

Eligibility	VISA	Study Period	Language of Instruction	Type of Housing	Approximate semester dates	LHU partner since	Cost of Housing & Meals
LHU and external students; Minimum GPA 2.5	Yes	Fall and/or Spring	Spanish/English	Student residential facility	Fall: Aug – Dec. Spring: Jan - May	1987	Housing, room and board paid to LHU

MEXICO

Universidad de las Americas, Puebla
www.pue.udlap.mx

The Location

The city of Puebla is located just 90 minutes south of Mexico City and is home to more than two million inhabitants. Founded in 1531, the city boasts a fascinating colonial history. Located midway between Mexico City and Veracruz, Puebla was a natural stopping point for travelers journeying to and from the capital city and the coast. Puebla is a very “señorial” city, with some of the most important examples of colonial architecture – ranging from renaissance to neoclassical baroque – in all of Mexico. Despite its size, Puebla is very much a university city that endears itself rapidly to the student coming from abroad. With no fewer than eleven universities dispersed throughout the city, Puebla maintains a university student population of over 200,000. The possibilities for interaction with university students your age are endless. Temperatures in the city range between 70-90 degrees throughout the year.

The University

Founded fifty years ago, the Universidad de las Américas (UDLA) is a beautiful residential campus located five minutes away from the city of Puebla. Students will find that the layout of the campus is quite similar to that of an American college campus, with university residences located in close proximity to classes, a first class library, computer facilities and recreation areas which include an Olympic-size swimming pool. The university offers undergraduate and post-graduate degrees in 36 areas of specialization. It maintains exchange linkages with universities in Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Chile, England, France, Germany, Holland, Hungary, Switzerland, and the United States.

Academics

The UDLA exchange program is open to students from beginning level through advanced level Spanish. Students are tested for Spanish proficiency upon arrival at UDLA and placed in their corresponding levels of Spanish language instruction. Undergraduate students must take a minimum of 4 courses (24units) per semester. The maximum number of courses that a student can take depends on the agreement between LHU and UDLA. At the undergraduate level, most courses equal 6 units, which include 3 hours of class per week for the duration of the 16-week semester.

Basic Spanish A or B	48 semester hours
Intermediate Spanish A and B	48 semester hours
Advanced Level Spanish	48 semester hours
Superior Level Spanish	48 semester hours
Mexican Literature	48 semester hours
Business Spanish	48 semester hours

Basic and Intermediate language level students are required to enroll in Mexican Literature. Advanced and Superior language level students can complete their course schedules by choosing a minimum of two of the four content courses listed above. All students must have a minimum load of 44 semester hours to maintain full-time student status. Keep in mind that all of the courses will count towards the International Studies minor at LHU.

Housing

Students pay Lock Haven University room and board while in Mexico and reside in modern, comfortable student residences located on campus. Students live in suites, which consist of four rooms, a common living room, kitchen facilities, and a bathroom. All meals may be taken in the university dining hall.

Air Travel – students are responsible for making their own travel arrangements. Please see the international office for assistance. See travel assistance guidelines for details.

Tuition - LHU students continue to pay LHU tuition and fees while attending the UDLA. Students are billed for tuition and fees plus an additional \$150 International Service Fee. Keep in mind that all financial aid can apply toward your study in Mexico since you are participating in an LHU sponsored program. Students do not pay any tuition or fees in Mexico. Please note, however, that it will be necessary to pay for activities such as athletic club memberships, if you wish to utilize those services.

Non-LHU students are billed LHU tuition and fees and a \$150 International Service Fee.

Calendar

Fall semester classes begin in early August and end just prior to the winter break. Spring semester classes begin in early January and run through the third week in May.

Health Insurance

All students are required to maintain a health insurance policy that will provide coverage while abroad. Information on international health insurance providers can be obtained from the Center for Global Engagement. You may find that your present health insurance policy includes overseas coverage. It is important, however, that your carrier provide written verification of such coverage.

So, how do I get started?

Simply come by the Center for Global Engagement to pick up an application form.

Remember! Applications are due March 1 for the fall term and October 1 for the spring term.

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