

Spanish

for Foreigners Programs

LEARN SPANISH UNDER THE CARIBBEAN SUN AT THE INSTITUTO DE IDIOMAS
UNIVERSIDAD DEL NORTE • Barranquilla - Colombia

The Instituto de Idiomas offers high quality programs which provide students with a solid preparation in learning Spanish. Our institute's methodology is based upon a communicative approach which emphasizes the development of oral skills.

The Spanish for Foreigners program combines a multidisciplinary program with a variety of social and cultural activities. This program enrolls people from many different countries. Participants have the opportunity to become involved in intercultural exchange and understanding.

Why Spanish?

Spanish is the second most used language in communication all over the world. More than 450 million people speak Spanish! You can communicate with people not only in Spain, but in the Americas: Mexico, Colombia, Venezuela, Argentina, Chile... and in the Caribbean: Cuba, Puerto Rico... you can read important writers in their original language: García Márquez, Cortázar, Vargas Llosa... and you can understand the lyrics when you're dancing salsa, merengue and tango.

Levels of instruction

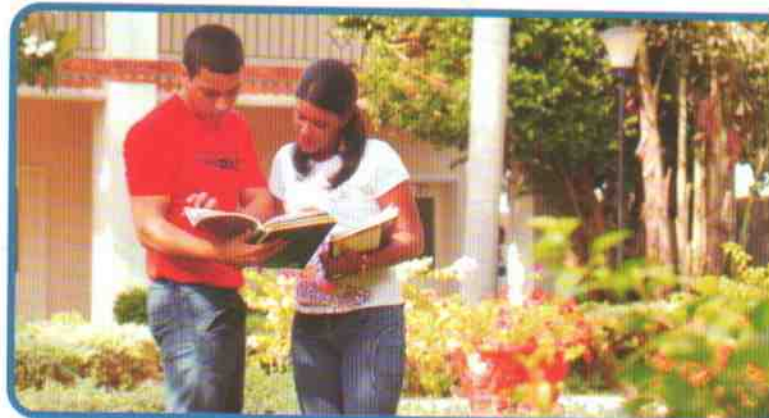
The Instituto de Idiomas offers three basic levels of Spanish:

- **Elementary:** Designed for people with basic or no knowledge of the language.
- **Intermediate:** Designed for people with some knowledge of the language but wanting to develop it more.
- **Advanced:** Designed for people with a good command of the language who need to perfectate it and learn about the culture of the Spanish speaking world.

The full program consists of the three levels of 120 hours each.

For a Spanish as a foreign language teachers, the Instituto de Idiomas offers the following programs:

- **Spanish Course Design:** this program intends to help teachers implement Spanish programs according to their learning and target needs. It includes the design of learning objectives, methodology, syllabus, materials and evaluation.
- **Spanish Material Design:** The goal of this program is to design materials suitable for different contexts, taking into account the students, institutional needs and learning objectives.



Types of courses

Students can take courses in intensive/ Immersion courses or regular programs.

- Intensive/immersion courses: 6 hours daily
- Regular courses: students may choose the schedule according to their needs or interests
- Individual lesson: upon request
- Flexible and complete teaching services for companies

Placement Test

Students with previous knowledge of Spanish should take a free placement test to be placed in the right level.

Housing

The student may choose to stay with a host family, rent an apartment or stay at a hotel.

How to apply?

Check our website at

<http://www.uninorte.edu.co/extensiones/idiomas/secciones.asp?ID=4>
to fill out your application and housing form.

Tuition: US \$750



Barranquilla, Colombia

Founded by migrant farmers in the early 17th century, Barranquilla is Colombia's fourth largest city. It is an industrial center and Caribbean seaport, centered between Colombia's oldest cities: Cartagena and Santa Marta, colonial sites enriched with Spanish traditions, history and beautiful beaches.

With a population of over 1.4 million, Barranquilla features the atmosphere of a big city along with the hospitality of small town. Our city offers its inhabitants theatrical productions, a symphony orchestra, art galleries, movie theatre, malls, restaurants, clubs, bars and sporting events. A reliable urban bus system can take you comfortably from the university to any of these location within minutes. Ocean breezes give the city a delightful tropical climate with a short rainy season in April and October. Temperatures range from 27 to 32 degrees Celsius (80 degrees Fahrenheit). The Universidad del Norte is located on the northwestern edge of Barranquilla.

Admission

- HEALTH INSURANCE is required for the admission process.
- Two photos
- Photocopies of your passport and visa (if necessary)
- Student Temporal Visa is required for foreign students who are going to stay in Colombia more than three months for education purposes. Less than three months, the student will be registered with his/her passport.



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About Uninorte:

Universidad del Norte is one of the first universities in Colombia accredited institutionally by the Colombian Ministry of Education for its academic excellence. 10.700 students are enrolled at Universidad del Norte, 9.000 of whom are undergraduate students.

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