



Presentation

Having been reinstated on October 1 of 1930, the Law School (“Facultad de Ciencias Jurídicas”) is the oldest one at Pontificia Universidad Javeriana. As recorded in its minutes of foundation, its original name was “Facultad de Ciencias Económicas y Jurídicas” (School of Law and Economics).

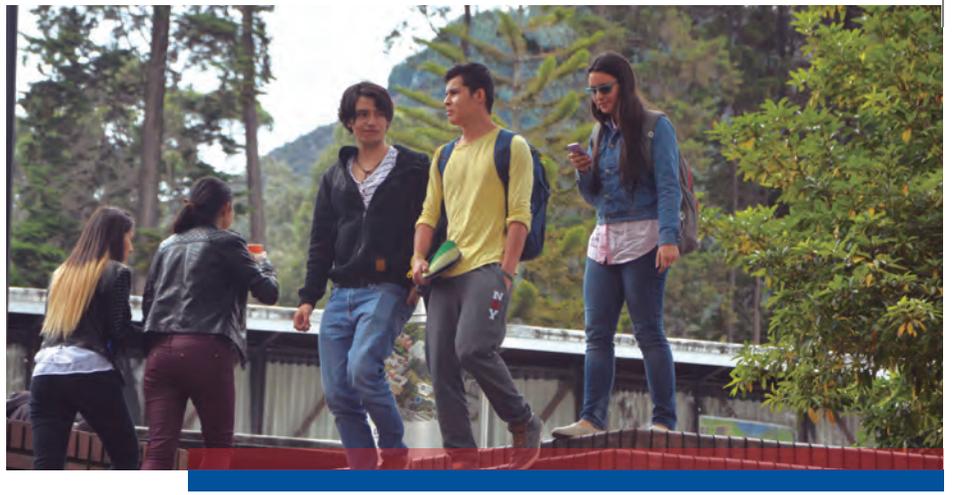
As of today, the School has kept an interdisciplinary curriculum comprising economics, social studies and philosophy, all of which provide students with the skills needed to fulfill the University’s Mission. The School features an undergraduate law program (“Derecho”) and a graduate program offering 1  “especializaciones” (Specialization Postgraduate Programs), 4 Master’s degrees and 1 Doctorate Program.

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The overall direction and management of the School is entrusted to the Dean and because the School is deemed an “Academic Unit,” it ultimately depends on the University Board, the Rector, the Vice-rector and the Law School Board.

* Pontificia Universidad Javeriana is a Catholic higher education institution, founded and ruled by the Society of Jesus and committed to the educational principles and guidelines of the founding entity. Teaching, research and service are all activities conducted in the context of excellence and as an institution that recognizes Colombia as a country of regions and in the light of a global and interdisciplinary approach, it seeks:

- the comprehensive education of persons who stand out for their high human, ethical, academic, and professional qualities and dimensions and also for their social responsibility;
- the creation and development of knowledge and culture under a critical and innovative perspective in order to achieve a fair, sustainable, inclusive, democratic, and united society that respects (above all) human dignity.



Academic Community

The Law School comprises 1,049 undergraduate level students, 403 graduate level students, 49 full-time professors, 364 adjunct professors, 27 aides and administrative assistants, and more than 5,000 alumni.

The Mission of the Law School is to provide the students, both at the undergraduate and graduate level with the academic tools to become top-notch professionals in the legal context featuring solid legal judgment and sound skills in the field of legal interpretation, hermeneutics, reasoning and discussion.

Our Community

• 2 • At Universidad Javeriana, the well-being of the academic community and a comprehensive and all-round approach to the academic education of our students lie in our mission's core. Each unit and division at our Law School are committed to the generation of humanitas, that as the most particular feature of our university, means the creation of a context that is, above all, human. The building of that human context comprises paramount values such as due respect for other persons and different viewpoints; teamwork; consensus in decision-making processes; the constant rejection of inappropriate behaviors; individuals care and self-care, and in general, the full development of each member of the community.





Courses

The Law School offers the Law undergraduate program,  Specialization Postgraduate Programs (in the fields of Administrative Law, Commercial Law, Competition Law, International Trade Law, Family Law, ~~Medical Law~~, Corporations Law, Urban Planning Law, Social Security Law, Labor Law, Securities Law, Constitutional Law and Tax Law); 4 Master's programs (Law and Economics, Constitutional Law, Insurance Law and Administrative Law) and 1 Doctorate Program (Juridical Science Doctorate).

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A quality-certified academic program

The Law program was certified for a period of 8 years by means of Resolution 1085 of January 28 of 2014 issued by the Ministry of Education of the Republic of Colombia. The process to become a certified program entails the governmental recognition that the academic programs meet the higher education government set quality standards.

The graduate programs already hold all required permits and licenses which are continuously reviewed through quality assurance audit implementation programs.

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Academic flexibility

The Law School curriculum is the academic core of the program. It is composed of 190 credits of which 156 correspond to the mandatory course requirement, 20 correspond to concentration subject-matters and 14 correspond to optional courses. This curriculum, which is rather flexible, enables students to organize the components in accordance to their own legal career plans, pursue a joint-degree program and attend graduate courses that are subsequently acknowledged as equivalents.

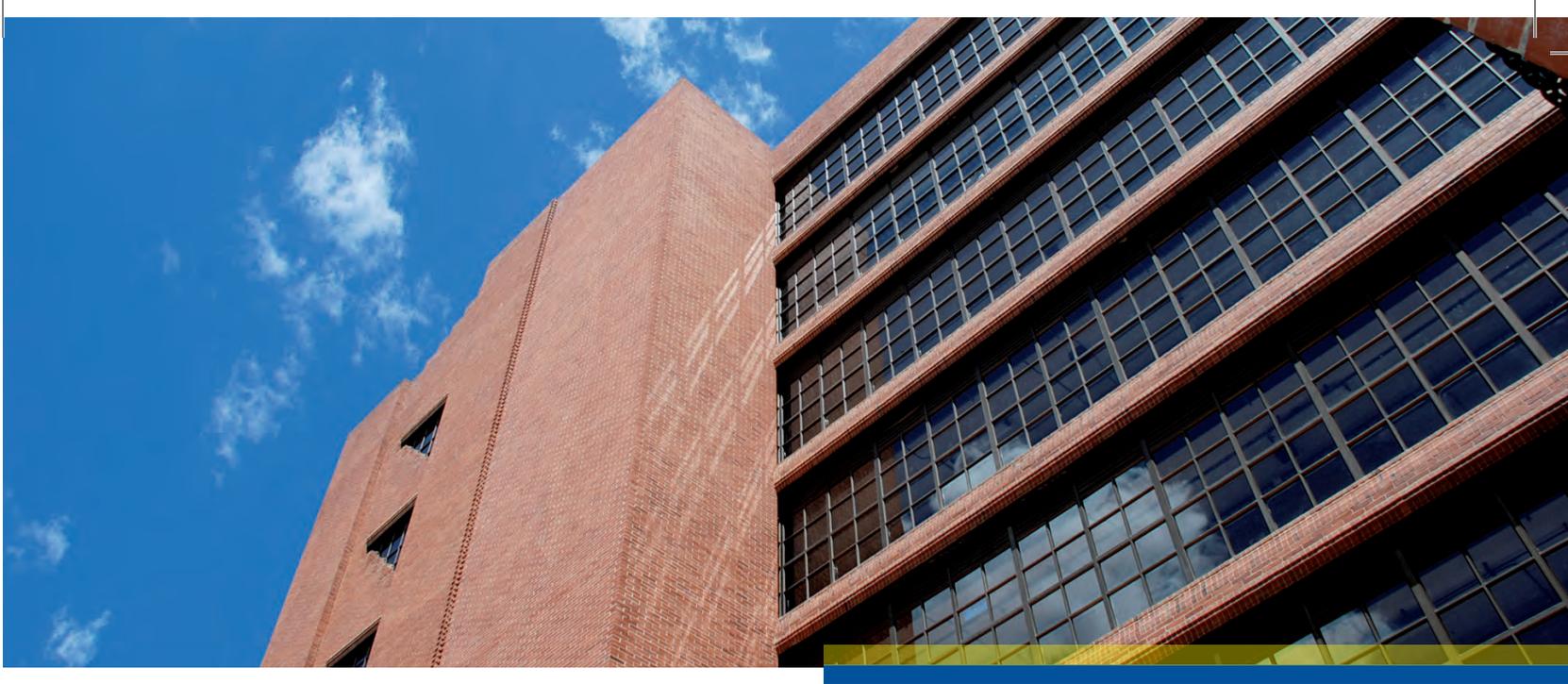


Legal Research



The Law School continuously promotes the conduct of interdisciplinary research that is focused on the dynamics of the Colombian society and that is organized through four research teams duly certified by the Colombian government scientific and educational entity (“Colciencias”) and which are also part of relevant research international networks. The Research Teams hover around the following legal areas and fields: Private Law, Law and Economics, Public Law, and Social Justice, Legal and Political Theory.





Academic Departments

The Departments at the Law School are Academic Units seeking the development of a specific field of law which are supported by the research conducted by the full-time professors engaged by each one of them; they provide the Program and the rest of the University with academic services such as the scheduling of courses, extension programs, consultancy and advisory

services. The Departments are also supported by the “Centros de Estudio” (Studies Centers) where professors, students and alumni participate in order to discuss relevant legal issues in the national and international context. The Law School has seven departments which work together in order to provide the students of Law with a comprehensive and integral approach to juridical science.

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Department of Law and Economics

The Department of Law and Economics provides the student of law with an economic view of the legal rules and a legal view of the economy. It offers courses ranging from the theory of markets, macroeconomics, law and economics and just allocation of resources to public finances, market concentration, tax law, finance law and international trade law, all in the light of juridical and legal values and principles.



Department of Labor Law

The Department of Labor Law focuses its academic activity on the fields of labor law and unions and social security law. The academic programs that are offered seek to provide the students of law with legal judgment tools that enable them to solve specific problems in the field of an employment agreement or a labor relationship and in the field of social security by appropriately managing rules, jurisprudence of the Constitutional Court, of the Supreme Court of Justice and of the Council of State, all in the light of labor law and social security law principles

and under the guide of the Constitution of Colombia.

Department of Criminal Law

The Department of Criminal Law has the purpose of providing the students of law with the theoretical and practical tools that allow them to understand, under a critical approach, the Colombian criminal legal system and its structure, problems and challenges, as well as its relationship with the international legal system; the courses are continuously supported by the research activities conducted by the Legal and Political Theory research

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team of the School as to issues that are deemed relevant in the context of Colombia, by combining institutional conceptions of the law with political, criminal policy and criminology lessons and findings.

Department of Private Law

The Department of Private Law has the purpose of providing the students of law with theoretical and methodological instruments that are required for the appropriate understanding of both Civil and Commercial Law as well as a practical approach to these legal disciplines. The Department has engaged professors well recognized in the field of private law and in the academic spectrum, which allows students to properly understand in the light of Colombian and international rules, the issues of property and estate, family law and commercial law as well as jurisprudence and doctrine on these fields, their application and the main practical problems. In addition to that, the Department supports its activities through a research team certified by “Colciencias” and composed of professors and students of the law school and also through index-linked law journals.



Department of Procedure Law

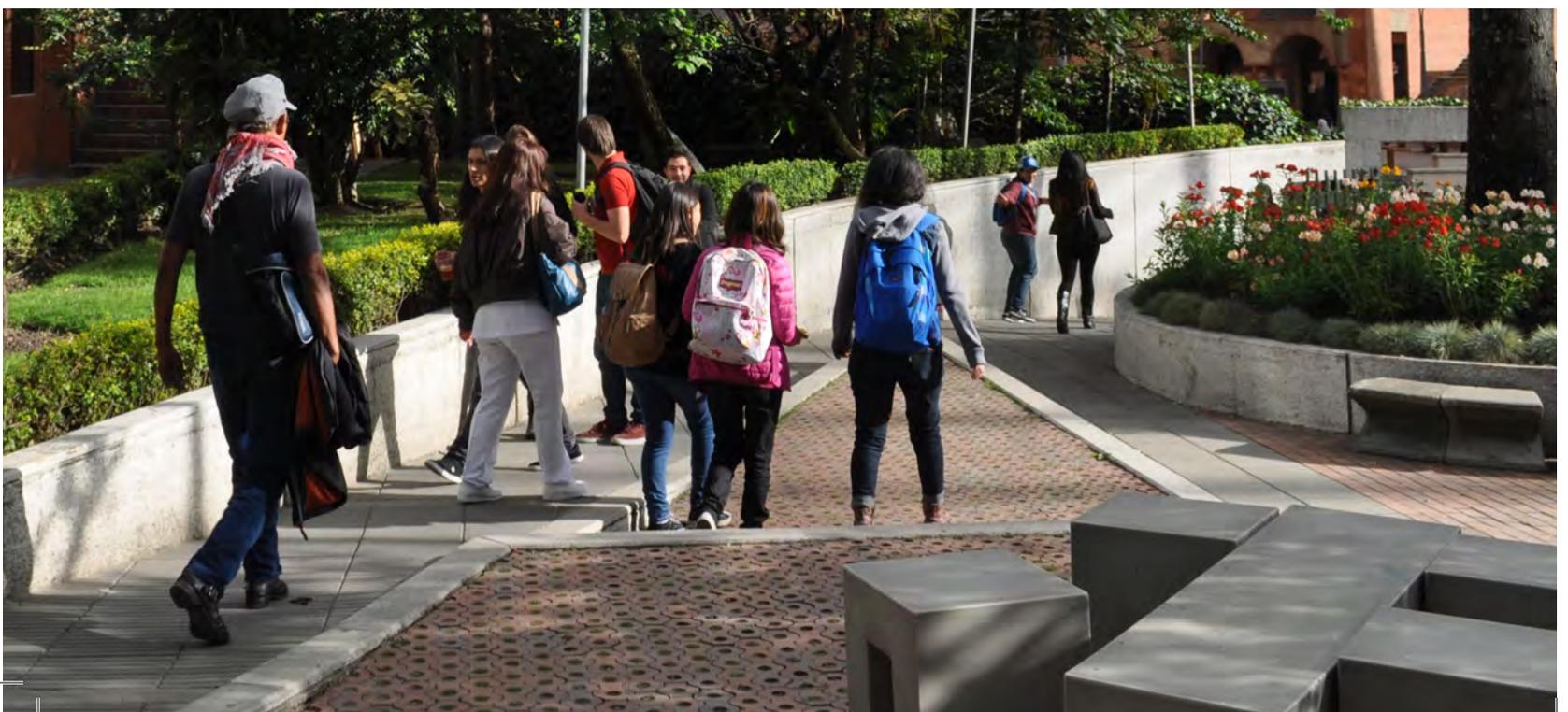
The Department of Procedure Law seeks to train students from both a theoretical and factual perspective and considering the challenges brought in by laws recently enacted in Colombia that promote oral proceedings. The Department continuously engages the most recognized academics and professors in the field of procedure law and offers courses ranging from General Theory of Procedures to Civil and Criminal Procedure, Evidence and Special Proceedings.

Department of Public Law

The Department of Public Law manages and coordinates all legal fields related to the law of government, in particular, Constitutional Law (the relationship between the Government and the subject of law –person–); Administrative Law (the structure of Government and acts and deeds thereof) and International Law (the role of the Government versus other Governments and set of intergovernmental rules). The Department coordinates its academic activities through 8 mandatory courses and 5 concentration or emphasis courses. The Department is also supported by a legal research team and a select group of professors and students.

Department of Philosophy and History of Law

The Department of Philosophy and History of Law coordinates the teaching of law at the undergraduate and the graduate level and through the extension school (certificates and others) based on three fields: legal theory, history of law and legal methods. In accordance to the new curriculum and in conjunction with the Social Justice Research Team, the Department is responsible for the design and preparation of the Social Justice and Law emphasis courses that is offered to undergraduate students as of the seventh semester of the law program.





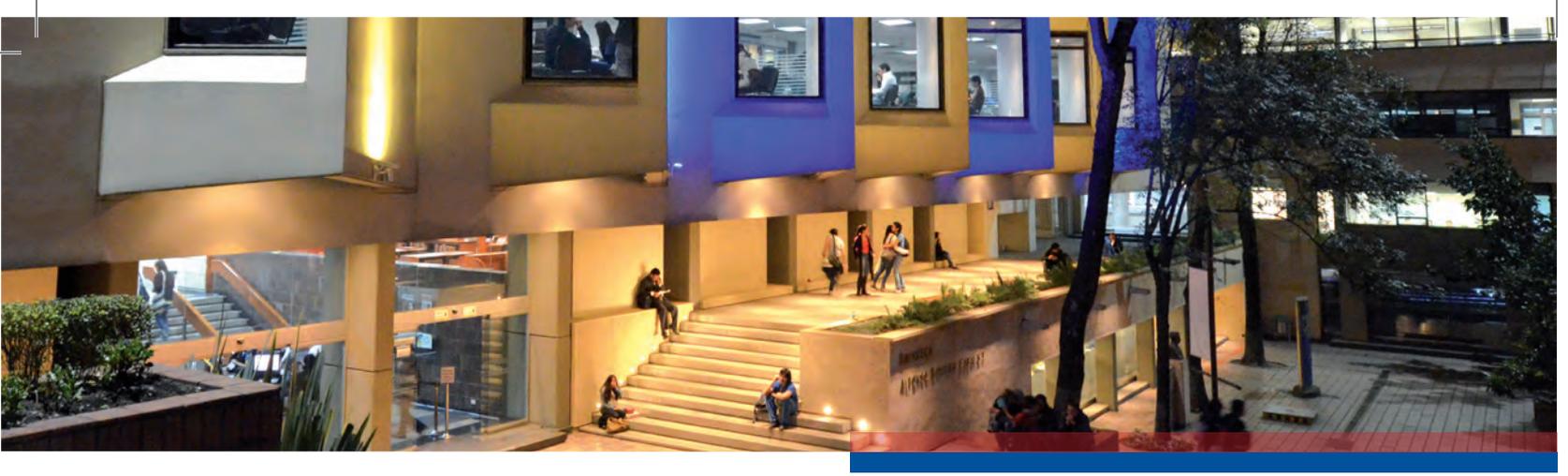
Centros de Estudio “Studies Centers”

The Law School has 10 “Centros de Estudio” (studies centers) where law is approached from a critical perspective and which provide our main academic program with development tools. By continuously supporting these centers, the interdisciplinary communication is thereby fostered and the research topics of the teams are also enriched in the context of juridical science and through the participation of students, professors and alumni. The current centers of studies associated with the Law School are the following ones:

- Labor Law and Social Security Law Studies Center “CEDLABSS.”
- Competition Law Studies Center “CEDEC.”
- Entertainment, Technology and Information Law Studies Center “CENTI.”
- Economic Regulation and International Competitiveness Studies Center “CEDRECI.”
- The “Lisandro Martínez Zúñiga” Criminal Economic Law Studies Center
- Private Law Studies Center “CEDEP.”
- Bio-Law Studies Center
- Arbitration Law Studies Center
- The “Francisco Suárez, S.J.” International Law Studies Center “CEDI.”

Legal Clinic and Conciliation Center

The Legal Clinic requirement is mandatory and is designed around the fulfilment of academic objectives and community service criteria. The clinic seeks to strengthen the legal knowledge of the student through legal services (pro bono) provided to low income people and as per the legal requirements under the Constitution equal access to law clause. The Conciliation Center has been working since 1995 and is built around a conception of justice focused on proper redress and legal relief. The settlement of disputes outside of the court and the providing of services (pro bono) to low income people feature the activities of this center.



Libraries and Study Rooms



In addition to the “Alfonso Borrero Cabal, S.J.” General Library, students of the Law School have access to the “Efrén Ossa J. Gómez Latin American Insurance Law Library,” where state of the art desktops and laptops are readily available.



International Moot Courts and Legal Competitions



For more than 10 years, the Law School has taken part in several moot court competitions around the world. The fact that the Law School offers moot courts in the fields of international trade law and human rights in languages other than Spanish (such as English and French) enable participating students therein to improve their command of a second language and their legal reasoning abilities and to share with students from law schools around the world, all of which results in being better prepared to meet the challenges of the 21st century legal career.

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EMC2: World Champion in 2016 and 2013. Best rounds speaker in the 2013 competition. World best knockout round speaker 2012. In 2006, 2007 and 2008 the representative of the Javeriana team won the regional round.

Phillip Jessup: Advanced rounds award 2012. - International Law Students Association. National round winner for the final to Washington D.C. in 2010 and 2012.

Moot Court Competition: Best memorial 2015 - American University. Washington D.C. Semifinalists 2009 and 2013. Winner in 2005 and fourth place among

81 universities in written memorial 2008. 2003 Finalist

Charles Rousseau: Special recognition from the Francophone Network of International Law for outstanding participation in the 2013 oral rounds. Best team among universities in the Southern Hemisphere in 2008 and 2011.

International competition of Research Seedbeds in Procedural Law: In 2012, the School submitted two papers and one of them ranked fourth. In 2011, it participated in a presentation and reached the finals; in 2010, it submitted two papers, one of which reached the final and won the contest. In 2008, the



School submitted two papers, one of which reached the final (“Instituto Colombiano de Derecho Procesal”).

European Human Rights Competition René Cassin: Best speaker in 2005.

Interuniversity Congress of Constitutional Law and Human Rights: Best oral presentation and written work from 2010 to 2014 and first place in 2015.

Latin American International Law Competition “Francisco Suárez, S.J.”: organized by the Pontificia Universidad Javeriana on nine different occasions. In 2012, the contest had greater participation, with 31 teams from across Latin America. In 2010, the University of Notre Dame joined as a sponsor and in 2011, the Inter-American Institute of Human Rights did as well. In 2009, the contest received official recognition from the Organization of American States (OAS).





International exchange programs

The Law School has already signed a joint-degree agreement with the University of Poitiers (France), the University of Salamanca (Spain) and the Max Planck Institut (Germany). There are international internship programs with “Estudio Garrigues” and “Estudio Cuatrecasas,” both in Madrid (Spain), where undergraduate students can participate. New exchange opportunities opened up for students at Pontificia Universidad de Comillas, Fordham University, VU University Amsterdam, University of Bonn and at the Georgetown University Law Center London summer program.

The Law School also organizes Summer School programs abroad in cooperation with partner universities. The Office of International Student Mobility through the Office of International Affairs at Pontificia Universidad Javeriana promotes

international student mobility programs as opportunities for personal and academic growth so that students can acquire the necessary skills to meet the challenges of an increasingly interdependent world. The international student mobility programs are:

- Academic Exchange Program for “Javeriano” Students.
- Double Degree Program for “Javeriano” Students.
- Exchange Program for Foreign Students.

Local and National Student Mobility

Undergraduate and graduate programs students (Specializations, Masters and Doctorate) have the option of pursuing studies, research activities or internships at a certified university in Colombia. Courses taken at other universities are recognized as equivalents.



Publications

The publications at the Law School comprise the production of full-time professors and visiting professors (from Colombia and abroad) in the context of our research teams. The Law School at Pontificia Universidad Javeriana has 4 law journals, 3 of which are index-linked via Colciencias, plus several student journals, including the Vniversitas (Students) law journal. Other student publications are “Código,” “Politizarte” and periodicals “Foro Javeriano” and “Agora”.

