



# PONTIFICIA UNIVERSIDAD JAVERIANA

Bogotá D.C. - Colombia



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# GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS

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Pontificia Universidad Javeriana is a private higher education institution, founded in 1623. It is one of the oldest and most prestigious universities in Colombia, with its main campus in Bogotá and a branch campus in Cali. It is one of the 31 universities entrusted to the Society of Jesus in Latin America and one of the 186 existing higher education institutions worldwide. Among which them we can find Georgetown University, Boston College, Fordham University, the Pontifical University of Comillas and the Pontifical Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro, to name a few.

Pontificia Universidad Javeriana, Bogotá has 18 faculties, 62 departments, 13 institutes<sup>1</sup> and 187 undergraduate and graduate academic programs. These programs address different areas of expertise, which grants the University a multidisciplinary nature. The main campus has a modern infrastructure and a master plan for the development of its facilities in the next 20 years. It currently has 46 buildings constructed over 18 hectares of land and is located in a strategic part of the city which is easily accessible.

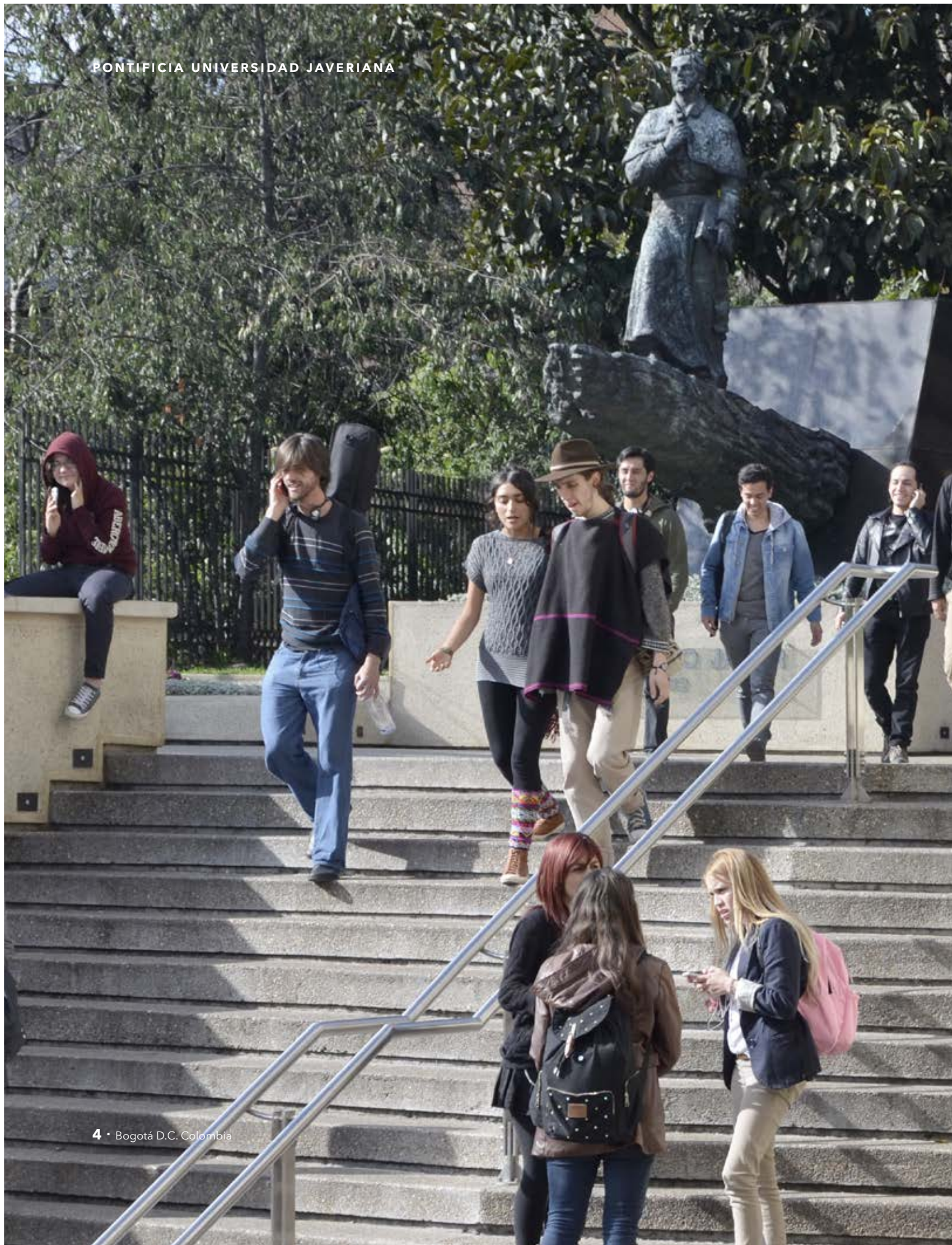
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<sup>1</sup>The departments are academic units that seek to develop an area of knowledge through research, teaching and the implementation of services such as continuous education, consulting and advisory services. The institutes are academic units responsible for research and consulting in areas that require a special interdisciplinary focus.











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# MISSION

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The Pontificia Universidad Javeriana is a Catholic institution for higher education, founded and run by the Society of Jesus and committed to the educational principles and guidelines of the founding body.

It provides excellent teaching, research and service as an integrated university in a country of regions, with a global and interdisciplinary perspective, and aims to provide:

- a holistic education for persons who excel in their human, ethical, academic and professional qualities and for their social responsibility; and,
- the creation and development of knowledge and culture from a critical and innovative perspective,

for the achievement of a society that is just, sustainable, inclusive, democratic, compassionate and respectful of human dignity.

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# ACADEMIC OFFER

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The University offers 38 undergraduate programs, 52 professional specializations, 38 clinical and surgical specializations, 49 master programs and 10 PhD programs.



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# EDUCATIONAL COMMUNITY

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The University has 19,961 undergraduate students and 4,273 graduate students. The teaching staff is composed of 3,262 professors. It has 1,568 administrative employees.

Due to the prestige and quality of its academic offer, the University selects students with outstanding academic credentials from all the eligible candidates. Its alumni are recognized for their professionalism, teamwork and leadership skills. There is a high demand for Pontificia Universidad Javeriana alumni in the labor market, with average employment rates of 85% in recent years. Additionally, the salary earned by them is above the average earned by others from different higher education institutions in our country.

The Javeriana Education Community continues to grow and develop through the active participation of the people found at every level in the University. The ideological pluralism, the interreligious and ecumenical dialogues, and the recognition of others, are practices that facilitate the social inclusion and plurality of its members. Pontificia Universidad Javeriana is also open to diversity and freedom of speech.





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# QUALITY ASSURANCE

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The Pontificia Universidad Javeriana was the first university in Colombia to be awarded with the institutional accreditation by the National Ministry of Education, by means of Resolution 1320 of June 12th, 2003. On March 6th, 2012, the Ministry of Education renewed this quality assurance certification by means of Resolution 2333.

Every program is permanently reviewed through quality assurance and accreditation processes, thus guaranteeing that offered undergraduate and graduate programs comply with high academic standards.

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# CURRICULAR FLEXIBILITY

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The university's undergraduate programs have flexible study plans that allow students to organize elements of their curricula in accordance with projections of their future professional development. The University has a comprehensive course catalogue which enables them to choose subjects of interest with the possibility of enrolling simultaneously in two or more academic programs.

Additionally, undergraduate students can study graduate courses and may obtain credits for those courses upon being admitted in the corresponding graduate program. This allows them to carry out advanced level studies at an early stage of the program.











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# RESEARCH

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One of the main purposes of the University is to conduct research in different knowledge areas. Currently, the university has 86 research groups that work under the categorization defined by Colciencias\*. In addition, during the 2000 – 2016 period, it sponsored 2.740 projects through internal or external financing. In addition, it holds 14 patents and other 38 applications, which were submitted between 2010 and 2016, are undergoing approval procedures.

Javeriana has established joint ventures with international institutions to develop research and top education programs, which have enabled the development of programs such as the New Telecommunications Center ZTE-PUJ, in which ZTE, the Chinese transnational telecommunications company is participating. This center includes a state of the art laboratory to train students and conduct research on data transmission networks, optic fiber, cordless networks, mobile phones, and New Generation Networks (NGN), among other topics.

On the other hand, sponsored by Hewlett Packard, the High Performance Computer Center ZINE was set with state-of-the-art high performing computer infrastructure, with great data processing and storage capacity, to support the research processes, conducted by the University, that require great computer capacity.



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# SCOPE

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The University has a broad Continued Education offer, which includes programs that are open to the public, as well as courses for organizations and employers. More than 800 programs are developed each year, in different knowledge areas, for more than 26.000 attendees, both in Colombia and abroad. The development of corporate programs that comply with high quality standards stand out. The same are aimed at specialized groups within public and private sector institutions and organizations under different education modes (in the class room, bimodal and virtual).

In recent years, almost 40 academic units within departments, centers and institutes developed consulting projects for different entities in the public and private sectors in the following fields: environmental sustainability and climate change; bio and nano-technological development and applications; industrial and technological development; computer science; economic studies and business management; democracy, conflicts and human rights; administration and public policies; rural development and infrastructure; society, art and culture; health and social security; education and communications; IT and computing; natural resources and energy. During the past five years, several agreements have been entered into to conduct 196 advisory projects, in the amount of 24 million US Dollars. The laboratories of Universidad Javeriana offer to run technical tests, trials and measurements, as well as Law and Psychology consultations.











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# LIBRARY SYSTEM

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The Library System of Javeriana – SIBJA – is composed by the General Library Alfonso Borrero Cabal, S.J. the Mario Valenzuela, S.J. Philosophy and Theology Library and Documentation Centers located in the different academic units.

The General Alfonso Borrero Cabal, S.J. Library, is opened 24 hours a day. Its collection includes more than 410.000 printed volumes, more than 300.000 electronic books, in addition to a wide array of magazines, films, music scores and records, among other resources.

The subscription to more than 164 data bases, both multidisciplinary and specialized, grants access to millions of academic documents and research studies. Likewise, through the existing agreements with other libraries in the country and around the World, it is possible to obtain magazine articles and other types of documents.



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# TECHNOLOGY **AND INFRASTRUCTURE**

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In order to provide technical support for the research, education, service and administration processes, the University has cutting edge resources. Among others, the following can be noted: more than 210 laboratories and workshops; the Industrial Automation Technological Center; the Geo-referenced information center; the Oncology Javeriana center; the San Ignacio University Hospital, the Magnetic Resonance Image Center ; the Javeriana University Publisher; the Atico Center, first IT and communication resource center in Latin America for the education, sound, image and design development; the Javeriana radio station; and a modern college computing and information system to support all management processes of the University.





The Comparative Biology Unit was recently opened: a 1.600 m<sup>2</sup> laboratory and collection area building to conduct science, medicine, dentistry and psychology research under the highest biosafety standards. Likewise, the Gerardo Arango Puerta, S. J building was opened in July 2015 to host the School of Arts. It includes, within its 14.000 m<sup>2</sup>, spaces adequate for music, visual and scenic arts practices and a grand exhibition hall, auditorium and study rooms.

The Jorge Hoyos Vásquez, S.J. building was opened in July 2016 to host the School of Economic and Administrative Sciences, and to deliver integral services for current and potential students. It also hosts banks, cafeterias and graduate and continuous education class rooms, in a 10.000 m<sup>2</sup> area. Additionally, the Engineering Laboratories Building is in its design phase. Such building will include specific areas for the different engineering branches and a new learning space to conceive, develop, implement and operate projects in a collaborative fashion.



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# UNIVERSITY

## WELFARE

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The staff of Javeriana is composed of more than 200 officials and, aligned with its education proposal; its grand infrastructure has been divided into 5 centers to promote taking care of people.

**The Sports Formation Center of Javeriana** offers spaces to practice physical exercise and sports. It is open from Sunday to Sunday, extended hours, and it has wonderful arenas and state-of-the-art equipment. The sports system allows students to be part of one of the 120 teams of the different Schools or of one of the University Teams that have won regional championships for more than 6 years and that successfully participate in the National University Games.



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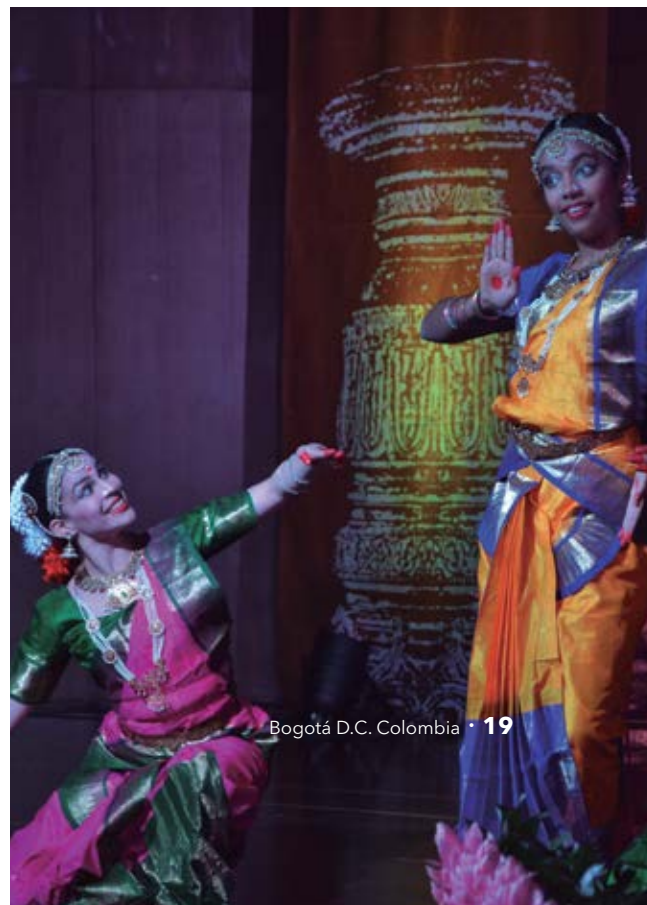


**The Cultural Management Center** offers a varied monthly program of activities for the whole community and it has artistic and cultural expression teams, both at the institutional level and at the level of the different Schools.

**The Psychological and Health Advisory Center** offers services to strengthen the emotional, relationship, learning and healthy living potential of the people who are part of the Javeriana Educational Community. The Health University Program is one of its responsibilities.

**The San Francisco Javier Pastoral Center** offers spaces for the members of the community who are interested to live and grow their religious beliefs, as well as to reflect on their purposes in life and the possibility to grow as people when encountering others. Additionally, it is responsible for the Latin American University Leadership Program.

**The Center to Promote the Identity and Construction of the Community** fosters the education principles of the Society of Jesus, the Javeriana identity and the consolidation of the education community. It has a Support Table for students who come from outside Bogotá. It has more than 100 student's groups working in different topics. In addition, it offers formation workshops in social skills for peace, leadership and integral formation.





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# AGREEMENTS

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The University has bilateral and multilateral agreements with domestic and international higher education institutions. To this date, it has entered into more than 400 academic collaboration agreements that include exchange opportunities for the university community in 45 countries in five continents, with alliance orientation towards the areas of interest of the academic units, which establish and formalize interinstitutional cooperation.

The agreements have been signed with renowned institutions and networks around the world, in order to provide the students, faculty and staff the opportunity to identify different options and develop several activities to enhance their work.

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# SCHOLARSHIPS AND FINANCING

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The University granted 2,043 scholarships and financial aid for over 4,5 million dollars in 2016 and it financed 14,781 undergraduate and graduate students with its own and external resources in a 32,8-million-dollar amount.





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