



The understanding of the world, its cultural diversity, interdependence, problems common to all nations, and the ability to work in a creative and professional manner...

these aspects embody the task universities work for.



Welcome

At the University of Colima, we see social responsibility as a commitment to sustainable progress both locally and globally, with a mandate to promote social and human development in harmony with ethical, moral, equity and social justice values.

We have therefore formulated our internationalization policy with the aim of ensuring the conditions that enable our academic staff and students to understand, work, contribute to and coexist successfully in the society of knowledge and in multicultural environments.

A university that views itself as a responsible institution today must ensure that its students have the expertise as well as the personal and social skills required by the new working world in a global, diverse and multicultural society.

The social responsibility principle also requires us to organize the scientific activity so that we can decisively contribute to the solution of global problems and help students access global knowledge.

Promoting culture is a task that enables us to help broaden cultural and intercultural knowledge both inside and outside the University.

This is the environment that visiting professors and students will find at the University of Colima, an institution committed to human and academic quality; a community that is glad to welcome you. Welcome to the University of Colima.

MC. José Eduardo Hernández Nava

President



This is your Home

Studying at the University of Colima gives foreign students the opportunity to develop an international perspective that will have a positive impact on their professional and personal lives. At the University of Colima, we believe that international education offers foreign students multicultural environments, opportunities for academic development, the fine arts and sports, all of which contribute to comprehensive personal growth based on global understanding and local courses of action.

The skills we believe will be the direct result of an international education are: the development of abilities to work in multicultural settings, willingness and competence to work in multidisciplinary groups in order to communicate and use new technology as a tool for self-learning, and the acquisition of new approaches towards understanding and solving problems.

The commitment to preparing better people and excellent professionals is an added value outlined among the objectives of the University of Colima. In this respect, the values that the University holds in high regard and are promoted in all academic events and processes are the following: respect for autonomy, diversity, solidarity, equity and social justice.

Visiting students will enjoy our University's environment and will fall in love with the City of Colima and its people.

Thank you for choosing the University of Colima.

MC. Genoveva Amador Fierros

General Director of International Affairs
and Academic Cooperation Office



Mexico: Cultural Diversity

Throughout time Mexico has had different names: Tenochtitlan, Nueva España and Mexico. The word “Mexico” derives from the word mexitilli, which in Nahuatl means “the navel of the maguey.” According to the Constitution of 1917, the country’s official name is Mexican United States (Estados Unidos Mexicanos).

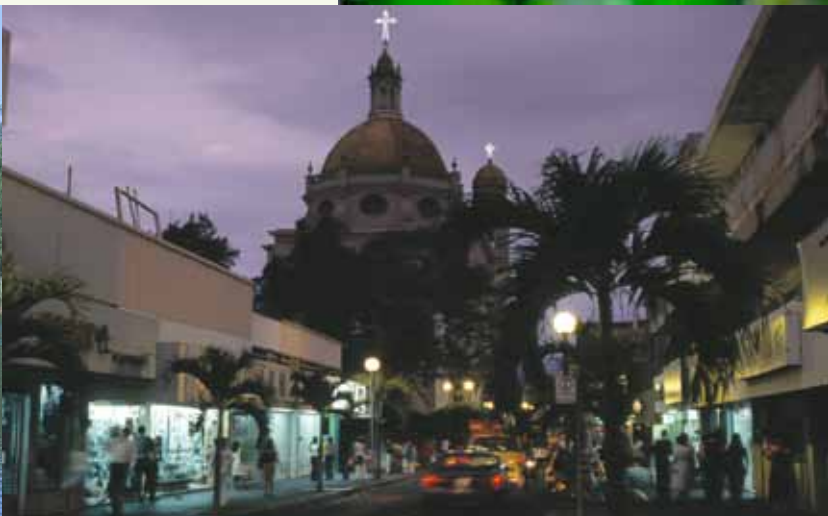
The Mexican Republic is a country where natural landscapes abound in a wide variety of climates, flora and fauna. It is located in North America, and its richness is seen not only in nature, but also in ethnicity and culture.

“Like Mexico, there is no other,” as the old saying goes, and the truth is that few places have the vast variety of climates that we have. It can be said that without taking too many roads and within driving distance we find tropical, desert and temperate zones, thus encouraging fishing, cattle breeding, industry and mining. Mexico is bordered by natural rivers and mountains, such as the Rio Grande to the north and the Suchiate river to the south.

We are therefore aware that Mexico has qualities and characteristics that render it a land full of life, with an amazing capacity for development and a disposition that comes from its people, who work every day to make it a country of accomplishments.

In addition, Mexico is a country of stark urban and rural contrasts, as it is a land consisting of an interesting ethnic mixture resulting from the fusion of different groups: Spanish, indigenous and mestizo (of mixed race) people. In this country there has been an understanding and a syncretism of races for the past 500 years, which will continue to exist; in some cases, there will be a majority of mixed race, while in others the indigenous culture will be strengthened.

It should be noted that the essence of Mexico is reflected in its customs, the education of its people and the great sense of responsibility of its academic institutions.



The State of Colima

The University of Colima is in the State of Colima, on Mexico's west coast, facing the Pacific Ocean. Colima's most distinctive landmarks are its volcanoes: the Volcano of Fire and the Nevado (snow-capped), which harmonize with Colima's countryside.

Colima is also the name of the capital. Colima's capital is home to the largest share of the population of the state, and it is well known for its customs, preserved and transformed throughout time. Some of these customs are the production of local sweets and typical beverages, such as tuba, tejuino, ponche and tepache.

Orography

Almost 75 percent of the surface of Colima is covered by mountains and hills. These belong to the Sierra Madre del Sur, one of the three most important mountain ranges in Mexico. Visitors will therefore share in the splendor of Colima's foliage and age-old mountains while having the opportunity to take part in extreme sports or simple walks through the countryside.

Climate

The weather is hot during most of the year, although there are variations. On the coast, the average temperature is 25°C, with a maximum of 36°C, while in the north, the minimum temperature is 7°C. The average annual rainfall is 983 millimeters.

Bodies of water

The most important rivers are the Cihuatlán and the Coahuayana, in addition to the Armería, which flows out to Boca de Pascuales.

The main lakes and lagoons are Cuyutlan, Alcu zahue and Amela. In the vicinity of the Volcano of Fire, the following lakes are found: La Maria, Carrizalillo, El Jabali and El Calabozo.

Population

As in most of Mexico, Colima has a mestizo and indigenous population. According to the national housing and population census of the National Institute of Statistics, Geography and Informatics (INEGI) carried out in 2010, the State of Colima has 650,555 inhabitants: 327,765 women and 322,790 men.



University of Colima

Mission statement

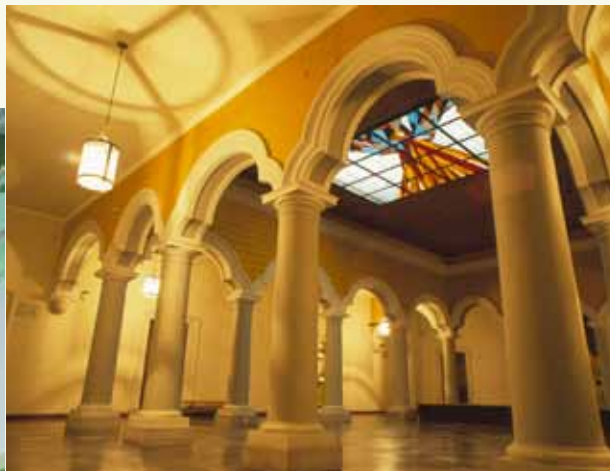
The mission of the University of Colima, as a social, public and autonomous organization, is to contribute to the transformation of society through the comprehensive education of high-school students, professionals, scientists and creators of excellence, and to actively promote the creation, application, preservation and dissemination of scientific knowledge, technological development and the manifestations of the fine arts and culture, within a framework of institutional transparency and timely accountability.

Vision statement towards 2030

In 2030, the University of Colima is an institution that is globally recognized as one of the best universities in the country as a result of its quality and relevance, which fulfills its social responsibility by systematically and creatively contributing to the equal, democratic and sustainable development of the state, the nation and the world.

Institutional values

The values and principles that give meaning to our institutional life are: freedom, equality, critical and cooperative attitude, humanistic and democratic spirit, tolerance, responsibility, respect, honesty and ethics.



International Experience

The University of Colima was founded in 1940. It has an academic population of 26,088 students and 1,883 professors. It offers 64 undergraduate programs, 1 associate degree and 35 graduate programs. The high quality of the programs of the University of Colima is certified annually by the Ministry of Education of Mexico, known as SEP.

International policy

At present, the University works with a quality institutional plan. Its international policy is aimed at being committed to the preparation of its professors and students in order to understand, work, contribute and coexist successfully in the society of knowledge, as well as in multicultural settings.

Products of international collaboration

Teaching methods

Academic-collaboration relations have enabled us to innovate education in the field of health science. Since 1999, the University started transferring from a traditional education towards a student-centered approach by implementing Problem-Based Learning (PBL) and Small-Group Learning (SGL), which has been also implemented in some other study areas within our institution. These efforts have supported the autonomous learning development, the use of ICT, problem-solving skills and collaboration through teamwork besides the second language learning.

Double-degree programs

The University of Colima currently offers 10 double-degree programs, as choices of international education. Five of them are undergraduate programs and three are graduate ones. The partner institutions are located in France, Thailand, United States, Panama, and Chile. Faculty members undertake joint activities with Academic Networks and International Cooperation Projects with their colleagues in more than 265 institutions based in 31 different countries. We have 64 research projects of international collaboration and we are working with colleagues from several parts of the world in 47 international academic networks. The processes and outcomes resulting from these endeavors are jointly published in international journals.

Courses taught in English

The University of Colima offers 43 courses included in regular academic programs currently to international students, and recently content and language integrated learning (CLIL) method that has been implemented in some graduated programs. The disciplinary areas where such courses are being developed are Tourism, Marketing and, of course, Foreign Languages. Candidate students can ask for these kind of courses before sending the application form.



The University is a member of

The National Association of Universities and Higher-Education Institutions (ANUIES), the Mexican Association for International Education (AMPEI), the Consortium for North American Higher Education Collaboration (CONAHEC), the Inter-American University Organization (OUI), the International Association of Universities (IAU), University Mobility in Asia and the Pacific (UMAP), the Union of Universities of Latin America and the Caribbean (UDUAL), the Higher Education Common Space (ECOES), the Ibero-American University Association for Graduate Studies (AUIP), Conférence des Recteurs et des Principaux des Universités du Québec (CREPUQ).

Agreements with Foreign Universities

- Akita International University
- Brandon University
- California State University East Bay
- California State University San Bernardino
- Catholic University of Daegu
- Centro de Lingüística Aplicada de la Delegación Territorial del Ministerio de Ciencia de Cuba
- Centro Internacional de Estudios Turísticos de Canarias
- China University of Political Science and Law
- Chulalongkorn University
- Conferencia de Rectores de las Universidades Españolas
- Corporación Universitaria Lasallista
- Dallas International Music Academy, United States
- Douglas College
- Ecole d'Ingénieurs de Purpan
- Ecole Nationale Supérieure des Mines de Paris
- El British Council
- Escuela de Administración y Finanzas, EAFIT
- Escuela de Arquitectura y Diseño de América Latina y el Caribe-ISTHMUS
- Escuela Superior Politécnica de Chimborazo
- ESITC Caen-École Supérieure d'Ingénieurs des Travaux de la Construction de Caen
- Florida State University
- Fundación Corea
- Fundación Creatividad
- Fundación Universitaria Luis Amigo
- Hankuk University of Foreign Studies
- Institut National des Sciences Appliquées de Rennes (INSA)
- Institut Supérieur d'Agriculture de Lille e Institut Supérieur d'Agriculture Rhône-Alpes de Lyon)
- Instituto Tecnológico de Costa Rica
- Instituto Tecnológico Pascual Bravo IU de Colombia
- Keimyung University
- Khon Kaen University
- La Federation des Ecoles Superieures
- La Johannes Gutenberg Universität Mainz
- La Universidad de Plovdiv
- Malmö University
- Maryville College
- Mount Royal College
- ONG Proyecto aSilo
- Pai Chai University
- Pusan University of Foreign Studies
- Pyeongtaek University
- Red "N+I"
- Red Paris Tech: Institut des Sciences et Technologies
- Russian State University of Trade and Economics, RSUTE
- Saraswathi Viswa Mahavidyalaya-Deemed University
- Saskatchewan Institute of Applied Science and Technology
- Southwest University of Science and Technology
- Sri Chandrasekharendra
- Universidad Andina del Cusco
- Universidad Andrés Bello
- Universidad Autónoma de Chile
- Universidad Autónoma de Madrid
- Universidad Autónoma de Occidente
- Universidad Carlos III de Madrid
- Universidad Católica del Norte
- Universidad Complutense de Madrid
- Universidad de a Coruña
- Universidad de Alicante
- Universidad de Antioquia
- Universidad de Athabasca



Agreements

We have signed 342 academic and scientific-collaboration agreements with various higher-education institutions in Germany, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, South Korea, Costa Rica, Cuba, Denmark, Ecuador, El Salvador, Spain, United States, France, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, Panama, Peru, United Kingdom, Dominican Republic, Russia, Sweden, Thailand, Uruguay and Venezuela. (36 countries).

Foreign language programs

The University of Colima offers foreign-language courses, including: English, French, German, Italian, Chinese, Japanese and Korean.

- Universidad de Boyacá
- Universidad de Cantabria
- Universidad de Chiclayo
- Universidad de Ciencias Aplicadas, Instituciones Integrantes de la Asociación Latinoamericana de Facultades de Contaduría y Administración
- Universidad de Corea
- Universidad de Cuenca, Ecuador y la Cátedra UNESCO Precom3os.
- Universidad de Dankook
- Universidad de Extremadura
- Universidad de Jaén
- Universidad de La Laguna
- Universidad de las Palmas Gran Canaria
- Universidad de Lleida
- Universidad de Los Lagos
- Universidad de Louisville
- Universidad de Medellín
- Universidad de Murcia
- Universidad de Nariño
- Universidad de Palermo
- Universidad de Pernambuco
- Universidad de Sevilla
- Universidad de Szeged Hungría
- Universidad de Tasmania
- Universidad de Utsunomiya
- Universidad de Valparaíso
- Universidad de Viena
- Universidad de Vigo
- Universidad de Zaragoza
- Universidad del Cauca
- Universidad del Salvador
- Universidad del Zulia
- Universidad Estatal de Omsk F.M. Dostoievski
- Universidad FASTA de la Fraternidad de Agrupaciones de Santo Tomás de Aquino.
- Universidad Federal de Uberlândia
- Universidad Federal do Ceará
- Universidad Femenina de Ewha
- Universidad Internacional de Andalucía
- Universidad Libre de Colombia
- Universidad Mayor
- Universidad Nacional de Chilecito
- Universidad Nacional de Córdoba
- Universidad Nacional de Cuyo
- Universidad Nacional de Lanus
- Universidad Nacional de Quilmes
- Universidad Nacional de Tumbes
- Universidad Nacional del Chaco Austral
- Universidad Nacional del Sur
- Universidad Ort
- Universidad Peruana de Ciencias Aplicadas
- Universidad Rey Juan Carlos
- Universidad Rovira I Virgili
- Universidad Rusa de Amistad de los Pueblos
- Universidad San Jorge
- Universidad Santiago de Cali
- Universidad Santo Tomás
- Universidad Técnica Particular de Loja
- Universidad Utara Malasia
- Universidad Viña del Mar
- Universidade de São Paulo
- Universidade Federal de Uberlândia
- Università Degli Studi Di Firenze
- Università degli Studi Di Foggia
- Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona
- Universitat de Girona
- Universitat de les Illes Balears
- Universität Flensburg
- Universitat Politècnica de València
- Université de Moncton
- Université de Toulouse II Le Mirail
- Université Paris 8
- Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman
- University of Applied Sciences Hochschule Ostwestfalen-Lippe
- University of Central Arkansas
- University of Colorado Denver
- University of Illinois
- University of King's College
- University of Northern Iowa
- University of Oklahoma
- University of Southampton
- Wichita State University



Student Mobility Program

This program enables visiting students—whether foreign or Mexican—to stay at the University of Colima for one or two semesters, after which the credit points obtained are recognized and transferred to the students' home universities. There are 64 undergraduate programs to choose from in addition to one associate degree. These programs are taught at 30 schools in the areas of health, agriculture, administration, natural and exact sciences, education, humanities and fine arts, engineering, technology, law, and political sciences.

There are two categories of visiting students

Academic-exchange students

There are agreements with national and international institutions, which allow exchange students to pay for their registration fees and tuition at the university of origin. These students will be entitled to all the benefits that are provided to local students.

International students

The students interested in studying for a given academic period at the University of Colima, not necessarily as part of any exchange agreement, and wish to have their credit points recognized and transferred are welcome to come with the status of “international students;” in other words, they cover the corresponding tuition fees at the time of enrollment at the University of Colima. Information on tuition can be found on the University's website: www.ucol.mx. These students will be entitled to all the benefits that are provided to local students.

The Voice of Students



I thank the University of Colima for promoting this kind of program, for they help us to be better professionals, reducing our restrictions as students. I thank you for your support; without it, I would not have been able to participate in such a program.

Lilia Gpe. Barajas Soto.

Student from the University of Colima
Student exchange program at the National University of Córdoba (February – August 2008)



I have been here for eight months and so far I have greatly enjoyed the student life. I love the environment on campus, especially the green areas and small animals. I am very pleased to be collaborating with the professors and working on language and culture-related modules and research projects.

Ng Chit Ip

Student from the University of Beijing
Student exchange program at the University of Colima (2009)

I. Requirements for participating in the student-mobility program

(Both categories)

1. Completion of at least one academic year at the home university.
2. Outstanding student performance.
3. Spanish-language oral and written comprehension.

II. Documents required:

1. Mobility application for visiting student.
2. Nomination letter issued by the home university.
3. Academic history.
4. A motivation letter explaining why the student is interested in the mobility program.
5. Recommendation letter from one professor.
6. Photocopy of an ID, voter's ID in the case of Mexican students or valid passport in the case of foreign students.
7. An ID-sized photo.

III. Procedure for the submission of the application and the documents required:

The mobility application and its documents will have to be sent to the Dirección General de Relaciones Internacionales y Cooperación Académica (International Affairs and Academic Cooperation Office) of the University of Colima by the head of international relations (or equivalent) at the visiting student's home institution.

Once the student is admitted, the International Affairs and Academic Cooperation Office will send the home university the letter of acceptance and a brochure about our University.

IV. Subsequent arrangements

Upon arrival in the University of Colima, the visiting student will be required to deliver the following documents to the International Affairs and Academic Cooperation Office:

1. A copy of the student visa (FM3), only in the case of foreign students.
2. A copy of the medical insurance with “international coverage” in the case of foreign students, or a copy of the vigencia de derechos (validity or rights) document issued by the Mexican Social Security Institute (IMSS) in the case of Mexican students.

Academic Programs

Bachelors Degree Programs

Delegación Regional 1 Manzanillo

Facultad de Ciencias Marinas

- Licenciado en Oceanología
- Licenciado en Administración de Recursos Marinos
- Ingeniero Oceánico

Facultad de Contabilidad y Administración-
Manzanillo

- Profesional Asociado en Mercadotecnia
- Licenciado en Administración de Empresas
- Licenciado en Informática Administrativa
- Contador Público
- Facultad de Ingeniería Electromecánica
- Ingeniero en Mecatrónica
- Ingeniero en Comunicaciones y Electrónica
- Ingeniero Mecánico Electricista
- Escuela de Comercio Exterior
- Licenciado en Gestión Turística
- Licenciado en Gastronomía
- Licenciado en Comercio Exterior
- Licenciado en Aduanas

Delegación Regional 2 Tecomán

Facultad de Ciencias Biológicas y Agropecuarias

- Licenciado en Biología
- Ingeniero Agrónomo

Facultad de Medicina Veterinaria y Zootecnia

- Médico Veterinario Zootecnista

Facultad de Contabilidad y Administración-
Tecomán

- Licenciado en Administración
- Licenciado en Informática Administrativa
- Contador Público

Delegación Regional 3 Colima

Facultad de Derecho

- Licenciado en Derecho

Facultad de Contabilidad y Administración-
Colima

- Licenciado en Administración
- Contador Público

Facultad de Ciencias Políticas y Sociales

- Licenciado en Relaciones Internacionales
- Licenciado en Administración Pública y Ciencia Política

Facultad de Medicina

- Médico Cirujano y Partero
- Licenciado en Nutrición

Facultad de Ciencias de la Educación

- Licenciado en Educación Media especializado en Matemáticas
- Licenciado en Educación Física y Deporte
- Licenciado en Educación Especial

Facultad de Letras y Comunicación

- Licenciado en Periodismo
- Licenciado en Lingüística
- Licenciado en Letras Hispanoamericanas
- Licenciado en Comunicación

Facultad de Enfermería

- Licenciado en Enfermería

Facultad de Trabajo Social

- Licenciado en Trabajo Social

Facultad de Psicología

- Licenciado en Psicología

Facultad de Ciencias

- Licenciado en Matemáticas
- Licenciado en Física
- Licenciado en Ciencia Ambiental y Gestión de Riesgos

Facultad de Telemática

- Ingeniero en Telemática
- Ingeniero de Software

Instituto Universitario de Bellas Artes

- Licenciado en Música
- Licenciado en Danza Escénica
- Licenciado en Artes Visuales
- Licenciado en Música Área: Teoría e Historia
- Licenciado en Música Área: Concertista Solista en Piano

• Licenciado en Música Área: Concertista Solista en Instrumento Orquestal

• Licenciado en Música Área: Dirección Orquestal

Escuela de Mercadotecnia

- Licenciado en Publicidad y Relaciones Públicas
- Licenciado en Mercadotecnia

Delegación Regional 4 Coquimatlán

Facultad de Ingeniería Civil

- Ingeniero Topógrafo Geomático
- Ingeniero Civil
- Facultad de Ciencias Químicas
- Químico Farmacéutico Biólogo
- Ingeniero Químico Metalúrgico
- Ingeniero Químico en Alimentos

Facultad de Ingeniería Mecánica y Eléctrica

- Ingeniero en Sistemas Computacionales
- Ingeniero en Comunicaciones y Electrónica
- Ingeniero Mecánico Electricista

Facultad de Arquitectura y Diseño

- Licenciado en Diseño Industrial
- Licenciado en Diseño Gráfico
- Arquitecto

Delegación Regional 5 Villa de Álvarez

Facultad de Economía

- Licenciado en Negocios Internacionales
- Licenciado en Finanzas
- Licenciado en Economía

Facultad de Pedagogía

- Licenciado en Pedagogía

Facultad de Lenguas Extranjeras

- Licenciado en Enseñanza de Lenguas

Escuela de Filosofía

- Licenciado en Filosofía

Facultad de Turismo

- Licenciado en Gestión Turística



I arrived here like any other foreigner, with mixed feelings of fear and excitement. I was lucky enough to join the wonderful radio program Ventana al Mundo, hosted by the International Affairs and Academic Cooperation Office. They helped me, guided me and stood by me throughout this experience. I hosted the column Bajo Perfil for the radio program; we presented topics related to world art and culture.

Sebastián A. Longhi Heredia

Student from the National University of Córdoba Student exchange program at the University of Colima (2008)



Academic Programs

Graduate Programs

With regard to graduate studies, the University of Colima offers specialties, master's degrees and doctorates. Our master's degrees are two-year programs after which students are required to complete a thesis in order to obtain their degree. In addition to the submission of a thesis, those students enrolled in professional-orientation programs are required to take a final examination. Doctorates combine seminars and research aimed at enabling students to prepare their doctoral dissertation. The officials responsible for each program establish admission and evaluation processes.

Área: Ciencias Sociales y Económico-Administrativas

- Especialidad en dirección de organizaciones turísticas (PNPC-CONACyT)
- Especialidad en agronegocios (Programa Interinstitucional)
- Especialidad en derecho procesal civil

Área: Agropecuarias y Ciencias de la Salud

- Especialidad en ginecología y obstetricia *
- Especialidad en cirugía general *
- Especialidad en anestesiología *
- Especialidad en medicina interna *
- Especialidad en pediatría *
- Especialidad en traumatología y ortopedia *
- Especialidad en medicina integrada *
- Especialidad en medicina familiar *

*En colaboración con los Servicios de Salud del Estado de Colima, Hospital. Regional Universitario.

**En colaboración con el IMSS

Área: Ciencias Exactas y Naturales e Ingenierías

- Especialidad en ciencias del ambiente, gestión y sustentabilidad (PNPC-CONACyT)

Área: Educación y Humanidades

- Maestría en arquitectura (PNP-CONACyT) (Premio Mención honorífica de la AUIP 2008)
- Maestría en arquitectura bioclimática
- Maestría en literatura hispanoamericana
- Maestría en pedagogía (PNPC-CONACyT)

Área: Ciencias Sociales y Económico-Administrativas

- Maestría en ciencia política y administración pública
- Maestría en ciencias administrativas (Campus Colima y Campus Manzanillo)
- Maestría en psicología aplicada

Área: Agropecuarias y Ciencias de la Salud

- Maestría interinstitucional en producción pecuaria
- Maestría en ciencias fisiológicas (PNPC-CONACyT)
- Maestría en ciencias médicas (PNPC-CONACyT)

Área: Ciencias Exactas y Naturales e Ingeniería

- Maestría en ciencias de la tierra
- Maestría en ciencias del mar
- Maestría en computación
- Maestría en tecnologías de información
- Maestría en ingeniería (PNPC-CONACyT)

Área: Educación y Humanidades

- Doctorado en arquitectura (PNP-CONACyT) (Interinstitucional)

Área: Ciencias Sociales y Económico-Administrativas

- Doctorado en ciencias sociales (PNPC-CONACyT) (Programa directo desde la licenciatura)
- Doctorado en psicología (PNPC-CONACyT) (Programa Interinstitucional)
- Doctorado en relaciones transpacificas (Programa semipresencial; tutorial con aplicación de tecnologías a distancia) (Programa directo desde la licenciatura)
- Doctorado Interinstitucional en derecho (Interinstitucional) (PNPC-CONACyT)

Área: Agropecuarias y Ciencias de la Salud

- Doctorado en ciencias fisiológicas (PNPC-CONACyT) (Premio AUIP 2003, Mención de Honor)
- Doctorado en ciencias médicas (PNPC-CONACyT)

Área: Ciencias Exactas y Naturales e Ingeniería

- Doctorado en ciencias químicas (PNPC-CONACyT) (Programa directo desde la licenciatura)

DURATION OF THE PROGRAMS

- Bachelor's degrees: four to five years
- Associate degrees: two years

Academic year

At the University of Colima, our academic year is divided into two semesters, each comprised of 18-20 weeks of classes.

- Semesters 1, 3, 5, 7 and 9 (February-July).
- Semesters 2, 4, 6, 8 and 10 (August-January).

Deadlines for the submission of applications

- Applications from North America, Mexico, Europe and Asia:
 - For a stay between August and December, submission of documents until June 3rd.
 - For a stay between January and July, submission of documents until October 15th.
- Applications from Latin America and the Caribbean:
 - For a stay between August and December, submission of documents until May 4th.
 - For a stay between January and July, submission of documents until September 28th.

Academic workload of students

Full-time students: 25 to 30 face to face hours on average (depending on the student's courses of study).

Academic credit

- 1 hour of theory per week during one semester: 2 credit points.
- 1 hour of practice per week during one semester: 1 credit point.

Teaching and learning approaches

- Health programs: work is done in small groups of 10 students maximum receiving tutorials. Emphasis is placed on student-centered learning complemented by considerable time devoted to monitored practice. A combination of methods is used, such as Problem-Based Learning (PBL), and Small-Group Learning (SGL).
- Regarding the rest of the programs, there are groups of 40-45 students taking theoretical and practical sessions taught by one professor. Students are encouraged to carry out projects and complete written assignments.

Evaluation procedures

- Graduate programs: the graduate committee responsible of each program determines these procedures.
- Bachelor's degrees: exams, assignments, practical participation and projects.
- In all cases, students must abide by the University's school and exchange regulations.
- The grading scale is numerical, from 0 to 10, being 6 the lowest passing grade and 10 the highest.
- There are several evaluation periods during the semester. They are divided on partial evaluations (number depends on each faculty) and 1 end-of-term evaluation.
- Students are exempted if they receive an average grade of 8 (with a minimum score of 24 points) resulting from the total partial evaluation periods, without failing grades.
- Attendance to courses is a determining factor in giving students the right to present exams. Students are required to attend a minimum of 80 percent per course.



The Spanish Program

Academic Spanish for Foreigners Program (EAPE)

The University of Colima's School of Literature and Communication offers the Academic Spanish for Foreigners Program (EAPE), which enables students to enroll in three different Spanish proficiency levels for learning purposes: beginners, intermediate and advanced. Each group is comprised of a maximum of 20 students.

EAPE is mainly intended for those students who, because of academic or personal reasons, need to learn Spanish or improve their knowledge.

The EAPE courses start in three different months: January, May and September. Every course runs for 12 weeks. Students take 23 hours of classes per week at each level. The contents of the course include grammar, composition, conversation and culture. The intermediate and advanced levels also include literature.

EAPE's complementary activities include:

- An introductory session to the University of Colima.
- A tour of the facilities on campus.
- Visits to places of historical, tourist and cultural interest.

Applicants are required to:

- Be 18 years of age or older.
- Submit a letter explaining why they wish to enroll in the EAPE program.
- Submit a photocopy of their valid passport.
- Submit a nomination letter issued by the applicant's home university (if appropriate).
- Take a placement test (once they are in Colima).
- Attend an interview with EAPE's academic coordinator.
- Submit a resume.
- Pay the corresponding tuition fees.

Fees

EAPE's total fee is USD\$1,550, which covers the following:

- Registration
- 12-week course.
- Books
- Visits to various places of historical and cultural interest.

Deadline for the submission of applications:

Three months prior to the commencement of classes.

EAPE's fee does not cover accommodation or meals (see the corresponding section in this document).



Cultural Learning and Immersion Programs

The University of Colima offers year-round customized courses intended for groups coming from Mexican or foreign universities, institutions and companies interested in learning about Mexico's culture, language and tourist environment.

What does it involve?

These are customized courses whose design responds to the specific characteristics and needs of the group. For example: professors who go out to teach his or her own group of students a class while making sure that the students learn about the Mexican culture at the same time; or the students are joined by their professor so that they take classes at the host institution and learn about language and culture; or there are groups that study several fields, such as business, tourism, etc.

When are these courses offered?

Since these courses are independent of the rest of the academic programs offered by the University, potential participants may choose the course's dates and content, as well as the kind of accommodation they wish to have (host families or paid accommodation).

Which are the services that are provided?

The program includes the following complementary services: Reception at Guadalajara's airport and trip to Colima. Welcome session. Customized cultural activities for the group: cultural tour of the city, excursions, cooking classes, etc.

We work in close collaboration with several institutions that vouch for the quality of our programs and services. The prestige and extensive experience of our University explain why several foreign universities have placed their trust in the University of Colima.

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Intensive Spanish and Mexican Culture Course

Introduction

The design of the course enables students to enroll in two different levels of Spanish language proficiency for learning purposes: intermediate and advanced. The level is determined by a placement test taken by the students upon arrival in Colima. Each group is comprised of a maximum of 20 students.

Broad objective

The students will learn Spanish reading and writing skills until they reach the proficiency level required for every level. At the end of the course, they will be able to understand the language when listening to it and express their ideas in oral and written form, as is required from a student taking a regular undergraduate course at the University of Colima. In addition, they will know some aspects of the Mexican culture, such as its customs and traditions.

Duration

5 Weeks during the Summer

Four hours from Monday through Friday

From 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Saturday Cultural activities

Hours Theory: 24 / Practice: 88

Cost of the 5-week course USD\$1,000.00

It includes:

- Registration
- Books
- Cultural activities (historical places)
- Tour of the University campus
- Welcome and introduction session

Applicants submission deadline

Two months prior the beginning of the course.

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Important Information

Visas for foreign students

Once officially admitted into the University of Colima, foreign students are required to apply for a student visa in order to enroll in the University's academic program. Visit: <http://www.inm.gob.mx>

Applications for a student visa have to be submitted to the Mexican consulate or embassy closest to the student's place of residence. Applicants are also required to submit an academic letter of acceptance issued by the University of Colima.

Upon arrival in the University of Colima, the students will first contact the Office of the General Director of International Relations and Academic Cooperation, where the foreign students will be required to leave a photocopy of their passport and student visa. The staff of this office will provide the students with information regarding academic life at the University of Colima. The staff will also introduce the students to the academic authorities of the program chosen by the students. Afterwards, the attorney of the University of Colima will provide the students with information concerning their appearance before the National Migration Institute, based in Manzanillo, where the students will enter their data into the National Registry of Foreigners.

Glorieta San Pedrito, Manzanillo (inner port)
Telephone: + (52) 314-33 262 62

Spanish-language requirement

In order to be admitted into the University's regular programs, students are required to show an above average command of Spanish for carrying out academic tasks.

Medical-insurance requirement

All international students are required to have international medical insurance with coverage throughout their stay in Mexico.

Mexican students are required to submit a document called "Vigencia de Derechos del IMSS," which ensures medical insurance in Colima.

Documents required by the National Migration Institute:

Visit the site: <http://www.inm.gob.mx/>

Cost of living

The monthly cost of living in Colima amounts to \$600 dollars approximately, depending on the student's choice for accommodation services and kind of entertainment.

Accommodation

Visiting students attending the University of Colima may join the University's Host Family and Paid Accommodation Program, by paying the corresponding operation fee. However, students may also make their own accommodation arrangements, although, when this option is chosen, it will be the sole responsibility of the visiting student.

Lodging

At the International Affairs and Academic Cooperation Office, we take it upon ourselves to find the student a place where he or she will be able to interact with young people from other cultures. The costs of lodging vary depending on what is offered by the hosts, in addition to the possibility of including meals for the student.

The service offered by the University of Colima is exclusively concerned with placing the student, which means guaranteeing the student a safe place to stay with people who have agreed to abide by certain operation rules for the benefit of visitors. Everything related to the service during the stay should be discussed directly with the service provider.

Host families

Living with a family from Colima offers the chance to live alongside people from other cultures. In other words, in addition to living with the family, you may also have the opportunity to live with another visiting student from a different country. This program is important, since it makes it possible to experience the Mexican culture up close, and in the case of those coming to learn Spanish, it is the option we most strongly recommend.

The minimum stay of a visiting student in the Host Family option is at least one month.



Colima: Routes and Services

Arriving to Colima

By air

International flights:

The international arrivals that are closest to the City of Colima are those of the cities of Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, Guadalajara and Manzanillo, whose airports receive direct international flights.

National flights:

Mexico-Guadalajara: 45 minutes by plane approximately.

Mexico-Manzanillo: 1 hour and 15 minutes, approximately.

Mexico-Colima: 1 hour by plane approximately.

The name of the national airport closest to the City of Colima is Miguel de la Madrid. It is located in Buena Vista, Cuauhtémoc, Colima, and it takes 15 minutes to get there from the City of Colima. Telephone: + (52) 312-31-4-41-60.

The name of the international airport of the State of Colima is Playa de Oro, and its address is Kilómetro 42, carretera Manzanillo-Barra de Navidad. It is situated 112 kilometers from the City of Colima.

Telephone: + (52) 314-33-4 12-26.

By land

It is possible to get to the bus stations of the cities of Colima and Manzanillo by bus from any city in the Mexican Republic. There are several bus-service providers offering various services, timetables and fares.

Arriving at the bus station or the airport

It is important to inform the University of Colima of the time at which the student will arrive and the mode of transport he or she will use, in order to offer transportation from the airport or the bus station to the student's new home. A fee is charged for this service, which will be reported in advance by the International Affairs and Academic Cooperation Office.



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