



IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR INCOMING STUDENTS TO UPR CAYEY FACTS OF CARIBBEAN EXPERIENCE

As a Caribbean island, lot of students are attracted to come and have a good time while studying. We love to receive you and enjoy our island, but there are some important facts that you should know about what to expect when you are here. This is our actual situation after the worst hurricane our history.

1. We are an open exchange institution for Plan A/B on Fall or Spring, **NO SUMMER EXCHANGES**. For now we are limited because of housing availability, the on campus housing is getting fix. We have off campus housing, but our office needs to find it for you.
2. If you choose to pay Plan A, because our low cost registration fees, you have to make sure that your medical insurance will cover everything (doctors, emergency room and medicines) while you are in Puerto Rico, our medical services are expensive. You need to have a medical insurance so you can register on classes. We have a student medical insurance and will cost approximately \$463.00 for fall semester and \$649.00 for spring semester includes summer.
3. Plan B students have to proof officially the registration fees payment at the home campus, but the medical insurance instruction is the same for these students.
4. **Financial Aid**- Plan A-UPR Cayey resident tuition will be approximately **\$1,807.00** just the credits and campus fees. The other fees, like laboratory fee, housing, meals, transportation and books are not consider in this amount. Ahead of time, you have to list the UPR Cayey FAFSA code (007206) on the FAFSA or renewal FAFSA by mid-February.
5. **Health issues** - First of all a vaccination report and some laboratories for a health certificate are needed to register on classes as well to have your medical insurance that covers in Puerto Rico, the student needs to present an insurance certification that provides that information and date of expiration.

The Caribbean habitat have mosquitoes, bugs, lizards, little frogs like coquies, etc. , so the students have to be aware to use at all times protection, because the mosquitoes may or could transfer some viruses.

6. **Limited Campus and Off Campus Housing** - NSE and international students usually live on campus, but because of the hurricane the two houses are getting fixed, usually one is for females and the other for males, capacity is six students for each house. Hoping that on August 2018 they will be open.

Housing cost are \$1,400.00 approximately, usually shared rooms, on and off campus, depends on what will include. There is no meal plan, you will have kitchen facilities in both and we have at

the university cafeteria services for breakfast and lunch only. At the outside area across the street you will have other places to eat.

7. **Climate** - Usually the days are sunny with a temperature from 85° F as cold as 65° F.

IMPORTANT: Fall Semester-The Hurricane Season starts from June until November. December is cold and humid, so you will need an umbrella the whole semester.

On Spring you can get rain, but is usually sunny until the hot summer. In this term we get the Holy week vacation which is our Spring break.

8. **Renting cars**-You are responsible to rent the car and return it.

9. **Recreational activities**- Our office will take you around the island, depends on the availability of the official vehicles of the university.

10. **Course catalog**- Our catalog is in English version and Spanish, you can look for it in our web site address: [www.cayey.upr.edu in Academics](https://www.upr.edu/cayey/wp-content/uploads/sites/10/2017/01/CATALOG-DHLEnglish.pdf), the link is <https://www.upr.edu/cayey/wp-content/uploads/sites/10/2017/01/CATALOG-DHLEnglish.pdf>, remember that you have to approve your courses at your home campus before you get to Puerto Rico. No one in UPR Cayey knows which courses will transfer to your home school. Exchange students must often provide UPR Cayey departments with evidence of prerequisites at their home school equivalent to the UPR Cayey prerequisites for the course.

The class schedules for fall and spring will be sent to the students online, so you can choose the courses, but always depends on availability.

11. **Registration priority**- you will register for classes when you get to the university the week before classes start. In advance, I could tell you how probable is to get the classes you choose. I recommend that you should take half of mayor classes and half electives.

12. **Transportation**-The students can be picked up at the airport if they arrive during the week days and in daytime ours. If they arrive too late at night or very early in the morning, you could wait at the airport or stay in a hotel until working hours from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm to be picked up. Taxi or Uber can be expensive being a 45 minutes drive from the airport to the campus is \$70.00 more or less depends the transportation company.

13. Incoming students have to be aware of all the instructions and indications of what they will encounter, that they understand and prepared for the housing necessities, health clearance, and financing in order to register at UPR Cayey.