

Informative Guide for **Visiting Students**

Office of Institutional Cooperation and
International Relations – OCRI



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Presentation

The Catholic University Luis Amigó was founded in 1984 by the Community of the Capuchin Tertiaries, inspired by the educational work of Luis Amigó. With more than 40 years of history, it has become a higher education institution committed to comprehensive education, inclusion, and social transformation.

The University's mission is rooted in the fundamental requirement of developing educational and training processes within a high-quality framework, contributing to the development and construction of the country. This is achieved through its core functions of teaching, research, outreach, well-

being, and internationalization, while training competent professionals capable of applying interdisciplinary knowledge and contributing to social development and transformation.

Currently, the University offers accredited high-quality academic programs, as well as postgraduate programs at the specialization, master's, and doctoral levels. Its main campus is located in Medellín, with regional centers in Apartadó, Manizales, and Montería.

Office of Institutional Cooperation and International Relations – OCRI

This unit is responsible for implementing and carrying out projects and actions that support the internationalization process of the Catholic University Luis Amigó. It fosters the exchange of experiences in the pedagogical, research, training, and cooperation dimensions, contributing to institutional development. Its work includes: building internal culture, supporting mobility of the Amigonian community, analyzing the curriculum, promoting academic programs and services, and formalizing agreements for project development and participation in national and international academic networks.



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.
- Disseminating academic offers, awards, scholarships, and more.

Location

Department
Antioquia



City

Medellín

16 communes
5 townships
249 neighborhoods



Temperature

18°C y 28°C
64°F a 82.4°F

Altitude

1.475 mts

Currency

Peso colombiano

Population

2'529.403

Regional Centers



Universidad Católica

Luis Amigó

Main campus

Transversal 51A #67B 90 Medellín - Colombia.

Rector: Padre Carlos Enrique Cardona Quiceno

Web page: <https://www.funlam.edu.co/>



Montería

Regional center

Address: Calle 64 No. 6-108.

Barrio Los Alcázares

Telephone number: +57 (604) 7976560



Manizales

Regional center

Address: Carrera 22 No. 67 A 49

Telephone number:

+57 (606) 8815536 - (606) 8815537 -

(606) 8815541 - (606) 8815540



Apartadó

Regional center

Address: Calle 74 No. 97 - 95 Zona Sur,
Barrio La Navarra

Telephone number:

+57 (604) 8284868 - +57 (604) 4487666



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transform”
Transform

Academic *Exchanges*

Domestic and international students can participate in a semester exchange program at Luis Amigó Catholic University **through an agreement in place with the institution, which is presented by the Office of International Relations.** The home university must apply for its students to participate in the exchange program within the established application dates:

February 15 to May 15 of each year,
for exchanges in the second semester
(July to November).

August 15 to November 15 of each year,
for exchanges in the first semester
(January to July).

Application Requirements

for domestic or foreign students are as follows:

- Visiting student application form (with photo).
- Letter of endorsement from the home university.
- Photocopy of passport or citizenship card.
- Curriculum vitae or resume.
- International medical insurance or EPS membership (for Colombian students).

(All foreign students must have international medical insurance that covers medical expenses, pharmaceuticals, hospitalization, transportation, and repatriation of remains. Coverage must begin upon arrival in Colombia and continue until the student's return to their country of origin).

- Transcript of grades for semesters completed to date.

How to apply?

[Click here!](#)



Academic Information

Language of instruction:

Mainly Spanish and English for the Bachelor's Degree in Foreign Languages with an emphasis on English.

Requerimientos del idioma:

B1 for non-Spanish-speaking students. Proof of Spanish proficiency must be provided.

Students can apply for mobility programs of:

- One semester.
- A full academic year.
- Research stays.
- Short courses.
- Double degree programs

Escala de calificaciones:

From 0.0 (zero) to 5.0 (five); the passing grade for undergraduate studies is 3.0.

Resultados de la postulación:

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

Academic Calendar

First Semester

It begins the first week of January and ends the last week of May.

Second Semester

It begins the first week of July and ends the last week of November.

Subjects

The selection of courses to be taken during the exchange must be made in coordination with the academic advisor at your home university and/or the program director or head.

Please note that there may be changes to this section depending on availability and schedules.



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

- Retention and graduation with quality.
- Sports and recreation.
- Culture.
- Pastoral care.
- Medical service.

To learn more about these services,
scan the following QR code:

Click Here!



Prevention of Gender-Based Violence

Our University has a Model for the promotion of rights, prevention, detection, care, punishment, and monitoring of situations of Gender-Based Violence. In the event of any incident, you can find more information and follow the steps indicated at the following link:

[https://www.funlam.edu.co/
modules/bienestaruniversitario/
item.php?itemid=1334](https://www.funlam.edu.co/modules/bienestaruniversitario/item.php?itemid=1334)



Exchange students Experiences

Recognition for Double Degree students

The Office of Institutional Cooperation and International Relations (OCRI) held a ceremony to recognize students who completed their academic stay in Colombia as a requirement to qualify for dual degrees under the agreement with the University of Colima in Mexico.



Find more here

Heber Uribe: exchange student

How has your experience been during this academic journey?

Discover more here!



Immigration Requirements for Entering Colombia

Immigration permit:

If the student belongs to a country that does not require a visa to enter Colombian territory for study purposes for one semester, a **letter of request for permission** will be sent, which must be presented to the immigration authorities upon entering the country.

This permit is generally valid for 90 days. Before the 90 days expire, students must apply for renewal and assume the cost of this.

Visa Application Process:

Students who require a visa or whose stay exceeds 180 days must apply for a visa in accordance with the instructions of the Colombian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. In addition, they must apply for a foreigner's identity card, for which the student must also bear the associated costs.

**Click here for more
information**



Means of Transportation

The city has several public and private transportation options, which are as follows

Metro System

Metro line B (San Javier – San Antonio) it has two stations that you can get, Suramericana and Estadio, which are very close to the university, about a 6-minute walk away. If you get off at the Suramericana station, you can take the integrated metro route 253, which will drop you off right at the university entrance.

"The Metro System has the *Civic card* as mean of payment. This is a rechargeable electronic ticket that is required to use the Metro network."

Buses

Route 042: Prado – Moravia – Carlos E. Restrepo. For those coming from north-central Medellín.

Route 193: Laureles – Conquistadores – Parque Berrío. Ideal if you are coming from Laureles or Estadio.

Route 201: La América – Carlos E. – Minorista. From the west (San Juan, La América).

Route 251B: Robledo – Carlos E. – Downtown. Connects Robledo with downtown and the university.

Route 284: Castilla – Tejero – the Juanes Park – Carlos E. Useful if you are coming from Castilla or surrounding areas.

Mobile Transportation Apps



Moovit



InDrive



Cabify



DiDi



Yango





Civica card

Price: \$5.000 (2025)



Cable car

Pay: civic card, civic app or money.



Tram

Pay: civic card, civic app or money.



Bus

Pay: civic card, civic app or money.



Metroplus

Pay: civic card, civic app or money.



Bike

Pay: civic card.

Taxi

Pay: money.



Discover *Medellín*



Arví Park

Located in the district of Santa Elena, this ecological park is perfect for ecotourism. It can be reached by cable car from the Santo Domingo station, offering panoramic views of the city.



Museum of Antioquia

Located in downtown Medellín, across from Plaza Botero, this museum is a cultural landmark with an impressive art collection, including works by Fernando Botero.



El Castillo Mu

Located in El Poblado, this Gothic castle houses a collection of art and antiques. Its architecture transports visitors to another era.



Atanasio Girardot Sports Complex

Located in Comuna 11, Laureles, this stadium is the epicenter of soccer in Medellín and hosts sporting events and concerts. Atlético Nacional and Independiente Medellín play here.

Palace of Culture Rafael Uribe Uribe

Right in the heart of Medellín, next to Plaza Botero, this iconic neo-Gothic building is home to cultural activities and exhibitions. Its history and design make it a must-see attraction.



Pueblito Paisa

At the top of 'el cerro Nutibara', near downtown Medellín, this tourist site offers a replica of an Antioquian village and panoramic views of the city.

Botanical Garden

Located in the northern part of the city, near the Universidad metro station, this green oasis features a butterfly garden, native flora, and the iconic Orquideorama.

Museum

Also, this medieval museum houses a collection of its gardens and report visitors to



Housing Options

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.

Some options to find housing

getvico.com

coliving.com

compartoapto.com



Find more about it in the official website

¡Aquí!



Remember!

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.

National Currency

"The Colombian peso (COP) is the official currency in Colombia, represented by the symbol '\$' and has been issued and regulated by the Bank of the Republic since 1903."



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