



Universidad
de los Andes



Degree Programmes

This study placement is open to Aston Business Students.
Number of Places: 2

Application Process

To apply for this opportunity, please email your **CV** and **motivation letter** to internationalplacements@aston.ac.uk **Deadlines are published on [Aston Futures](#).**

Students can apply for up to three universities; please specify your order of preference in your motivation letter. You only need to send one motivation letter for your three university choices, and there is a template available on Blackboard in the overseas folder. Please include your full name and degree on your application email. Don't worry about contacting the partner university directly, as all the applications are processed by Aston's International Placements Team.

The University

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For more Information about the university in English click [here](#).

[School](#)



Universidad de los Andes is a private university founded in 1948. It is a non-profit, non-political and non-religious institution of recognized academic excellence and leadership in Colombia and Latin America.

The School of Management (UASM) is an AACSB, EQUIS and AMBA accredited school, and it's the only school in Colombia that has achieved this distinction. Founded in 1972, it is recognized as one of the top schools in Latin America. It has a consolidated portfolio with a diverse range of academic programs at the undergraduate and graduate level (PhD in Management, MBA, Master in Finance, Master in Marketing, Master in Environmental Management and Master in Development Practice), which are complemented by a series of high-quality and long-standing Executive Education programs.

In October 2007, UASM inaugurated its new state-of-the art building with new faculty and staff offices, classrooms, a library, study rooms and a cafeteria, amongst others features. In 2009, the School received the reaccreditation from EQUIS. In 2010 the School was granted accreditation by AACSB, and became recognized as one of the top schools in the world with the three most prestigious accreditations in The UniAndes School of Management is located in the state-of-the art Santo Domingo Building (Building SD).The SD building has a total area of 24.000 m², and its infrastructure integrates a set of functional local facilities, with the latest technology for teaching, providing environments with textures, spaces and services that enrich the interaction and the whole learning experience management education (Triple Crown).

[What it is like to study at University de los Andes](#)

[Location](#)

Time zone: GMT -5 hours

International dialling code: +57

Bogotá is the Capital of Colombia with 6,778,691 inhabitants as of 2005. According to estimations the population would have risen to 7,363,782 by 2010. Bogotá and its metropolitan area, which includes municipalities such as Chía, Cota, Soacha, Cajicá, La Calera, Madrid, Funza, Mosquera, Tabio, Tenjo and El Rosal, had a population of around 8 million in 2010.

In terms of land area, Bogotá is the largest city in Colombia, and one of the biggest in Latin America.

Semester/key dates

1st semester: Early January for the January – May semester

2nd semester: Early July for the August – December semester



Orientation Program

Universidad de los Andes has an orientation session of three days on Thursday and Friday the week before classes begin. The orientation session for International students is highly recommended since we explain academic issues relevant to their stay.

[Academic Calendar](#)

Courses Available

- **Language(s) of Instruction**

Most of our classes are taught in Spanish; but some of the readings can be in English. Therefore students should also have good knowledge of English as well. **A letter from a Spanish teacher confirming the B2 level, according to the CEFR is desirable.**

- **Course Pre-registration**

Students must send the list of courses to be registered in June 15 and December 15.

- **Course Registration**

Students register the courses without restrictions on line.

Courses with restrictions will be registered by the academic coordinator.

It is important to remember that UniAndes applies the “first come, first served” rule. However, seats may be released until the very last minute. Thus, please **check the course choice application on a regular basis** and during the specific period of time assigned to you.

Students should be aware that if they do not register for classes on time, it might be difficult for them to find places on the classes of their choice.

Students will be notified of the process in advance.

- **In which specific areas do you offer courses to exchange students?**

Students can take classes in any undergraduate program offered by our departments, except medicine. You can check out the [general classes](#).

- **Pre-requirements**

In some classes students need to prove they have taken the pre requirements needed. If the student does not meet the criteria needed, he should not register the class.

Check the [pre-requirements](#).

- **Language Courses**

A Spanish course is offered to all international students. If students want to take this class, they must take the placement exam (written and oral) and register for the class officially. This class is 3 credits.

If students would like to take language courses (English, French, German, Portuguese, etc) they need to take the placement exam during the established dates from the Languages department. Language courses must be registered.

- **Intensive Spanish course in July**

There is an intensive Spanish program, free of charge for exchange students of 3 weeks during July.

- **Sports classes**

Students can also register sports classes if desired, in that case, it is important to know that each class is 0.5 credits, and will be graded on the pass or fail basis. Or they can freely practice sports in the facilities according to the policies established. Check the [list of courses](#).

Recommended Workload

Students should register a minimum of 3 classes (9 credits) and a maximum of 6 classes (18 credits). Students should follow the minimum requirements of their home university.

1 credit equals 48 hours of course work (in and out of class)

Courses take place throughout the entire semester (16 weeks)

Pass and Fail (P - F): These grades apply for the courses that, based on determination by the Academic Council, receive non-numeric grades. The credits for courses that are passed count as graduation requirements when thus determined by the academic programs, but they will not be taken into consideration in the calculation of semester average or grade point average.

Exchange students staying for two consecutive semesters need a GPA of 3.25 during the first semester. If this GPA is not met, the students will not be able to continue the second semester.

Learning expectations

Class format is based on lectures, and self-study. Students are expected to attend all lectures, to complete all course-related assignments and to sit exams in order to receive a course grade.

[Information about Uniandes, Bogota and Colombia](#)

[The courses](#)

[Study abroad center](#)

Information about Colombia and Bogotá: [Link 1](#) [Link 2](#) [Link 3](#) [Link 4](#)

Summer School

Living in Colombia

- **[Exchange Students](#)**
- **Interandes (mentor students group)**
Interandes is a group of students willing to help international students through the exchange experience. If you want a mentor to guide you in both academic and personal needs, please fill out the form in the application package.
- **Support program and pick-up services**
We can arrange a taxi to pick you up at the airport if you request this at least a week in advance.
The cost of this service will be paid by the exchange student.
Please keep in mind holidays and travel times since those are important aspects to find the availability of the taxi.
- **Health Insurance**
Students **must have** an international health insurance with a wide health and dental coverage.
- **Accommodation**
Universidad de los Andes does not have on or off campus accommodation. However the University will make reasonable efforts to help exchange students find accommodation.
- **Cost of Living (approximates) 1Pound~U\$3.24**

Living expenses in Bogota range between. U\$800 – U\$1.200 per month according to student's living standards.

- **Housing**
 - Family house Room \$300.000 - \$600.000 Per month
 - Near the University Room \$400.000 - \$800.000 Per month
 - Apartment 20-70 sq. m \$700.000 - \$1.500.000 Per month
- **Food**
 - Within campus
 - Coca cola \$2.000, Sandwich \$7.500, Lunch \$10.000
 - Outside campus
 - Coca cola \$1.500, Sandwich \$5.500, Lunch \$7.000
 - At a restaurant
 - Coca cola \$3.000, Pizza \$12.000, Hamburger \$15.000; Dinner 2 people \$30.000 - \$100.000
- **Entertainment**
 - Cinema ticket 1 person \$6.000 - \$18.000
 - Going out to party 2 people \$30.000 - \$50.000
 - Draft Beer Pitcher \$15.000 - \$30.000
 - Concert ticket 1 person \$0 - \$120.000

Next steps if you are successful

1. You will be invited for a face-to-face or phone interview with the Placements Team
2. You will be nominated by us to the partner university
3. Following the nomination you must in most cases, complete a registration online. The International Placements Team will contact you about this.
Documents required
 - a. Application form
 - b. Learning agreement
 - c. A copy of your passport
 - d. Original transcripts
 - e. A list of the courses you are taking at the moment and the ones you would like to take at Universidad de los Andes.
 - f. An essay in Spanish explaining the reasons why you want to study at Universidad de los Andes
 - g. Two pictures (3cmx4cm White background)
4. Read the Study Plan (available on Blackboard from June)
5. Complete a Learning Agreement once your modules have been approved by your Placement Tutor

Visa

All exchange students staying for more than 3 months require a student visa according to Colombian Law. In order to get this visa, students will receive the two

documents needed from us by November 15, or June 15 according to their exchange semester. Students should check with the nearest Colombian embassy or consulate about the other documents needed in order to get their student visa.

Students must send us a scanned copy of their visa once they have it, and at least two weeks before the orientation session. **STUDENTS WILL NOT BE ABLE TO START CLASSES WITHOUT A VISA**

Residence permit

Students are required to obtain a residence permit (cédula de extranjería) once they arrive in Bogota. This procedure has to be done within the next 15 days of his arrival in Colombia, and costs approximately \$ 90 US Dollars.

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