Universidad del Pacífico

Universidad del Pacífico (UP) is a private university established in 1962 by a group of Peruvian entrepreneurs supported by the Society of Jesus. It is 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.

We currently have approximately:

4500 undergraduate students
1400 in graduate programs

We are the first Peruvian university accredited by AACSB in undergraduate programs, as well as being accredited by AMBA in graduate programs.
Important: our semesters consist of 16 weeks. Out of those, 14 weeks correspond to classes; one week for the mid-terms exams and another one for final exams.

Nomination Deadline: October 29, 2021
Application Deadline: November 19, 2021
Visa Application Deadline (mandatory process): December 10, 2021
Online Enrollment: March 8, 2022
Compulsory Welcome Session: March 14, 2022
Classes: March 21 - July 2, 2022
Final Exams (dates are subject to change): July 4 - July 9, 2022

Classes are expected to be offered in a blended mode, meaning a combination of in-person, face-to-face instruction and instructor led virtual classes with mandatory synchronous attendance.

International students must be vaccinated and hold a student visa in order to participate in Spring and Fall 2022 intakes.
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 and visa application process.

**For application:**

- **Official Transcripts:** academic record
- **Photo of the passport data page**
- **Proof of vaccination:** all vaccines approved by the WHO, World Health Organization, will be accepted.
- **International health insurance certificate**
- **Proof of language proficiency** (Spanish or English)

**For visa:**

- **Flight ticket** (round-trip ticket)
- **Proof of funds:** bank statement or letter issued by the bank indicating a minimum of USD 3,500.00 (considering USD 700.00 per month of stay in Peru)
Languages of instruction

Spanish and English. Most of the courses during the semester at Universidad del Pacífico are taught in Spanish. However, we have more than 50 courses taught in English available each semester.

Language Requirements:
For courses taught in Spanish, non-native speaking students, are required to submit a certificate of proficiency in Spanish of at least B2 level. For Finance and Economics courses, the minimum level required is C1.

For courses taught in English, non-native English speaking students, are required to submit a certificate of proficiency in English of at least B2 level (Common European Framework of Reference for Languages) for undergraduate courses and C1 for graduate courses.

In both cases the certificate should not overpass two years from the date of issue.

If the student plans to take graduate level courses, it is mandatory to prove a C1 level proficiency of Spanish. It is important to consider that these courses are offered in Spanish only and these programs include weekend classes.

Intensive Spanish language courses:
For an additional fee, Elemental, 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. Students interested in these courses will be informed.
Universidad del Pacífico offers courses in the following fields: Accounting, Business Administration, Marketing, International Business, Business Engineering, Information Engineering, Economics, Finance and Law. Some courses have prerequisites that must be met before students can enroll. In order to enroll to Economics and Finance courses, the student must have a C1 proficiency level of Spanish or English.

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 will be available on our web page.

### Academic credits and grading system

A full-time study program consists of 200 to 246 credits. Most courses are worth 4 credits. Each UP credit is equivalent to 14 hours (4 hours of classes per week during 14 weeks of classes). Therefore, a 4-credit course represents 56 hours of classes during one semester.

The workload per semester averages about 16 to 20 credits. The minimum suggested workload for an exchange student is 12 credits.

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

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2. Coming to Peru: What to know

- **Housing options**
  Universidad del Pacífico does not have student dormitories. However, the International Relations Office provides information to exchange students about accommodation in student houses (private student dorms), family homes or flats for rent (apartments) in the city.

- **Visa**
  The exchange student visa is mandatory for all incoming students. In order to begin this process, the International Relations Office at Universidad del Pacífico will request important documentation detailed at the application web site and send it to The Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Peru. Once the visa is approved, students will receive a confirmation e-mail. The visa approval process usually takes between 2 to 6 weeks.

- **Health Insurance**
  It is mandatory for all incoming students to have a full coverage health insurance before arriving to Peru.

- **Estimated cost of living**
  - **Accommodation:** USD 300–400/month (shared).
  - **Books, photocopying, etc.:** around USD 100/semester.
  - **Food, transportation:** USD 300-450/month.

3. Summer Programs

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 and some courses may include a short trip.

4. Tailor Made Programs

Universidad del Pacífico offers a variety of choices for study trips in Peru to groups of students, faculty and stay. For 2 to 3 weeks participants will have the opportunity to live the local experience and 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, the programs may be organized at any time of the year to accommodate visitors’ needs.