ACADEMIC INFORMATION

📅 Academic calendar

Every semester has a duration of **18 weeks** and is scheduled in the following way:
- Semester 1: January - June
- Semester 2: July – December

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📝 Academic credits

In one semester an **international student** should take courses for approximately **18 Colombian credits**.

**One (1) academic credit** is equivalent to **48 hours** of work distributed as follows: **16 hours** of lectures and **32 hours** of independent study (class preparation, reading, etc.).

* For reference: 1 European credit (ECTS) is equivalent to 1.5 Colombian credits.

📚 Recommended academic workload

Students should register a minimum of 3 subjects and a maximum of 6. They can choose subjects from different programs but we recommend choosing at least 3 courses from the same program.

🔗 Course catalogue

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**Education system**

Class attendance is mandatory. Undergraduate courses (Bachelor’s degree) are offered from Monday to Saturday during daytime and nighttime.

The semester has three (3) evaluation periods:
1. First midterm exams - weeks 5 and 6
2. Second midterm exams - weeks 10 and 11
3. Final exams - weeks 17 and 18

Most of the courses are taught in Spanish. If students are interested in taking courses in English, please contact incoming@javerianacali.edu.co to consult the updated list of English-taught courses.

**Grading system**

The grading scale in Colombia ranges from 0 to 5.

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Plan Parceroes (Buddy program)

Plan Parceroes is a group of students from Javeriana that offers guidance and support for international students. The buddy program ensures that the foreign students get to know new people, the campus and the beauty of Cali and its culture.

Language Center

During the academic semester international students are invited to take Spanish courses to improve their level of Spanish.

Students can also study other languages, like French, German or Japanese.

University Environment

The university offers hundreds of options for spiritual growth, personal development, cultural activities and sports.
The partner university must nominate and apply their students via e-mail to incoming@javerianacali.edu.co

**Nomination period**

**Semester 1**
From August 15 to October 30.

**Semester 2**
From February 15 to April 30.

**Required documents:**

**To be sent by the student:**
- Online application form.

**To be sent by the University:**
- Application letter from the home university
- Letter of intent expressing interest in carrying out an exchange semester at Javeriana Cali
- Letter of academic recommendation from a professor
- Learning agreement
- Transcript of records (in Spanish or English)
- Spanish proficiency certificate, B1 level (Only applies to non-Spanish-speaking students)
- Copy of valid passport
- Photo in JPG format
- CV

[Accessible here](#)
ABOUT THE STAY IN CALI

Admission and stay in Colombia
Students who will be in Colombia for more than 180 days (6 months) must apply for a visa type "V".

For information about the requirements and visa process, the website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Colombia (www.cancilleria.gov.co) or a Colombian consulate close to the respective city of origin can be consulted.

For those nationalities that do not require a Colombian visa, at the moment of entering the country, the student must receive a stamp in the passport with the “PID Entry Permit”. This permit is valid for a stay of up to 180 days.

Which nationalities need a visa?
Consult here

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Health insurance
Students are responsible to acquire medical insurance with comprehensive international coverage, repatriation due to accidents, illness or death, and civil liability to third parties. We recommend that the students familiarize themselves with the terms and conditions of their insurance prior to arrival.

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Accommodation
Javeriana Cali does not offer own accommodation. However, the International Office provides information about different options for internationals students close to the campus. The options range from private rooms in family homes to independent apartments. Another option is Inside by Boho offering shared student apartments.

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Cost of living

**Accommodation:**
165 USD - 380 USD
* (Depending on the conditions of the accommodation)

**Food:**
- Daily Lunch Menu: 2.8 USD – 4 USD
- Other meals: from 4 USD

**Transport:**
- MIO public transport: 0.64 USD
- Taxi/Uber: 1.3 USD – 5 USD
  * (Depending on the route)

Airport transfer
Cali has an international airport located outside of the city. The University works with providers for transfer service to take students from the airport to their accommodation in Cali. The International Office can share contact details for contracting the service.

Public transport
There is public transportation available (MIO and buses) that have a cost of 2,700 COP per ride. Also, transportation applications like Uber, DiDi, etc. can be used.
Which aspects of the exchange experience were the most valuable?

América Rodríguez from the University of Guadalajara (Mexico):

"The support I received at Javeriana University from the very first day of class and throughout the semester, and the high quality of professors who guided me through my coursework."

Hasham Salim Chaudry from IÉSEG School of Management (France):

"Getting to know and explore Colombia and learning Spanish. Certain courses provided a point of view different from the European point of view, which allowed a better understanding of the challenges of the region."

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