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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 specialized in the areas of economics and business. 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 moment we have approximately 4500 students enrolled at the undergraduate level, and 1400 in graduate programs. We are the first Peruvian University accredited by AACSB in our undergraduate and graduate levels, we also are AMBA accredited.



PROGRAMS AVAILABLE:

1. EXCHANGE PROGRAM

Semester dates:

Important: Our semesters consist of 16 weeks. Out of those, 14 weeks correspond to classes; one week for the mid-terms and another one for final exams.

	First Semester	Second Semester
Nomination Deadline	December 05	May 15
Application Deadline	January 15	June 15
Compulsory Welcome Week	March 12-13	August 6-7
Classes	March -July	August -December
Add-Drop Period	March 19-26	August 13-20
Final Exams	First week of July	Last week of November

Application required documents:

Students who have been nominated by their home universities to study at Universidad del Pacífico as exchange students will receive a link to start the application process. In addition, they should send the following documents:

- Official Transcripts of their home university. They will be received only in original or certified photocopy.
- Photocopy of the passport data.
- Photocopy of international health insurance policy.
- Proof of financial resources: USD 3,500.00 or more (It is estimated that to cover the costs of the stay in Peru is approximately USD 700.00 per month). The original or copy of a bank statement of deposit or savings account of the student or the parent is sufficient.
- 1 color passport size photo. The image should be front facing with white background.

Languages of Instruction

Spanish and English. Most of the courses during the semester are taught in Spanish. However, we have more than 40 courses in English available each semester.

Language Requirement: Although no official certificate of proficiency in english or spanish are required, we expect home institutions verify students proficiency prior to nominating to Universidad del Pacífico. Exchange students are not required to have Spanish language knowledge, but basic language skills are helpful. For courses taught in Spanish or English, undergraduate students should have at least level B2 and for graduate students level C1.

Take into account that our graduate programs are just offered in Spanish and take place on weekends.

Intensive Spanish language courses: For an additional fee, Intermediate and Advanced level Spanish Courses for exchange students are available at our Language Center. These courses are offered 3 weeks prior to the beginning of the semester. If students wish to be included in these courses they must point it out in the application form.

Course Information

Universidad del Pacífico offered courses in the following fields, Accounting, Business Administration, Marketing, International Business, Business Engineering, Information Engineering, Economics, Finance and Law. Some courses have prerequisites and they can be attended just if these prerequisites are met.

The final list of courses will be available about one or two weeks before the semester starts.

The undergraduate program study plans and course descriptions may be found at our web page. Students may also ask for this information at the International Relations office.

Academic Credits and Grading System

A full-time study program is between 200 to 246 credits. Most courses are 4 credits and each UP credit stands 14 hours (one hour of class per week during 14 weeks of classes). Therefore, a 4 credits course has 56 hours of class during one semester.

The workload per semester averages 16 - 20 credits. It is compulsory that exchange students get at least 12 credits at Universidad del Pacífico

Grading System: In the Peruvian higher education system grades go from 0 to 20, with 20 being the highest grade and 11 is the minimum passing grade.

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 GPG between 17.00 and 17.50.

Grade	Definition
19-20	Excellent
17-18	Outstanding
14-16	Notable
11-13	Satisfactory
Below 11	Failed





2. SUMMER PROGRAM

These programs last around 2 weeks and students can choose among courses taught in Spanish and English as well as Spanish Language courses. Summer programs are offered in Lima & Cusco.

3. TAILOR MADE PROGRAMS

Universidad del Pacífico offers a variety of choices for study trips in Peru to groups of students, faculty and staff. For 2 or 3 weeks your participants will have the opportunity to live the local experience, receive specialized lectures in English by UP faculty. Our professors are recognized academic, responsible leaders in their respective fields, committed to advancing excellence in teaching and research.

The program includes lectures, visits to multinational corporations based in Peru and NGO's. The participants will be integrated into the Peruvian culture through dance, cuisine and language.

It is necessary to have at least 8 participants enrolled in the program. Likewise, these programs may be organized at any time during the year to accommodate visitors needs.

4. COMING TO PERU: WHAT TO KNOW

Housing options:

Universidad del Pacífico does not have student dormitories. However, the International Relations Office provides information and assistance for the exchange student on accommodation in a student house (privately student dorms), living in a family home or rent a flat (apartment) in the city.

Monthly rents are about USD 300.00 to USD 400.00 for a room at a student dorm, sharing the common living areas and kitchen.

Visa:

The exchange student visa is mandatory for all the incoming exchange students. To start this process the International Relations Office at the Universidad del Pacífico will request for the round trip tickets. After sending this information, students will receive an email confirming that their visas have been approved. The process for an official Visa usually takes between 2 to 6 weeks prior to the trip.

Health Insurance:

Exchange students are requested to purchase health/medical insurance in their home country.

Estimated cost of living

Approximate costs:

- Accommodation: USD 300 – 400 / month (shared)
- Food, transportation: USD 300-450/month
- Books, photocopying, etc.: around USD 200/semester.