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In 2012-2013, 340 U.S. students studied abroad in Colombia for academic credit.

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### Education System Overview:

- **Academic year:** Mid to late January – early December
- **Major school holidays/break:** Schools and universities are closed during Holy Week, during parts of June and July, during one week in October, and during most of December and January.

### Structure of the university system:

- **Years of study required to earn a bachelor's degree:** 5 years (normally)
- **The language of instruction in universities:** Spanish or Bilingual
- **Degrees offered:** Smaller universities generally just offer Bachelor's degrees

### Resources:

Organization: Ministry of Education

Website: <http://www.mineducacion.gov.co/1621/w3-channel.html>

### Know Before You Go

- [How to Apply for U.S. Passport](#)
- [Security Messages for U.S. Citizens](#)
- [Colombia Travel Warning](#)
- [Country Specific Travel Information](#)



## **U.S. Government-Sponsored Study and Exchange Programs**

- **Fulbright U.S. Student Program**
- **Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program**
- **Gilman International Scholarship**