

Universidad EAFIT

Universidad EAFIT is a private University recognized for its schools of Management, Engineering, Science, Humanities, Law and Economics and Finances.

With over 12,000 students, the campus offers different environments for learning and recreation. Its infrastructure supports research as well as education and cultural activities and reflect EAFIT's determination to establish itself as a center of knowledge and culture in the country. In fact, EAFIT's Symphony Orchestra and art exhibits show the University's contribution to the development of arts in Colombia as a whole. The University has fostered the creation of new academic spaces that respond to Colombian needs within a globalized world. Consequently, it has opened branches in Bogotá, Pereira and Llanogrande offering graduate and continuing education programs, research and consulting services known for their academic excellence.



Idiomas EAFIT

Founded in 1991, Idiomas EAFIT is an important part of the university and responds to its commitment to the Colombian society. Idiomas EAFIT offers high quality language programs that provide students with an optimum learning environment in foreign languages.

This unit serves a student population of 9,000 supported by a professional and highly qualified academic staff, a Research and Teacher Education Unit, and a Resource Center specialized in pedagogical material.



SPANISH PROGRAM

- Facts about our program**
- The first Spanish program in Colombia to be certified by the Spanish Instituto Cervantes, as a recognition to its quality.
 - One of the oldest in the country, established in 1997.
 - First program in Colombia to developed its own original textbook, Maravillas del español, based on MCER levels: A1-A2-B1-B2.
 - Offers DELE and SIELE, two international diplomas for accrediting purposes.
 - Makes part of EAFIT, a fully accredited university, and the Languages Unit is certified by the Accrediting Council for Continuing Education and Training (ACCET) from the U.S.
 - Modern and vibrant campus with an excellent offering of spaces for varied activities: pool, library, bookstore, gym, sports fields, more than 15 restaurants and coffee shops, gift shops, mini-market and bookstore, plus a rich cultural, academic and sports agenda.
 - Great location: within walking distance from major shopping malls, supermarkets, parks, local housing, hotels and hostels.
 - Provides student support in key areas, such as student visas and homestay contacts.

- Other advantages**
- An updated and academically strong curriculum
 - A methodology that potentiates the development of the communicative competence in an effective manner
 - Highly qualified and experienced teachers
 - Great extra learning opportunities (tutoring sessions, auditing undergraduate classes, local conversation partners, and daily on-campus cultural activities)
 - Participation in CuéntELE, a biannual online magazine to showcase students' written and visual work
 - A wide range of extracurricular activities per week to ensure greater immersion to the language

Our methodology

- Idiomas EAFIT follows the communicative approach guidelines, which is embedded in a participative and interactive learning environment aiming at the development of the strategies of the language: comprehension, expression and interaction in both oral and written contexts, where accuracy, fluency and culture are integrated.
- Accordingly, students are exposed to a wide variety of activities, teaching techniques and language structures, where students' individual needs and differences are acknowledged.

Hours per week

- Monday through Friday, four hours a day, two week courses
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Distribution of courses and levels according to CEFR program

Level	No. of hours per level	Courses (38 hour each)
A1	76	Courses 1 and 2
A2	114	Courses 3, 4 and 5
B1	114	Courses 6, 7 and 8
B2	114	Courses 9, 10 and 11
C1	152	- Advanced grammar - Written communication - Language and Culture - Business Spanish

DELE Preparatory courses are also offered on demand.

REACTIONS FROM OUR ALUMNI

"I really liked the atmosphere on the very modern, young spirited and inspiring campus. The courses are set up in a demanding and productive way, in very modern and latest state of the art equipped class rooms. The faculty staff, professors and administrative staff alike, were very friendly, helpful and professional. Most importantly: I made a lot of progress in my Spanish skills!"

Andreas Fischer, Switzerland

"My experience has been a very positive one. I live with my daughter Kate, son-in-law Felipe and 20 month old granddaughter Amalia. We spend a lot of time with extended family, and love going for coffee most days. The teaching of, and experience in the Spanish Class is excellent. Professor Maritza Galindo explains everything very clearly, and gives a lot of individual attention when needed. It's obvious she really enjoys teaching which enhances the learning process".

Judy McCallum, Australia

"Since arriving six weeks ago, I've felt at home. The soul of the city is its friendly and hard-working people. Using innovative technology to improve the lives of its citizens, the city is fast-becoming a model city in Latin America. Unfortunately the information on the Internet doesn't do it justice. Likewise, EAFIT has a beautiful, modern campus that celebrates innovation alongside biodiversity. If you get a chance to visit Colombia, do it!"

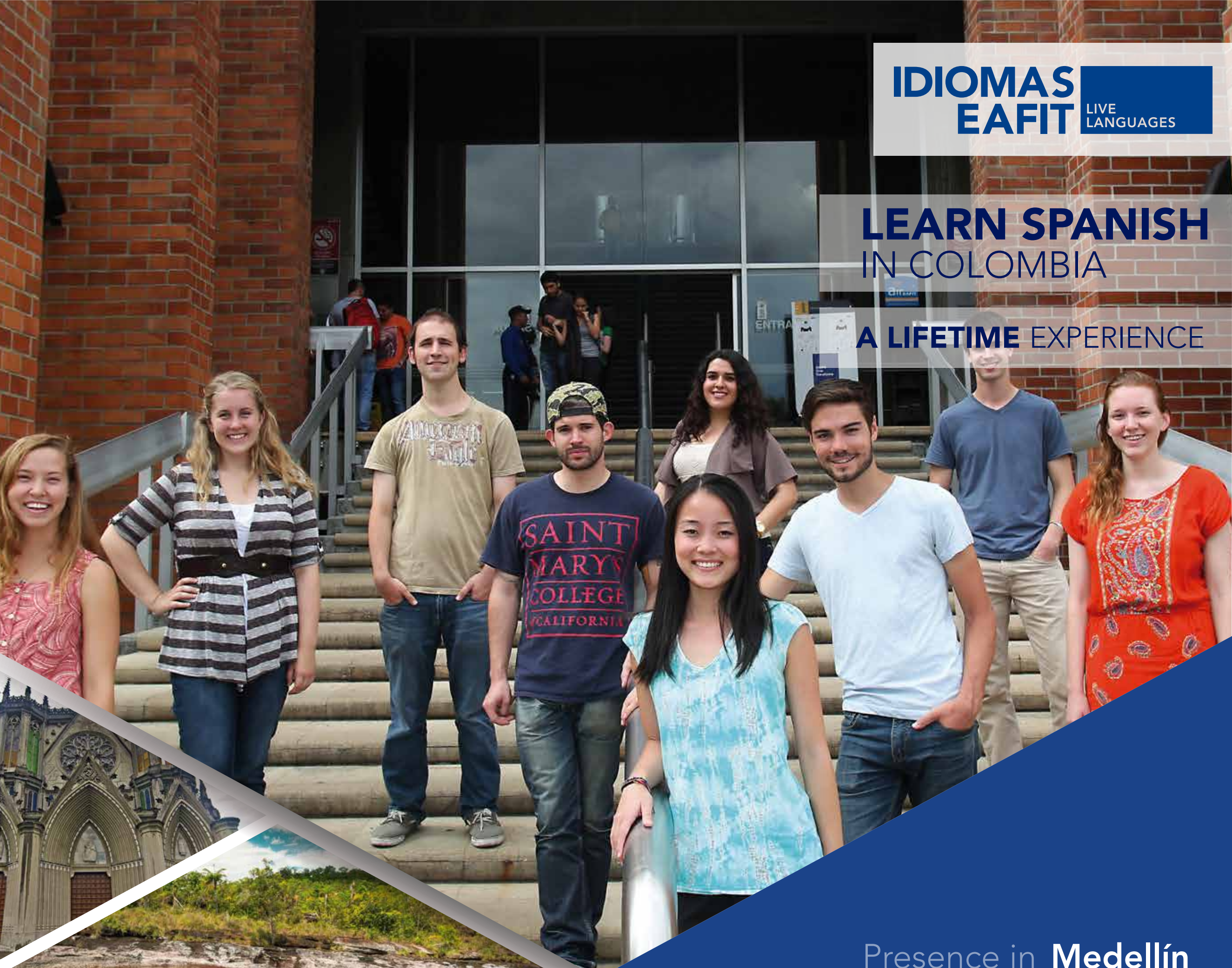
Roxane Silvaniuk, Canada

"I have been attending the EAFIT Spanish Language program for 6 months. The program has given me a very good opportunity to learn a new language with structure and purpose in a great environment. I am achieving my language goals while learning in a wonderful environment. The facilities are extensive and growing. These are exciting times at EAFIT. The Language Center has enabled me to make many friends, of all ages, from around the world. The coordinators have been very helpful, including introducing me to Colombian student language partners. I have learned about the Colombian culture, and have been introduced to the very friendly people. The renowned climate of the city allows year-round new experiences in this modern city and serves as my home-base for Colombian exploration. This is a great way to learn a language".

Jerry McNamara, United States of America

LEARN SPANISH IN COLOMBIA

A LIFETIME EXPERIENCE



Presence in **Medellín**

OUR SPANISH PROGRAM

The Spanish program at Idiomas EAFIT is a complete set of courses for an effective Spanish language acquisition to speakers of other languages. It covers five of the six levels of proficiency described by the Common European Framework (A1 to C1) throughout 15 different courses, each lasting 38 hours.

Why Spanish?

- Spanish is a global language: nearly 500 million speakers and about 21 million learners.
- Speaking Spanish will help you stand out in a competitive job market.
- Learning Spanish will allow you to better appreciate Hispanic cultural contributions.
- Learning Spanish is rapidly becoming a business need.
- Knowing Spanish language and culture will completely transform your travel experiences.
- Studying another language will benefit your thinking skills, help you view things through a different lens and stimulate your creativity.
- And simply because learning Spanish is fun!



Why Colombia?

Situated in the northwestern corner of South America, Colombia is gateway to South America. It is the fifth largest country in Latin America and home to the world's third largest population of Spanish-speaking people. It is a country filled with fabulous tourist offerings: Whether you choose to bathe in the sun at the beaches of Cartagena, San Andrés or Santa Marta; learn the history, culture and modernism of Bogotá, Medellín or Cali; experience nature in Santander, Boyacá and the Coffee Triangle. There is an excellent destination for every type of tourist.