the members of our community.
- Integral Health, which promotes healthy habits and the prevention and treatment of diseases.
- Addiction Prevention Program, a project aimed at promoting a healthy lifestyle.
- Integral Human Development Socioeconomic Promotion.

To learn more about these services, click on the following link

About Bienestar



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=exKctKKvKEs>

Bienestar Microsite



<https://www.funlam.edu.co/modules/proyectotoma/>





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