

Fact Sheet

This information is primarily for international administrators and exchange or visiting students who enter UDLAP through the International Office. This information is subject to change and may vary depending on period, time and any unexpected circumstances.

The Universidad de las Américas Puebla (UDLAP) is one of the most prestigious private universities in Mexico with unquestionable international recognition. As a space in which different cultural contexts merge, UDLAP provides students a rich framework for free thinking and the best resources available, so that students can successfully develop their professional aptitude in their area of interest.

UDLAP AT A GLANCE

- Excellence and prestige
- Internationally accredited degrees
- Diverse student community
- International students from more than 30 countries
- On-campus housing
- Ideal location, close to archeological sites and a metropolitan city
- Great variety of cultural and sport activities

UDLAP MISSION

“To educate well informed, critical, creative and innovative professionals that are also highly skilled in technology, but above all, aware of their great social responsibility to ensure a fair distribution of the benefits of globalization.

Location	San Andrés Cholula, Puebla - México http://www.sanandrescholula.gob.mx
City Population	50,000
Student Population	7,200
Number of students from overseas	500 per year

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ACADEMIC INFORMATION AND REQUIREMENTS FOR EXCHANGE STUDENTS

<i>Application Deadline</i>	May 1st for the Fall semester and Full Year 2014-2015 October 1st for the Spring semester and Full Year 2015
<i>Required supporting documents with application</i>	Please follow this link to download up to date forms and instructions: http://www.udlap.mx/internacional
<i>Spanish test</i>	Students need to take the Spanish proficiency test online before submitting documents to our office. The score the student gets as well as the test reference number should be indicated on the application form: http://www.udlap.mx/examenespanol <i>During orientation week, before registering courses, each student will be interviewed by the Spanish Language Coordinator to confirm the level the student will be placed in.</i>
<i>Language instruction</i>	Spanish as a second language is taught through the Language Department. For those who speak fluent Spanish already, you can study English, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Chinese, and Russian. For more information about the course offering please contact: Dr. Magdalena Mejía Spanish Coordinator Teléfono: +52 (222) 229-3185 e-mail: magdalena.mejia@udlap.mx Office location: Humanities Building, 202 <i>Please note there are a few courses taught in English available for exchange and visiting students.</i>
<i>Courses available to exchange students</i>	All undergraduate courses are available, as long as course prerequisites are met (except Medicine and Culinary Arts). IMPORTANT: Course availability is subject to course demand. Therefore, the International Office cannot guarantee a spot in the student preferred course.
<i>Courses description/ Course system</i>	Please check the academic programs at: http://www.udlap.mx/ofertaacademica/mapaoferta.aspx#licenciaturas (undergraduate level) http://www.udlap.mx/ofertaacademica/mapaoferta.aspx#maestrias (graduate level)
<i>Credit system</i>	When studying at the UDLAP at the undergraduate level, you are expected to take a minimum of 4 courses (24 units) and a maximum of 5 courses (30 units) per semester, most courses are 6 units, which include 3 hours of in-class studies per week for the duration of the 16-week semester. At the Master level (graduate level) you may take a maximum of 24 units during the semester. At this level, there are two study plans. One is based on a semester system and the other on a trimester system. In the semester system, each course is 6 units and you may take 4 classes per semester (according to the agreement). In the trimester system, each course is 4 units and you may take a maximum of 3 courses per trimester.
<i>Grading system</i>	A passing grade at the undergraduate level at the UDLAP is 7.5 , with a maximum of 10.0. If the student does not obtain a passing grade during his/her first semester, s/he will not be permitted to continue on to the second semester. At the Master (graduate) level, a passing grade is 8.0 with a maximum of 10.0. If the student does not obtain a passing grade during her/his first semester/trimester s/he will not be permitted to continue on to the second semester/trimester. At the end of the student's stay, the International Office will send one official transcript to the program coordinator at the student's home university.
<i>Academic Calendar</i>	http://www.udlap.mx/internacional/exchangestudents/calendar.aspx
<i>Arrival at UDLAP</i>	<i>Amigos Internacionales</i> , a group of volunteer students, will be waiting for international students at the Benito Juarez International Airport in Mexico City on the first day of Orientation Week (students will be notified of orientation week dates via e-mail upon being accepted at UDLAP).
<i>Orientation Week</i>	During the Orientation Week students will have a welcoming session to inform them about the exchange program, life at UDLAP, services, cultural shock, payments, visas, internship and course enrollment, among others.
<i>Accommodation</i>	UDLAP residential colleges http://www.udlap.mx/internas/alojamiento.aspx
<i>Workshops</i>	UDLAP offers a variety of cultural, sports and artistic workshops, please check the following link for more information: http://www.udlap.mx/talleres/
<i>Weekend trips</i>	Explore Mexico through these exciting and enriching travel opportunities: http://www.udlap.mx/internas/viajes.aspx
<i>Student Associations</i>	Being a part of an organization offers international students the possibility to develop new skills and an increased social awareness. At UDLAP there are organizations created and directed by students: http://www.udlap.mx/internas/organizaciones.aspx

VISAS
International students wishing to study in Mexico must take into account the following information according to their nationality and duration of their studies in Mexico.

**FOR 1 SEMESTER OF STUDY ONLY
“VISITORS WITHOUT PERMISSION TO
PERFORM PAID ACTIVITIES”**

To pursue an academic program at the UDLAP with duration less than or equal to 180 days and if you are a citizen of a country without visa restrictions in Mexico, you can travel to Mexico as a visitor (known as *tourist* previously). This condition of stay authorizes you to stay in Mexican national territory uninterrupted for no more than 180 days from the date of entry, without permission to carry out activities subject to remuneration in the country. Foreigners, who are in Mexico under this condition as visitors without permission to perform paid activities, may not change their status and will have to leave the country by the end of the authorized period of stay.

EXCEPTION: If you are a citizen of a country with visa restriction in Mexico, you will need to process a *Temporary Resident Visa- Student* at your nearest Consulate of Mexico, as you will not be able to enter the country as a visitor.

**FOR 2 OR MORE SEMESTERS OF STUDY
“TEMPORARY RESIDENT VISA- STUDENT”**

To pursue an academic program at the UDLAP for longer than 180 days, it is necessary to have a *Temporary Resident Visa- Student*. This visa is issued for one hundred eighty calendar days, valid for travel and entering Mexico during this period, and has a single entry to Mexico authorized (*this means that you cannot leave the Mexico until you get the Temporary Residence Permit*). Once the student is in Mexico, a temporary residence permit must be requested from the National Institute of Migration (INM) within the first thirty calendar days from the date of entry into the national territory. This card will be valid for one year and allows multiple entries in and out of Mexico. If this procedure is not completed within the 30 designated days, the student will be subject to pay a fine from the National Institute of Migration (INM). The International Office provides information to all students about this process, but it is the student’s responsibility to fulfill the INM’s requirements.

Foreigners coming from countries that require a visa to travel to Mexico must process it before traveling to Mexico. The UDLAP International Office will send an Acceptance Letter in order for students to process a student visa, if necessary.

To see if your country requires a visa or not to travel to Mexico, you can check it in the following web sites:

- Countries and regions that require a VISA to travel to MEXICO: http://www.inm.gob.mx/index.php/page/Paises_Visa
- Countries and regions that do not require a VISA to travel to MEXICO: http://www.inm.gob.mx/index.php/page/Paises_No_Visa

Visas "Visitor without permission to perform paid activities" and "temporary resident, student" are issued in your country of origin by an

Embassy or Mexican Consulate, you should check their location in the following web sites:

- EMBASSIES: <http://www.sre.gob.mx/index.php/representaciones/embajadas-de-mexico-en-el-exterior>.
- CONSULATES: <http://www.sre.gob.mx/index.php/representaciones/consulados-de-mexico-en-el-exterior>.

Once you're in Mexico, you must register yourself with the Migration Services office at the UDLAP International Office.

MEDICAL INSURANCE COVERAGE

Medical insurance is mandatory All International students at UDLAP, without exception, are required to have health insurance coverage (either purchased in the student’s home country or purchased at UDLAP).

Medical Services There is a campus clinic which all students have access to. Tel: + 52 222 229 2111

COSTS

Study Level	Cost per unit
Undergraduate	\$ 2,205.00
Semester Master	\$ 2,700.00
Trimester Master	\$ 2,700.00

*Costs may change

ESTIMATED EXPENSES

Estimated Costs of On-Campus Housing:	\$18,500 - \$27,000 pesos per semester depending on room selection (meals not included) <i>When housing is not included in the exchange agreement, the student must pay the full amount before their arrival at UDLAP.</i>
Meals (per month)	Around \$5,000 pesos per month
Local Transportation (one way)	\$ 7 pesos public bus – UDLAP bus \$5 pesos
Academic	\$2,000 pesos per semester. Textbooks run about \$400 pesos each.
Visiting Students	Visiting students need to pay a 2 unit processing fee, and 18 unit tuition deposit before their arrival at UDLAP
Personal	Movies cost about \$40 pesos. A night at the club can cost up to \$300 pesos.
Bank Information	Students should bring an international credit or debit card. There are various ATM’s located on campus and in the cities.
Banks Accounts	We don’t recommend you open a bank account if you can handle your finances through your home bank.