

**UNIVERSIDAD ICESI FACT SHEET 2020-2021  
UNDERGRADUATE (*PREGRADO*) PROGRAMS**



**Dates**

<b>Application deadlines</b>
First semester of 2020: <b>October 18th 2019</b>
Second semester of 2020: <b>April 17th 2020</b>
First semester of 2021: <b>October 16th 2020</b>
Second semester of 2021: <b>April 16th 2021</b>

**Web site**

[www.icesi.edu.co](http://www.icesi.edu.co)  
[www.icesi.edu.co/relaciones internacionales/](http://www.icesi.edu.co/relaciones_internacionales/)

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### Nomination process

#### Step 1: Performed by the Home University

The International Office must nominate by e-mail their students interested in coming to Icesi, filling in the following data:

Full name	Field of Study at home university	Study level at home university	Number of study years prior the exchange	Program chosen at U. Icesi	Proposed period of study	E-mail

#### Step 2: To make by the student

The student must fill out the **Admission Form**, sent to our partner universities and to the students who require it. Also, the student must attach the **following documents**:

- Letter from the home university presenting the student
- Transcripts covering the last three years
- Passport photocopy (personal information page)
- 2 Printed photos (3x4 cms)
- Motivation essay of maximum two pages (in English or in Spanish)
- Resume/CV (in English or in Spanish)
- Two signed academic letters of reference
- Health good standing certificate

- It is mandatory to come to Universidad Icesi with a B1 Spanish level, certified by the Language Department at the home university or any other institution authorized to do so.
- Visa \*
- International health insurance \*

(\*) After receiving our acceptance letter.

Those students interested in extending their exchange program, must present an authorization from their home university as well as a new visa, new international insurance and new foreign ID.

### Step 3: To make by the Home University

The applications **must be sent by e-mail and post mail** to:

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Castaño Bonilla Relaciones Internacionales  
Universidad Icesi  
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### Housing

Universidad Icesi has no bedrooms or residences on campus. However, the International Office helps exchange students to find a suitable place to live in accordance with the student's preferences. The International Office is responsible for finding housing in Cali for the international students during the first two months of their staying. The rent must be paid by the student. This contract may continue for a longer period or terminated at the end of the second month. In the case of terminating it, the student must inform the International Office.

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### Academic Schedule

<b>First semester (January - May 2020)</b>	
<b>Dates</b>	<b>Activity</b>
October 18 <sup>th</sup> , 2019	Deadline for submission of applications / Arriving in 2020-1
13 to 17 January 2020*	Orientation week
January 20 <sup>nd</sup> , 2020*	Undergraduate classes begin
March 23 <sup>th</sup> 2020	Bank Holiday
April 6 <sup>th</sup> to 11 <sup>th</sup> , 2020	Spring break
May 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2020*	Bank Holiday
May 16 <sup>th</sup> , 2020*	End of classes
May 25 <sup>th</sup> , 2020*	Bank Holiday
May 18 <sup>th</sup> to 30 <sup>th</sup> 2020*	Final Exams

<b>Second semester (July – December 2020)</b>	
<b>Dates</b>	<b>Activity</b>
April 17 <sup>th</sup> , 2020	Deadline for submission of applications / Arriving in 2020-2
July 21 <sup>st</sup> to 24 <sup>th</sup> , 2020*	Orientation week
July 27 <sup>th</sup> , 2020	Undergraduate classes begin
August 7 <sup>th</sup> , 2020	Bank Holiday
August 17 <sup>th</sup> , 2020	Bank Holiday
October 12 <sup>th</sup> , 2020	Bank Holiday
November 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 2020	Bank Holiday
November 16 <sup>th</sup> , 2020	Bank Holiday
November 21 <sup>st</sup> , 2020*	End of classes
November 23 <sup>th</sup> to 27 <sup>th</sup> , 2020*	Final Exams

<b>First semester (January - May 2021)</b>	
<b>Dates</b>	<b>Activity</b>
October 16 <sup>th</sup> , 2020	Deadline for submission of applications / Arriving in 2021-1
January 11 <sup>th</sup> to 15 <sup>th</sup> , 2021*	Orientation week
January 18 <sup>th</sup> , 2021	Undergraduate classes begin
March 28 <sup>th</sup> to 04 <sup>h</sup> , 2021	Spring break
May 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2021*	End of classes
May 17 <sup>th</sup> to 21 <sup>st</sup> , 2021	Final Exams

<b>Second semester (July – December 2021)</b>	
<b>Dates</b>	<b>Activity</b>
April 16 <sup>h</sup> , 2021	Deadline for submission of applications / Arriving in 2020-2
July 19 <sup>st</sup> to 23 <sup>th</sup> 2021 *	Orientation week
July 27 <sup>th</sup> , 2021	Undergraduate classes begin
August 7 <sup>th</sup> , 2021	Bank Holiday
August 16 <sup>th</sup> , 2021	Bank Holiday
October 18 <sup>th</sup> , 2021	Bank Holiday
November 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2021	Bank Holiday
November 15 <sup>th</sup> , 2021	Bank Holiday
November 20 <sup>nd</sup> , 2021	Bank Holiday
November 22 <sup>th</sup> to 26 <sup>th</sup> , 2021 *	Final Exams

\* Tentative dates

### Student Visa Process

**Very important: Student visa is mandatory, for periods over 180 days. Nevertheless, the university recommends that all students apply for their student visa with the purpose of minimizing their efforts with immigration authorities, in events such as:**

- 1. Exchange program extension**
- 2. Professional internship in Colombia Please visit the Colombian Consulate website.**

To have more information about the requirements and processes, click on the link below:

[http://www.cancilleria.gov.co/tramites\\_servicios/visas/clases](http://www.cancilleria.gov.co/tramites_servicios/visas/clases)

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The courses that the students would like to take can be found in the links below and then clicking on "*contenido de materias*".

We recommend international students enroll maximum five (5) subjects, as we additionally offer a free Spanish course for students who require it.

Each academic program director will register each student's courses, during the orientation week.

Please keep in mind that the course offer may vary from one semester to another.

**School of Business and Economic Studies**

- <http://www.icesi.edu.co/pregrado-facultad-de-ciencias-administrativas>

**School of Engineering**

- <http://www.icesi.edu.co/pregrado-facultad-de-ingenieria>

**School of Law and Social Sciences**

- <http://www.icesi.edu.co/pregrado-facultad-de-derecho-y-ciencias-sociales>

**Schools of Natural Sciences**

- <http://www.icesi.edu.co/pregrado-facultad-de-ciencias-naturales>

**School of Education**

- <http://www.icesi.edu.co/pregrado-escuela-de-ciencias-de-la-educacion>

**Schools of Health Sciences**

- <http://www.icesi.edu.co/pregrado-facultad-de-ciencias-de-la-salud>

### “Español como Lengua Extranjera” course

A Spanish exam will take place during the orientation week for those who wish to take the “Español como Lengua Extranjera” course. This exam will determine the student's level. Course materials are included.

This course is not mandatory (except for the Double Degree students) but we strongly recommend all exchange students to take it. The course will not give credits. The tentative schedule is Tuesdays and Thursdays from 17:00 to 19:00 hrs, and it starts one week after the beginning of the academic semester.

### Courses, activities and social projects of Welfare University

The Welfare University Team (*Bienestar Universitario*) offers extracurricular activities in the areas of culture, sports and recreation, human development and social projects in order to promote activities aimed at the social, emotional, and physical development of students.

International students can participate in activities offered by Welfare University, without additional cost, starting at any time during the semester.

More information in: [https://www.icesi.edu.co/bienestar\\_universitario/](https://www.icesi.edu.co/bienestar_universitario/)

### Orientation week for international students

During the orientation week, the International Relations Team will do several important activities for our international students. That is why it is mandatory for students to plan their arrival to Cali to assure their participation from the first day.

#### **Activities:**

- Academic enrollment.
- Spanish diagnostic exam and Spanish classes registration (for those who need it).
- Students must register their visa to *Migración Colombia* authorities to get their foreign ID. This procedure costs \$187.000 COP (Colombian pesos) approximately; credit card payment is suggested.
- City tour.
- Integration activities for the exchange students.



### Our welcome at the airport

Once you had booked your tickets and know the day, time and flight number of arrival in Cali, please let us know to schedule your pick-up at the airport. Early information will be appreciated.

We will welcome you at the airport and take you to your new home. Those students that do not wish to be picked-up at the airport, must inform us on time.

Please send us the following format: **Arrival Form**, sent directly to the international students in the *Bienvenido(a)* e-mail.