



PEACEBUILDING IN COLOMBIA ACADEMIC SUMMER PROGRAM UNIVERSIDAD DE LOS ANDES BOGOTA 2020





ARMED CONFLICT, PEACE PROCESSES AND THE CHALLENGES OF PEACEBUILDING IN COLOMBIA, 5TH ANNIVERSARY

Red Tree Study and Universidad de Los Andes are delighted to celebrate the 5th Anniversary of the hugely successful Peacebuilding in Colombia course in summer 2020. Since its launch, the course has brought students from prestigious universities worldwide to Bogota to study the intricacies of the Colombian peace processes.

This annual summer program is offered by the world-renowned Political Science department at Universidad de Los Andes (Uniandes). It explores the recent history of the Colombian conflict and the present challenges of peacebuilding at this important time as society negotiates a future free from armed conflict.

It is open to undergraduate and graduate students from a range of arts, humanities and social science subjects, aimed specifically at those with an interest in International Relations and Conflict Resolution.

The intensive three-week study program is delivered in English. In addition to classes on campus, it provides site visits to cultural, governmental and educational organizations in Colombia. These are likely to include the Colombian Congress, the United Nations Development Program, the International Center for Transitional Justice, the Reparation of Victims Unit, and meeting with the President's Communications Team at the Palacio Nariño, discussion sessions with ex-paramilitaries and FARC members, and additional social activities.

ACADEMIC OUTLINE

WEEK 1: HISTORY OF THE COLOMBIAN ARMED CONFLICT: FROM THE 1960s TO TODAY

The first module will explore the history, evolution, and major transformations of the Colombian armed conflict from the 1960s to today. The module will cover the motivations and demands of the armed conflict's main actors. It will examine the role of the drug trade in transforming conflict dynamics, as well as the role of the US and other countries in shaping domestic political and military strategies. Finally, it will analyze the costs and impact of the armed conflict for Colombian society, as well as for its economy.

WEEK 2: PEACE NEGOTIATIONS IN COLOMBIA

The second module will focus on attempts to negotiate peace with the various actors of the Colombian armed conflict. These attempts have taken place over several decades and have yielded important lessons and insights for scholars and domestic and international practitioners. Special emphasis will be given to the recent peace process and the challenges it has met, particularly since the change of government in 2018.

WEEK 3: BUILDING A LASTING RESOLUTION

The third module will address the challenges of building lasting peace in Colombia in the coming years. It will focus on issues such as the proposed reparation of millions of victims, the task of successfully reintegrating thousands of former combatants, and efforts to promote collective memory-making. It will examine the prospect of political participation by illegal armed groups, the challenge posed by the re-armament of some FARC-fighters and the economic and social development of areas which have been affected by the conflict.



WHY UNIVERSIDAD DE LOS ANDES?

Universidad de los Andes is an innovative, independent and autonomous institution known for its academic excellence. Uniandes is the highest ranked University in Colombia and is ranked fifth in Latin America according to the QS world rankings, and twelfth according to USNWR

Since it was founded in 1948, Universidad de los Andes has fostered a global outlook with a highly-qualified international academic team and numerous overseas academic partnerships. It provides a welcoming and supportive environment for students and is a fantastic choice for international study.



THE CAMPUS AND FACILITIES

The Uniandes Campus is smart and modern. Located in the historic Candelaria area of central Bogota, the campus is set within a dramatic landscape of green mountains and heritage buildings. As an International student at Uniandes, you will have access to the fantastic on-site facilities, including a state-of-the-art library and sports centre. The campus has wi-fi throughout, and a wide selection of restaurants, cafes and gardens.

The campus is equipped with hi-tech security systems, and program participants will be issued with a swipe card that provides them with full access to the facilities.



METHODOLOGY AND SCHEDULE

The three-week academic program will be supplemented by additional social and cultural activities during evenings and weekends.

Students will generally begin classes at 9 a.m. with the theoretical component taught on campus until lunchtime. Professors will use diverse methodologies to teach the program modules, including workshops, case studies, class discussions and presentations. The afternoons will normally be dedicated to practical visits and sociocultural activities.

Following successful completion of the course, students will be provided with a certificate from Universidad de Los Andes.

ACCOMMODATION AND EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Students are housed in Los Andes' university residence, Torre Seneca, located just a few moments walk from campus. Each will have a private room with smart modern furnishings and amazing views of the city or the nearby mountains. They will have access to unlimited wifi, the on-site gym, and a choice of cozy communal areas where they can relax with fellow students.

Red Tree Study's program coordinators will be housed in the same accommodation for the duration of the course and will be on hand to help with any questions and in case of emergency.

The evening and weekend social program includes a variety of activities – from excursions to discover Colombia's beautiful landscapes to group meals offering participants the chance to sample typical Colombian cuisine. These activities are carefully selected to enrich your understanding and enjoyment of the country.



PRICES AND DATES

Monday 8 June - Friday 26 June 2020

Price per participant: \$3,900 USD Price includes the academic program, accommodation, an airport pickup on arrival, excursions and social activities.

Contact **info@redtreestudy.com** in order to request an application or go to **www.redtreestudy.com/peacebuilding** for more information.



Find out more from our previous participants!

Since our first summer course in Colombia launched 5 years ago Red Tree Study has hosted many wonderful students from universities all over the world: Yale, Duke, USC, Brown, Boston University, Emory University and NYU in the USA, Cambridge, UCL, QUB, Bristol, York, Sheffield, Cardiff and Edinburgh in the UK, Uppsala and Lund in Sweden, UBC and Queen's in Canada, Otago in New Zealand, and many more.

You can hear directly from these students about their experiences studying with Red Tree Study in Colombia at redtreestudy.com/reviews and redtreestudy.com/ambassadors



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