



UNIVERSIDAD DE CALDAS

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Universidad de Caldas, a High Quality Accredited by the Colombian Ministry of Education institution, generates, appropriates, spreads, and applies knowledge through curricular, investigative and projection processes. It is located in the Central Western area of the country in Manizales, a city on top of the Andes Mountains which makes part of the Coffee Cultural Landscape of Colombia, recently appointed as World Heritage by UNESCO.



Universidad de Caldas is the oldest and best recognized University in the area and it has contributed to the academic, economic, cultural and scientific development of the region. The University offers 34 undergraduate programs in the Faculties of Arts and Humanities, Exact Sciences, Agricultural Sciences, Legal and Social Sciences, Health Sciences, and Engineering. 51 Postgraduate Programs are offered and there are 3 Institutes devoted to Research which belong to worldwide research networks.

Universidad de Caldas has made a lot of progress in internationalization processes reflected in the increasing amount of incoming and outgoing students' and faculty members' mobility and in the participation in international networks.

RESEARCH AND INNOVATION

Universidad de Caldas, thanks to its three Research Institutes (Agricultural Biotechnology, Health and Social Sciences), its 58 research groups and its 12 indexed journals, is in the process of becoming a third generation University where innovation is a fundamental factor. It is important to highlight the University collaboration with other institutions and businesses in the region and the country. In this sense Universidad de Caldas has developed some strategies which include the Telemedicine project with the greatest coverage in the country, the work with Colciencias and the Agencia Nacional de Hidrocarburos to develop a research and stratigraphy institute; the creation of spaces for design and creation such as a media lab and the image collection, and the direct work with agricultural producers and agricultural businesses for the Biotechnology research.

Through the innovation center from the Engineering Faculty Universidad de Caldas is strengthening the KPO (knowledge Process Outsourcing) process especially in software development.

Social research makes an important part of the research portfolio at a University that has had a long tradition in the Arts and Humanities development.

INFRASTRUCTURE

The University counts with 6 Campuses in Manizales and 3 farms for academic training, agricultural and

livestock production. Total built area: 72.904 square meters, including 11 buildings for academic, research and administrative activity and complementary areas such as the Alumni pavilion, dorms, gyms, and health services. Open spaces area 140.500 m2, including open sports areas, a cycling track, tennis courts, farms and a botanical garden, suitable for research of native species and the conservation of tropical biodiversity. Museums: Natural History Collection, Archeology collection, Geology collection and Art collection.

INSTITUTIONAL INTERESTS:

- Research
- Short term researchers, professors and students exchange
- International Accreditation Advising
- Short Mission Exchange
- Dual degrees and semester exchange
- Scholarship opportunities
- Mobility

RESEARCH CENTERS:

- Health Research Institute
- Social Sciences Institute and Doctoral Program in Territorial Studies

- Agricultural Biotechnology Institute
- Research Group: “Languages and Discourses” Colciencias, Category D
- Research group “Bilingualism in Action”
- Rural Studies Center (CERES in Spanish))
- Sustainable Agricultural Production in the Andean Tropic (SOSANDINOS in Spanish)
- Environmental Conflicts Observatory (OCA in Spanish)

RECONOCIMIENTOS

Leaders in the Coffee Triangle Area in number of indexed journals
Frida Award to TELESALUD as the best TIC’s Project in Health in Latin America.
Election for the “Colombia Challenge your Knowledge” Presidency.

STUDENTS

Total students: 12.739

Undergraduate: 9.626

Distance Education: 2.437

Postgraduate (including Specialization Master’s and Doctoral Programs): 549

ESTABLISHED IN 1943



SPANISH FOR THE WORLD PROGRAM

The *Spanish for the World Program* at Universidad de Caldas is a Spanish Language Learning program designed for international students interested in communicating in Spanish. From

the Linguistic and Literature Program and the Foreign languages Department, *Spanish for the World* offers students the opportunity to achieve language proficiency within a communicative context which allows them to achieve an efficient and effective level of Spanish.

The program is designed in four modules (Fifteen 40 hours levels) and open courses dealing with Culture, Literature and language improvement framed in the proficiency levels described by the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages –CEFR.

In *Spanish for the World* you will find

- a curriculum design based on international standards (CEFR and the Instituto Cervantes Curriculum Plan.)
- small groups which guarantees individualized instruction from the teachers.
- A program that fits the needs of the students.
- highly qualified teachers with plenty experience in teaching Spanish as a foreign or second language.
- flexible schedules which fit the students' needs

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Spanish for the World Levels Information:

PROFICIENCY LEVELS ACCORDING TO CEFR	NUMBER OF HOURS	TOTAL HOURS	TOTAL WEEKS
A1	120 hours	120	6 weeks
A2	120 hours	240	6 weeks
B1	160 hours	400	8 weeks
B2	200 hours	600	10 weeks
C1	200 hours	800	10 weeks

PROFICIENCY MODULES ACCORDING TO CEFR	
BASIC	A1- A2
PREINTERMEDIATE	A2 - B1
INTERMEDIATE	B1 – B2
UPPERINTERMEDIATE	B2 –C1
ADVANCED	C1 – C2

COMPETENCES TO BE DEVELOPED AND LEVEL OF PROFICIENCY AT THE END OF THE PROGRAM (ACCORDING TO CEFR)

Spanish for the World allows students to develop the following competences:

- Communicate independently with native speakers in different contexts and situations.
- Express spontaneously in everyday conversations.
- Present ideas, procedures or reports about specific topics in front of an audience.
- Understand messages from several sources (recordings, radio, television, movies, etc.)
- Understand, analyze and discuss properly and skillfully about general topics.
- Read and understand different types of texts.
- Write adequately and with some degree of originality compositions and short essays about current events or topics of personal interest.

SCHEDULES

Intensive:

Monday to Friday from: 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 m.

Semi- Intensive







Monday to Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 m.



Or

Monday to Friday from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Different schedules, according to the students' needs can be programmed

CULTURAL OR EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

	Destination	
1	Tour of the City: Visit to the Government Building, Bolivar’s Square and the Historical area of the city. http://www.panoramio.com/photo/43377259	
2	Visit to the Colonizers’ Monument in the Chipre vantage point. http://tourismanizales.wordpress.com/2012/09/20/monumento-a-los-colonizadores/	
3	Visit to the Basilica Cathedral and ascent to the main tower known as “Corredor Polaco” (Polish Corridor) http://fincahotellamanuela.com/blog1/catedral-basilica-de-manizales/	
4	Visit to the National Natural Snow Covered Mountains Park http://www.somostricolor.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=608:parque-nacional-natural-los-nevados&catid=42&Itemid=221	
5	Coffee Cultural Landscape: Visit to a Coffee Plantation and knowledge of the coffee process http://paisajeculturalcafetero.org.co/	
6	Visit to the “Recinto del Pensamiento” http://manilui.galeon.com/recinto.html	

7	<p>Visit to the Thermal springs</p> <p>http://kromarin.galeon.com/aficiones2361342.html</p>	
8	<p>Visit to the cloud forests</p> <p>http://manilui.galeon.com/rioblanco.html</p>	

PLACEMENT TEST

Participants in Spanish for the World must take a placement test before starting their classes in order to establish their proficiency level when they have had previous exposure to Spanish language learning.

INFORMATION ABOUT REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS.

Admissions and registration

- Students interested in the Spanish for the World Program must fill out the registration format ([Download the format here](#)) and send it to espanol.paraelmundo@ucaldas.edu.co
- Once the registration is completed, Universidad de Caldas will issue an admission letter which is one requirement to request the student visa.
- Students wanting to take classes for more than three (3) months must request a student Visa for their permanence in Colombia. Visa request is done in the Colombian Consulates or Embassies around the world.
- Students whose permanence will be shorter than three (3) months and are not required a Visa to visit Colombia, will be reported to the immigration Office, Migración Colombia, by means of a letter indicating the time they will stay in Colombia and the purpose of the visit. A copy of this letter will be sent to the students for them to print it and submit it to the immigration officers at their arrival in Colombia so that they write the Temporal Visitor (VT) initial in their entrance seal which enables them to participate in academic activities during their stay in the country.
- All students entering the Program must come with an international health insurance covering repatriation and valid during their stay in Colombia.
- The course cost can be paid before the students' arrival or once they arrive.

INFORMATION ABOUT COSTS AND PAYMENT.

Course Length	Number of Hours	Number of hours per Week	Cost of Course in Colombian Pesos (cop)	Cost of the Course in US Dollars
1 month*	40 hours	10 hours/week	\$ 1.320.000	US \$ 734

*The student can decide to take the 40 hours in less than a month depending on their stay.

Students participating in the program will have twelve (12) weekly hours of class divided into ten (10) hours of in-class work and two (2) hours of complementary work. The classes schedule is flexible and it is programmed according to the students' needs.

In order to give credit to the proficiency levels established by the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages, students must complete the required number of hours and pass the proficiency tests for each level which assess the listening, speaking, Reading and writing skills plus the grammar and vocabulary components.

PAYMENT

Students must deposit the course cost upon their arrival in Colombia in the account:

BANCO DAVIVIENDA
ACCOUNT NUMBER:

This payment gives the student the right to:

- Attendance to in-class sessions in the University facilities within the Schedule selected by the student.
- Two hours of tutorial or advisory time during the level.
- Complete access to the University facilities, computer labs, the Modern Languages resource center and the Main Library.
- Access to the Spanish for the World course through the Virtual Campus.
- Photocopies and other materials used in class.
- Proficiency certificate for the competences developed at the end of each level (levels A1-A2, B1, B2 and C1).
- Airport pick-up upon arrival by one representative from the university.
- Universidad de Caldas will assist students for their accommodation in Manizales.

Universidad de Caldas will provide a list of places and/or people who offer housing service to

international students. However, students are responsible to establish their housing while they are students from the University. Students can find hostels with breakfast included to a cost between US\$20 and US\$25 per night. If the stay is longer than a month, they can find accommodation including room and board plus laundry service at a cost between US\$ 289 y US\$306 per month.

VISA REQUIREMENTS

To study in Colombia please keep in mind the following information:

Presently Colombia requires entrance visa in certain cases and the Visas and Immigration Work Team as well as the Colombian Consulates are in charge of authorize or reject a visa.

Citizens from those countries for which this document is not a requirement, may stay in the country for a period no longer than ninety (90) days- However,, and because they will attend classes as special students from Universidad de Caldas, they must submit at their arrival in Colombia a printed copy of the letter the University will send to her the Migración Colombia Office announcing the student's arrival so that the immigration officer gives him/her the TEMPORARY VISITOR entrance to the country which allows them to develop academic activities while visiting the country. A scanned copy of this letter will be sent to the student via e-mail in advance to their arrival date.

If the stay will be longer than 90 days, it will be necessary that the student obtains a STUDENT VISA. In order to know the student visa requirements, visa cost and where to get it, visit the [Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores de Colombia](#) web page. According to article 74 from Decree 4000 from 2004, the visa holder whose visa is granted for a period of three (3) months or longer, as well as the beneficiaries must sign in the foreigners registration at the Unidad Administrativa Especial, Migración Colombia, within the fifteen (15) working days following the arrival to the country or the visa issuing date, to get the Cédula de Extranjería which costs approximately \$USD 86 (a document in which the Blood Type appears and four 3x4 white background pictures.)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT MANIZALES



Eight hours away from the country's capital city, this city that is part of the Coffee Triangle is recognized as a university city. Manizales was founded in 1849 by José María Osorio and other colonizers. It is famous because of its yearly Fair and well recognized because of the beauty of the women and the coffee landscape surrounding it,

Located at 2,150 masl, "Manizales of the Soul" as the famous pasodoble lyrics say, offers visitors a world of culture and beauty thanks to its touristic attractions such as the Palacio de Bellas Artes (Fina Arts Palace), the Natural History Museum, the Manizales Archeologist Museum, The Metropolitan Basilica Cathedral, The Pre-Columbian Museum, The Governor's Office Building, The Coffee Cultural Fund, The Augustinian Church, and the Immaculate Conception Church.

The main attractiveness to tourists is the Manizales Fair, a celebration which started in 1955 and which each year congregates multitude visitors during the first week in January. Numerous festive and cultural activities are highlighted during that week as well as bullfights and beautiful women.

Beans cooked with pork claw are famous all around the region. These are served with meat, rice, a slice of fried plantain, avocado, fried eggs, spicy sausage, and pork rind. The dish is, of course a wonder and it is well known as "bandeja paisa".

For transportation Manizales counts with a small airport called "La Nubia" where flights from Bogotá and Medellín arrive in a permanent basis. Also Manizales counts with a Transportation Terminal, "Los Cámbulos", for buses and small transportation vehicles.

The hotel infrastructure in Manizales is wide and comfortable, reason why the tourist will not have any difficulty when trying to find room and board that fits their needs.

