

FACT SHEET STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM

General Information	
Name of Institution	UNIVERSIDAD DEL PACÍFICO ECUADOR (UPACIFICO)
Website	www.upacifico.edu.ec
Country, city	Ecuador - Guayaquil
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Academic information	
Academic calendar	The University works in semesters: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ From April to August Exams: Mid-August ▪ From October to February Exams: End of February Spring and summer sessions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ March ▪ September
Average workload per semester for international exchange students	Minimum courses to be taken per semester: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undergraduate program: 4 courses (12 credits). • Graduate program: 4 courses Maximum courses to be taken per semester: 6 courses (20 credits) Note: 16 credits are usually equivalent to 30 ECTS or 76 UK (CATS) credits.
Courses registration	Course registration should be previously selected, after attending the orientation session. Courses are subject to changes, depending on the number of registered students.
Spanish level requirement	Spanish: high intermediate or advanced. Minimum B2. Spanish language certificate is required.

Grading system	A+	97.00 – 100	C	73.00 – 75.99
	A	93.00 – 96.99	C-	70.00 – 72.99
	A-	90.00 – 92.99	D+	66.00 – 69.99
	B+	86.00 – 89.99	D	63.00 – 65.99
	B	83.00 – 85.99	D-	60.00 – 62.99
	B-	80.00 – 82.99	F	0.00 – 59.99
	C+	76.00 – 79.99		
Equivalence of academic credits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One undergraduate credit in Ecuador is equivalent to 16 class hours and 32 independent study hours, a total of 48 hours. • A graduate credit is equivalent to 16 class hours and 32 independent study hours, a total of 48 hours. 			
Application requirements and procedure				
Nomination	<p>Applicant must be enrolled in a partner university. Students must be nominated by their home university (International Office or Outgoing Students Coordinator) Email: intrel@upacifico.edu.ec</p>			
Application form	<p>The nominees of our partner universities must complete the application form on our web page and send all the required documents to the International Relations Department Email: intrel@upacifico.edu.ec</p>			
Documents required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application form • Updated resume in Spanish • Official Academic Transcript issued by your home university • Two reference letters • Passport photocopy • Spanish language knowledge level certificate • List of chosen courses <p>A letter of acceptance will be sent to the International Office or Outgoing Students Coordinator of your home university.</p>			
Deadline for nomination	Spring: December 30		Fall: June 30	
Deadline for the receipt of applications and documents	For entry in spring (April – August)		For entry in fall (October – February)	
	February 28		August 30	
Application procedure for student visa	<p>Once you have received the acceptance you have to apply for your student visa at the nearest corresponding Ecuadorian Consulate.</p>			

Expenses	
	International undergraduate and graduate students participating in the exchange program are not required to pay any value to UPACIFICO if their home school has a previous agreement with Universidad del Pacífico, except for Spanish courses and study materials.
Housing information	
	The Student Services Office will provide guidance for accommodation with host families or to rent or share an apartment. Email: elisa.cisneros@upacifico.edu.ec Host family: approximately USD 16 per day. Rental of an apartment: approximately USD 400 monthly.
Insurance	
Health insurance (mandatory)	Exchange students are required to purchase an international health insurance.
Other expenses	
Food per month	Approximately USD 350
Transport	USD 100 / month on average
Personal expenses	USD 100 / month on average
Travel arrangements	
Welcome at the airport	The Student Services Director needs information in advance about travel arrangements including: airline, flight number and arrival time. Please send a message with your travel arrangements: Email: elisa.cisneros@upacifico.edu.ec Email: gonzalo.villa@upacifico.edu.ec
Useful links	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ffeiffJUdIE
Orientation	
	The Student Services Office will provide international students with information about security, banking, mobile phones and transport. A Welcome Team will help international students to settle into university and the city. Student volunteers (buddies) will be assigned, upon request, to provide peer support on academic and daily matters.