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Exam dates	<i>Spring semester</i> Exam dates: From May 19th to 30th 2025 (in some Schools, these dates may be extended). <i>Fall semester</i> Exam dates: From November 24th to December 05th 2025 (in some Schools, these dates may be extended).																				
Deadlines for the nomination of exchange students for each term	<i>Spring semester</i> Nomination Deadline: October 18th, 2024. Application Deadline (students): November 18th, 2024. <i>Fall semester</i> Nomination Deadline: April 25th, 2025 Application Deadline (students): May 23rd, 2025 The application process is through CONNEXT platform and it is done it by students.																				

Language Requirements	Spanish level determined by each academic unit in Universidad Externado (minimum B1- maximum B2) - Exchange Programs Office issues a letter stating that your students' Spanish level is good enough to follow the Spanish courses at UExternado. For the Faculties of Business Administration and Finance, Government and International Relations, a B1 Spanish proficiency is required and an Externado's test will confirm it.
Initial application forms needed	Mobility process will be managed through the CONNEXT platform. Please find the instructions for the incoming process below: Students' nominations - Partners will receive an email with <i>Call of application</i> and with the nomination template for its students. - After you fill out the nomination template with your students' information, please send it to camilo.vargas2@uexternado.edu.co - After our partners have completed the nomination process, the nominated students will receive a username and application guideline through the indicated email, to access the system and start their application process. - Students have to go to our CONNEXT webpage, following the instructions received, when we inform them of the credentials to access it.
Expected Costs	Students from partner universities are not charged with Tuition Fees for their exchange semester(s). However, they must obtain the next concepts: UExternado Health Insurance – Administrative-Academic requirement (\$ 5 to \$ 10 USD approx.)
Medical Insurance	All exchange students are required to enroll in a comprehensive international health insurance and present it once they arrive. We will only accept insurances that are in either English or Spanish. *Additional to the international health insurance, Universidad Externado requires that students obtain the university's insurance so that they can be registered to their academic program, obtain their credentials, and have access to all the university's facilities and medical attention from MediExpress inside Universidad Externado if needed. The cost of this insurance is: \$5 to \$10 USD approximately.

Application forms and information sent AFTER acceptance (emailed to the student by Exchange Coordinator)	Through CONNEXT, they will receive their Acceptance, which includes the Letter of Acceptance. After, Coordinator will send practical information about University, City and Migration processes – International Student Handbook.
Migratory important aspects.	International students should complete the migratory aspects required in Colombia and University in time, as soon as they arrive. If students do not complete the procedures demanded, they will be the object of possible economic migratory fines/sanctions and deportations from Colombia State.
Type of accommodation offered	<u>Accommodation</u> Universidad Externado does not have on-campus accommodation. However, the University has agreements with CentralX, CityU and Spotty hotels (three residential buildings that offer student dorm style accommodation and provide a special discount for international exchange students from Universidad Externado (<i>students must mention that they are coming to an Exchange Semester to Externado and show the Letter of Acceptance</i>). Your students can check the webpages in the links above. <u>Expenses</u> It is important to know that Bogotá is the third most expensive capital of Latin America. Depending on the needs, the average expenses per month could be around 500 \$US / 800 \$US. Some estimated expenditures Housing: Apartments: from 200\$US to 400\$US/month Food: 150\$US/month Lunch in a restaurant close to the University: 5\$US (15000 Pesos COP) Public Transport: 50\$US/month
Introductory Orientation	International Student Orientation Week takes place one week prior to the beginning of each semester. During this week, the International and External Affairs Directorate and some Schools and Support Units, organize activities to help our visiting students familiarize with the University, the city and the structure of the academic system at Externado.

Professional Program Volunteering	The School of Finance, Government and International Relations proposes a Professional Volunteer Program, which offers our visiting students the opportunity to increase the sociocultural knowledge as a complement of their academic activities. The program allows students to work with some recognized Colombian and International NGO's such as Barefoot Foundation and Techo among others, getting to know the real needs of the most vulnerable Colombian population. The students receive academic credits for this activity. The number of credits will depend on the number of worked hours and completion of academic requirements during their experience. The registration process starts at the beginning of each semester. For more information, you can visit the program website: https://www.uexternado.edu.co/finanzas-gobierno-relaciones-internacionales/programa-de-voluntariado/
Election of Courses	Foreign students are authorized to select courses from different programs; however, they must take at least 60% of credits in the school of registration. The home institution must determine the exact number of courses or ECTS credits that students need to take at Externado. Before coming at Externado, students must pre-select their subjects through the CONNEXT platform, by checking the Study Plans from the School of interest (Externado's Schools web pages).
Full course load per semester	Except for different rules from home universities (we respect the requirements established for students from their home universities), an exchange student would take a full course load at Universidad Externado, which is equivalent to 18 credits per semester (around 6/8 subjects). *1 credit = An academic credit corresponds to a workload of about 48 hours, distributed as follows: 16 hours of class attendance, 32 hours of independent work. It means that for every direct academic hour with the faculty member, the student will assume 2 hours additional of independent work.