

Universidad de las Americas, Puebla

Cholula

Mexico



The University

The Universidad de las Americas, Puebla (UDLAP) was founded in 1940 and is located in Cholula, just ten minutes away from Puebla. Puebla is situated on a high plateau in the centre of Mexico, 70 miles from Mexico City and 308 miles from Acapulco. The campus has beautiful colonial style buildings set in gardens. Athletic facilities include two gymnasiums, soccer and football fields, baseball fields, basketball and tennis courts and a swimming pool. Facilities on campus include a well-stocked library, computer rooms, bookstore, medical clinic, post office, travel agency, cafeterias and ATM's. UDLAP currently has 7,500 students including 230 international students.

University website: <http://www.udlap.mx/InternationalStudents/>



Location

Cholula is one of the oldest cities in the country and a very important archaeological site, located 7,200 feet above sea level in a valley surrounded by mountains, with a temperature and sunny climate. Cholula has recently been designated by UNESCO as a treasure of Colonial Architecture and is among the five most important cities in Mexico. Various communities meet in Cholula for the annual celebration of the Virgin of Los Remedios and there are fantastic displays of arts, crafts, ethnic music and food during the festivities.

Travel

There is a regular bus service, leaving every 30 minutes, to Puebla from Mexico City International Airport.

Mexico City International Airport website: www.aeropuertomexico.com/Ingles/



Immigration

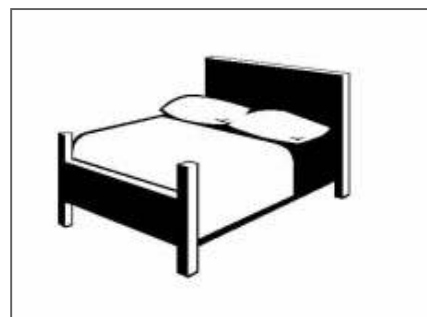
A student visa is required– student carnet (FM3). There is no consular fee if you are a British Citizen.

More information on Student Visitor Visas: <http://portal.sre.gob.mx/conreinounido/>

Housing

Prices shown in Mexican pesos

Off-campus (private) apartment - \$2,000-\$6,000 per month. (£102-£306)
 University accommodation, shared dormitory room \$16,000 per year. (£815)
<http://www.udlap.mx/internacional/files/Studentguidebook.pdf>





Health Insurance

All students are required to have health insurance.
<http://www.udlap.mx/servicios/seguros.aspx>

Term Dates

Dates for 2011/12 to be confirmed

Fall semester 2010		Spring semester 2011	
Orientations	3-6 August	Classes begin	10 January
Classes begin	9 August	Classes end	4 May
Classes end	26 November	Exam last day	5-13 May
Exam period	29 Nov-14 Dec		



Services

International Student Guidebook:
<http://www.udlap.mx/internacional/files/Studentguidebook.pdf>

International Affairs Office: <http://www.udlap.mx/internationalStudents/>

Course Requirements

Students must take a Spanish placement test in order to determine their level of Spanish. After this test has been taken courses can be chosen at the appropriate level in consultation with the International Student Co-ordinator at UDLAP. Students usually take 4 courses (24 units) or 5 courses (30 units) per Semester.
<http://www.udlap.mx/internacional/english/students/cursos/contenidoingles.aspx>



Application

- 1 February 2011** Deadline for submitting internal application form accompanied by personal statement, transcript of studies to date and 2 academic references.
- 8 February 2011** Allocation of host institution made (in liaison with Study Abroad Co-ordinators). Students notified and provided with relevant host institution application form.
- 1 March 2011** Deadline for submitting host institution application form and any additional supporting documentation required (e.g. transcript, photographs, financial statements, housing applications etc).

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