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International Student: Where to start? FAQ

How can an International Student get admitted at ULA?

- International students can be admitted to the University of Los Andes through the Admission Test or and/or through the specific Admission System established by the Faculty. Also, the admission is also possible through academic exchange.

What is the Admission Test?

- The Admission test is a written test.
- The grade obtained in this test defines the applicant's admission to the University. However, the number of times that an applicant can take the test is unlimited.
- Also, the applicant can take several tests during the same Admission Process, even if they lead to different undergraduate study programs at the same Faculty. The only limitation is that the tests **MUST NOT** be scheduled at the same hour. The Admission test is on-site.

Who can take the Admission Test?

- Those who hold a Secondary School Diploma or an equivalent

What does an international student need to take the Admission Test?

- In order to be able to take the Admission Test, international students must first meet the legal requirements for the validation and recognition of their previous studies.
- Once the Secondary School diploma has been officially validated and recognized by the Ministry of Education, the student is able to take the Admission Test.

What is the process of recognition?

- The legal requirement known as *“Reválida de estudios en el extranjero”* is the official validation of the international students’ High School diploma made by the Ministry of Education.
- The recognition process provides an official equivalence between two different academic systems of two different countries.

How does the recognition process work?

- The International students need to have the Secondary Education Diploma legalized by the Venezuelan Consulate in the country where they obtained the degree in order to be furtherly submitted to the Ministry of Education (*Ministerio del Poder Popular para la Educación*) in Caracas.
- If there is no Venezuelan Consulate in the country that awarded the diploma, the applicant needs a certification of their diploma issued by the Ministry of Justice (*Ministerio del Poder Popular para Relaciones Interiores, Justicia y Paz*). Then, the applicant should continue the process of recognition at the Ministry of Education stated before.

What's next after the Admission Test?

- After the approval of the Admission Test, it follows the process of enrollment at the Office of Central Student Records (In Spanish: *Oficina Central de Registro Estudiantil* “O.C.R.E.”), during the indicated lapse time. It is important to complete this process before the deadline or the application will be dismissed.

What is the required documentation for the enrollment process?

The applicant has to hand the following documentation to the Office of Central Student Records, ORE.

- ID Card, 1 copy.
- Secondary School Diploma, original form document and 1 copy.
- Secondary School Grade Record, original form document.
- Birth certificate, original form document.
- Receipt which proves that the Admission Test was taken. The receipt is delivered the day of the test, original form document.
- Marriage Act (if married), 1 copy.
- Three recent passport size photographs.