



SGroup Summer School

Colombia:

A Glance into Peace and Conflict through Culture and the Arts

July 11th – August 5th, 2022

SGROUP SUMMER SCHOOL IN COLOMBIA 2022

COURSE AND PRATICAL INFORMATION

About the programme

Within the framework of the regional Think Tank Academy, SGroup offers a four-week summer programme focused on intercultural learning to students enrolled in member and associate universities of our network.

After two successful editions in August 2018 and 2019, namely in Shanghai, China (cancelled in 2020 and 2021 due to Covid), the SGroup Intercultural School this summer is taking place in Bogotá, Colombia, hosted by the University of Los Andes.

Host institution

Programme

Over a period of four weeks, the participants of this course will get to know the general aspects of the Colombian artistic culture involving the country's conflict and peace process. Through lectures and in situ visits, the course aims to generate a firsthand experience about Colombian arts in relation to the country's 20th century history, the period known as The Violence and the signed of the Peace process in 2016.

During these four weeks, the participants will be able to consolidate and complement their competences in the use and understanding of Spanish. The initial Spanish competences will be analyzed, examined and classified based on a placement test made by the University of the Andes before the beginning of this course. Thus, through workshops (theoretical and practical methodology) and tutorials (personalized sessions), the Spanish component aims to introduce, contextualize, consolidate and familiarize the student with grammar, syntax and semantics in the Spanish language. At the same time, this program will contribute significantly to the experience of immersion in Colombian art, culture, history and politics.

The students will also attend conferences about Social Sciences in Colombia and Latin America; the recent Colombian history in the political context of the last decades and the cultural imaginary. These conferences will have practical workshops where the participants should contribute ideas, knowledge and observations related to their knowledge and impressions throughout their visit.

The full programme can be found [here](#).

Objectives

- Acquire an overview of Colombian history and culture from a social and political view;



- Recognize the importance of cultural heritage for social development and in its memory construction.;
- Understand the relationship between art in Colombia, its distinctive features and transformations, and to recognize historical processes in which they were involved;
- Understand the Colombian 20th century context, its history and the current crucial challenges of the country's political history;
- Improve Spanish language level by cultural immersion.

Language

The courses will be taught in English. For the field visits, there will be no simultaneous translation but for those where the intervention is not carried out in English, there will be the support of undergraduate students from Universidad de los Andes, who will participate as language assistants (Spanish - English).

Methodology and content

The course is designed with a **mixed methodology in the interdisciplinary field of arts and peace studies, combining keynote presentations with open spaces for debate and discussion**. Cultural visits and field trips will seek to promote applied learning and group discussions based on conversations between students and experts. In addition to the content provided by the lecturers from University de Los Andes, guests from other SGroup universities will also deliver sessions and presentation.

Arts and Humanities content -*Colombian arts and cultural approach*

Through case studies and *in situ visits* led by the Faculty of Arts and Humanities, the participantst will have an introduction to Colombian art in the 20th century and how they had developed and been involved through the social conflict, Peace Process and as a community builder. Likewise, the participant will have an approach to the Colombian cultural heritage, the creation of social memory through its self-recognition and to the importance of its study in the historical moment the country is getting through. In addition, the discussion will be expanded in the context of the Social Sciences, through a conference and a workshop as a correlate.

Simultaneously, the Spanish classes – both conferences and flied visits - will allow the student to recognize the scope of his level of competences in Spanish, while guiding according to an introduction or complementation of communication with an emphasis on effective orality. This aims to contribute as a cornerstone in the participant academic process and the personal development in the Spanish-speaking context through the visit to Colombia.

The classes and sessions offered by the School of Arts and Humanities will be:

1. Get to know the prehispanic Colombian territory through its arts: Museo del Oro in situ class
2. Get to know Modern Colombia through its arts: Museo Nacional in situ class
3. Field Visit: Visit at the Center for Memory, Peace and Reconciliation and Political Economy of the armed conflict + *Columbarios* by Beatriz Gonzalez visit
4. Colombian arts in the 20th century
5. Colombian arts in the 20th century, museum or art collection visit.
6. La violencia (B. República visit) + Fragmentos: espacio de Arte y Memoria (visit)



7. Journalism, storytelling and conflict
8. 2020 National Strike, Journalism and arts
9. Music and community building (Case study)
10. Indigenous fabrics as a community builder (Case study)

Social Sciences content - *War and peacebuilding in Colombia*

The general objective of the course is to introduce the interdisciplinary field of armed conflict and peace studies seen in Colombia by combining theory and an empirical analysis of peacebuilding through master's classes and discussions with professors and practitioners in the field. By the end of the course students should:

- Familiarize themselves with Colombian history and the Colombian political system, especially in relation to the causes of the emergence and transformation of the armed conflict.
- Understand the social and economic impact of the armed conflict on the Colombian economy and society.
- Develop a comprehensive knowledge of the conditions of past peace processes and the terms of the recent peace accord between the Colombian Government and the former armed group, FARC –EP, as well as the social, political and economic implications.
- Explore the opportunities and challenges to building a sustainable and lasting peace in Colombia and gain practical knowledge through field visits with practitioners.

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The classes and sessions offered by the School of Social Sciences will be:

1. Evolution of the armed conflict and the peace process
2. Field Visit In situ Class: Visit at the Center for Memory, Peace and Reconciliation and Political Economy of the armed conflict + Columbarios by Beatriz Gonzalez visit
3. Social and environmental conflicts in a post-conflict setting
4. The International dimension of the conflict
5. Media, war and Peace
6. Public Opinion, Voters' Decision and Peace
7. Field Visit and In Situ Class: Conversation with the FIP (Fundación Ideas para la Paz): The role of the private sector in the post-conflict setting
8. Victims of the conflict and displaced population
9. Communities, Identity and Education for peace



Recognition

The host institution will provide a transcript of the hours of the programme attended to allow the students to apply for credit recognition at their home universities. Additionally, a certificate of participation will be provided to all participants.

Eligibility, registration and procedures

To participate in this Summer School, applicants must:

- Be enrolled in a degree at a university which is a full or an associate member of SGroup (list [here](#));
- Have completed at least 2 years of studies in Higher Education;
- Have an interest in the topics covered by the program

Registrations are available [here](#) – deadline: 31 May. Participants will be selected based on their motivation and according to the number of students registered per member institution (preference is given to having more diversity of sending universities).

The confirmation of selection will be sent by 11 June and selected students will be by Uniandes (University of Los Andes) to register in an official form (EdCo o OIA) and with more info on the payment of the fee.

Accommodation

The course fee includes accommodation in City U, which is located 2 minutes walking distance from campus. Participants will be distributed in apartments for four people with individual bedrooms, a small shared kitchen and two bathrooms. They will also have access to facilities such a larger kitchen, a laundry room, spaces for entertainment, a gym, a study lounge and others. You can find more information about City U [here](#) and do a virtual tour [here](#).

Fee and costs

The participation fee is USD 1500 / 1370 EURO and it includes: academic tuition and Spanish courses, course related cultural and academic excursions, accommodation close to campus and breakfast, as well as preparation workshops prior to the departure to Colombia.

Other expenses the participants will have include: international health and travel insurance (it should include a wide range and dental care); travel tickets; lunch, dinner and snacks (between 100-200 €); and local transportation not covered by the program (one-way public bus ticket: around 0,60€).

The practical arrangements such as booking transport tickets and insurance are individual responsibility of participants.

Practical information



Health Insurance

Students must have an international travel and health insurance with a wide health and dental coverage.

Cost of living

- One-way public bus ticket COP 2.450
- One-way Transmilenio COP 2.650
- One-way Taxi COP 4.900 - 24.000
- Average monthly food expense: COP 300.000 – 600.000
- Price of a Regular Coke 350 ml is around \$2.500 COP -1 USD is equal to \$ 3,9256.50 COP (USD conversion rate on February 24th, 2022)
- Average monthly entertainment expense: COP 400.000

This budget is an estimate, and it can change depending on the student's preferences.

Useful links:

Information about Bogotá and Colombia:

- <http://www.bogota.gov.co/>
- <https://www.colombia.co/>

Visa Information:

Universidad de los Andes will send an invitation letter to each student that should be presented to the immigration officer upon his/her arrival in Colombia. With this letter, the immigration officer should stamp the student's passport accordingly.

Each student is responsible for obtaining the correct migration document according to their specific situation. To be enrolled and registered in Uniandes, students must have one of the following documents once they have entered Colombia: the PID stamp, a visa, or a cedula colombiana (for Colombian students).

International students coming for less than 180 days and whose nationality requires a tourist visa to enter Colombia can find further information about visa [here](#). International students coming for more than 180 days must obtain their student visa before arriving in Bogota.

The migration officer at the port of entry should stamp the student's passport with the PID entry stamp:

- Students, whose nationality does not require a tourist visa, coming for less than 180 days when they hand in the admission letter to the migration officer at the airport.
- This permit is valid for 90 days, and they must renew it at Migración Colombia for another 90 days period.

Students are required to obtain a residence permit (cédula de extranjería) once they arrive in Bogota if they have a student visa. This procedure must be done within the next 15 days of his arrival to Colombia, and costs approximately \$90 US Dollars. All the information about this process can be found [here](#).

Contacts

For more information or questions, please contact the SGroup secretariat at sgroup@sgroup-unis.