



MÉXICO

# INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE AT UNIVA

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# Welcome to UNIVA!



The Universidad del Valle de Atemajac (UNIVA) is a University System founded over 60 years ago, that bases its philosophy in the formation of leaders with a spirit of service, committed with the social welfare and with sustainable development. UNIVA has 10 Campuses in 6 states in the central-western region of Mexico, with academic programs starting from high school to the graduate level, including Doctorate degrees.

We encourage you to live an international experience in Mexico, participating at an academic program at UNIVA, with all the personal, professional, and cultural benefits that being part of an exchange program entails.

*“UNIVA knows where it comes from, where it is going and how to achieve its goals. It is organized and defined from what it is and what it has to be”*



# Apply!

To be part of our exchange program, you have to visit the international office of your university and apply. Once you have gathered your documents, your university will nominate you to UNIVA.

All of our Campuses and Academic Departments (faculties) of UNIVA can host exchange students.



## Academic Departments (faculties):

- Administrative-Economic Sciences and International Business
- Exact Sciences and Engineering
- Communication, Languages, and Multimedia Sciences
- Health Sciences
- Social Sciences and Humanities

To be nominated, the following documents have to be included in your application and be sent to us:

- **International Exchange Application** (choose the UNIVA Campus);
- **Accommodation Application** (optional);
- **Academic transcript** (with the courses taken and about to take in your university);
- If your first language is not Spanish and you plan to take courses in this language, a **Spanish language certificate**, with a minimum level of B1;
- **Motivation letter**;
- **Copy of passport**;
- **Nomination letter** from your home university;
- **International health insurance**;

It is important that your home university sends your documents as 1 PDF file to the following contact: Sandra Hernández, Head of the International Office at UNIVA, [sandra.hernandez@univa.mx](mailto:sandra.hernandez@univa.mx)





# EXCHANGE PROGRAM MODALITIES

In addition to taking academic courses, you can also participate in one of the 4 different exchange modalities that UNIVA offers to you:

- Traditional exchange program
- Exchange + Internships
- Exchange + Research assistantship
- Exchange + Service learning

We suggest you to choose your modality at the moment of sending your application to the International Office of UNIVA.

## NOMINATION DEADLINES

As UNIVA works with 3 academic periods per year, we can host students in the following periods, bearing in mind the nomination deadlines to apply:

### Academic period

Spring (January - April)

Summer (May - August)

Fall (September - December)

### Nomination deadline

October 30 (previous year)

February 20

June 30



# COURSES DELIVERED IN ENGLISH

UNIVA offers courses in English in the 5 Academic Departments in several Campuses of UNIVA. Ask for this offer in the following email contact: [sandra.hernandez@univa.mx](mailto:sandra.hernandez@univa.mx)

## ACCOMMODATION

At UNIVA, we can offer you orientation about finding the best option of accommodation, which can be at an apartment near the campus or through the Host families program, that includes a meal plan, and represents a great opportunity to live the Mexican culture.

If interested in the Host Families program. please contact: Bertha Arias at [bertha.arias@univa.mx](mailto:bertha.arias@univa.mx)



## WELCOMING SESSION

UNIVA organizes a Welcoming Session at the beginning of each academic period for exchange students. Once you have your Admission letter, you will know the exact day of your Welcoming Session.

## BUDDY PROGRAM

The buddy program of UNIVA, known in Spanish as *Embajadores UNIVA*, is composed of UNIVA students who are in charge of providing closer orientation to exchange students regarding their life in Mexico and their stay at UNIVA.

With their mentorship, exchange students receive orientation about , local transportation, Campus services, accommodation, living expenses, cultural trips, and touristic destinations.



## UNIVA CAMPUS SYSTEM

UNIVA has **10 Campuses in Mexico**. A student can participate in an Exchange program for two periods, either in the same or different Campus:

**Jalisco:** Guadalajara,  
Lagos de Moreno,  
Puerto Vallarta.

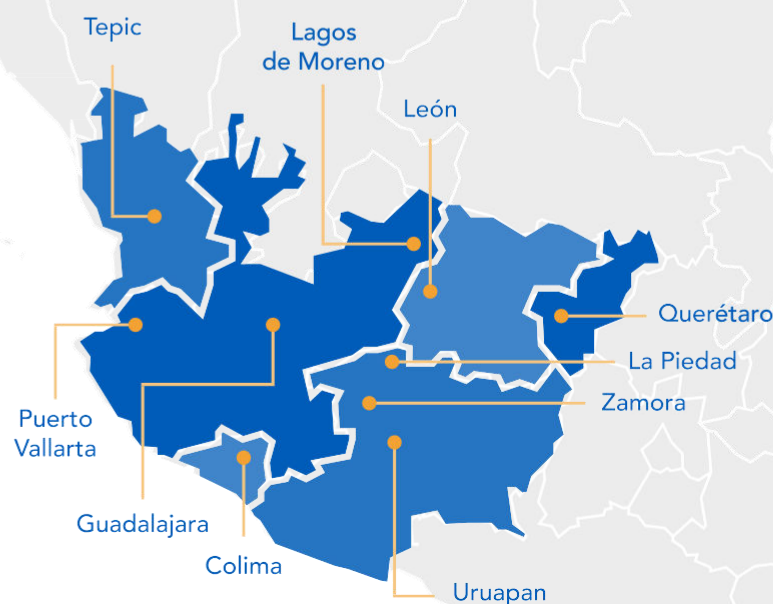
**Michoacán:** La Piedad, Zamora,  
Uruapan.

**Querétaro:** Santiago de Querétaro.

**Guanajuato:** León

**Colima:** Colima

**Nayarit:** Tepic



Each UNIVA Campus is located in cities that are rich in culture, history and traditions. Each campus holds a strong relationship with representatives from the government, business and social sectors, which allows the student to develop a stronger professional profile.





## Contact Information

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