

About UNIVERSIDAD DEL PACIFICO

Key facts

Universidad del Pacífico (UP) is a private university established in 1962 by a group of Peruvian entrepreneurs supported by the Jesuit community. Today it has become a university specialized in the areas of [economics](#) and [business administration](#). In the past three decades, UP has been ranked as the most prestigious higher education institution in its fields of specialization in [Peru](#), and among the leading institutions of its kind in the Latin American region.

At the undergraduate level UP offers Bachelor's degrees in [Economics](#), [Business Administration](#), [Accounting](#), [Business Engineering](#), [Law](#), [Marketing](#) and [International Business](#). At the graduate level, it offers a [Master of Business Administration](#), [Master in Economics](#), [Master of Finance](#), among others. At the moment it has approximately 5,000 students enrolled at the undergraduate level, and 1,200 students enrolled in graduate programs.

The academic year at the Universidad del Pacífico at the undergraduate level consists of 2 semesters. The first semester begins in late-March and ends in July; the second semester begins in mid-August and ends in mid-December. A break of approximately 3 to 4 weeks occurs in between both semesters. At the graduate level, the academic year varies according to the master program.



Important web pages in the university:

Academic services: <http://www1.up.edu.pe/academico/>

- [ADMINISTRACION](#)
- [ECONOMIA](#)
- [HUMANIDADES](#)
- [CS. SOCIALES](#)
- [INGENIERÍA EMPRESARIAL](#)
- [MARKETING](#)
- [INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS](#)
- [INFORMATION ENGINEERING](#)

Postgraduate School: <http://www.up.edu.pe/postgrado/maestrias/default.aspx>

ACADEMIC UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

YEARS OF STUDIES	UNIVERSITY DEGREE
5 years or 10 cycles	Bachelor Degree / Licenciatura
2 years	Master Degree
2-3 years	Doctorate
Regular Term Dates:	Semester 2015-I : March –July Semester 2015 –II: August – December Important: Our semesters consist of 16 weeks. Out of those, 14 weeks correspond to classes; one week is for the mid-terms and another one for final exams.
Orientation :	The registration and orientation day usually takes place around two weeks prior to the beginning of classes. Details may be provided by the International Relations Office. Semester 2015 –I: March (to be confirmed) Semester 2015 –II: August (to be confirmed)
Exchange Students Registration Day:	Semester 2015 -I: March (to be confirmed) Semester 2015 –II: August (to be confirmed)
Exchange Application Deadlines:	2015-I On line nomination: December 05, 2014 (Coordinator) On line registration and sending of documents: January 15, 2015 (Student)

2015-II On line nomination: May 15, 2015 (Coordinator) On line registration and sending of documents: June 15, 2015(Student)



Courses offered to Exchange students

International students can take courses of different levels and schools. In consequence, they can be enrolled in courses of different semester, as mandatory courses or elective courses taken for our local students.

Please is important to note that if the course is from the latest semesters the workload and the difficulty of itself could be higher than the courses of the first semesters.

Language expectation

It is highly recommended to have a good level of the Spanish. Almost all courses are dictated in Spanish; in consequence students must have a good fluency of the language.

Workload

The normal workload for a degree student can change according to the semester enrolled. The minimum number of credits for a regular student is 12 credits. Usually students since 3rd year of studies (6th cycle until 10th cycle), **take between 16 and 20 credits per semester. This number of credits means to take around 04 to 07 courses during the semester. In consequence, the recommended number of credits per semester is 16 credits.**

In order to graduate, students must approve 200 academic credits and 9 par academic credits¹. This corresponds to the 5 years of studies. However is usual for students to be enrolled in the summer semester (January – February, usually vacations) if they want to finish the career in 5 years.

¹ Paracaademic credit consists in extra curricular courses, like photography, dancing, sports or others.

Learning expectations

Attendance to each class is compulsory. Academic system of Universidad del Pacífico requires the presentation of quizzes, individual and group work paper; and intermediate and final exams.

Students must not miss more than 30% of classes. **More than 30% of missing classes will mean a grade of 0 in the final exam, and it is possible to fail the course without this final grade.**

Courses like seminars demand the active participation of the students, with readings and discussion about the subject of study.

Universidad del Pacífico does not organise distance exams, students are expected to be present on Lima on the exam date. Missing exams with no valid excuse will result in a "Fail" grade.

Students are required to stay at Universidad del Pacífico until the official ending of the term.



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CREDITS AND GRADES SYSTEM AT THE UNIVERSIDAD DEL PACÍFICO

- The student workload per semester is expressed in credits.
 - Most courses are worth 3 or 4 credits. Two-credit courses are electives and some are called 'seminars'.
 - In general terms, one credit is equivalent to one hour of class per week. Two hours of practical sessions per week are equivalent to one credit.
 - **Credits in the Peruvian system don't consider the number of hours that students have to take for work papers, lectures, or research they have to develop in each course.**
 - Each semester includes 14 weeks of classes plus two weeks of exams, therefore:
 - A two (2) credit course has a total of twenty eight (28) class hours plus four hours of exams during one semester.
 - A three (3) credit course has a total of forty two (42) class hours plus four hours of exams during one semester.
 - A four (4) credit course has a total of fifty six (56) class hours plus four hours of exams during one semester.
 - A five (5) credit course has a total of seventy (70) class hours plus four hours of exams during one semester.
 - Some courses worth 4 credits include one credit for two hours of practical sessions (tutorials). These practical sessions are biweekly. There are a maximum of 14 hours of programmed tutorials per semester. Seminars do not include practical sessions.
 - Courses that are worth 5 credits include 4 hours of classes and 2 hours of practical sessions (tutorials).
 - In the Peruvian higher education system grades go from 0 to 20, with 20 being the highest grade. The minimum passing grade is 11.00
 - At the Universidad del Pacífico grades equal to or higher than 14.00 indicate "notable achievement". As a general rule, students who have a Grade Point Average (GPA) greater than 14.00 rank within the Top Third of their respective Faculty. In recent years, the best students usually have a GPA between 17.00 and 17.50.
- It should be noted that 9's and 10's are rarely given.

Grade	Definition	Percentage of achievement
19-20	Excellent	95 - 100%
17-18	Outstanding	85 - 94%
14-16	Notable	70 - 84%
11-13	Satisfactory	55 - 69%
Below 11	Failed	Below 54%

