



FACT SHEET

For foreign students who wish to attend courses at El Colegio de México for 1 or 2 semesters

UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

Name: El Colegio de México, A. C. (Colmex)

 Mexico City, México

 www.colmex.mx

El Colegio de México is an outstanding social science and humanities research and teaching institute and has received numerous awards since its inception in 1940. The institution operates as a small public university and research center with a highly specialized faculty, an excellent academic library and a program of high level seminars and conferences on cutting edge issues of the contemporary world as well as in many academic disciplines.

In order to fulfill its aims, El Colegio de México carries out research and teaching in various areas of specialization. Its seven academic centers offer degrees in the following fields: Masters and Doctoral degrees in History, Sociology, Economics, Political Science, Linguistics, Literature, Asian and African Studies, Urban Studies, Demography and Environmental Studies, a Master Program in Gender Studies, and undergraduate degrees in International Relations, Public Administration and Economics. Other specialized courses are also regularly offered, including a series of wide-ranging and popular summer courses.



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ACADEMIC INFORMATION



Requirements and application process

It is mandatory that students register in a specific program at any [Center of Studies](#) that corresponds with their field and level of studies. You might find a detailed description of our academic programs at [Bachelor](#), [Master](#), and [PhD](#) levels.

For more information on the requirements and application process click [here](#).

Note: Once the documents that constitute the student's file are sent, the Board of Professors of the corresponding Center of Studies will review the application. *The decision on the student's admission depends exclusively on the Board of Professors, the Academic Exchange Office (OIA) takes no part in the decision making.* The acceptance/rejection letter will be issued two months after turning in the documents, at the latest.



Academic calendar

The academic year has two terms:

- From January to June
- From August to December

Each term lasts 16 weeks plus two extra weeks for examinations. At the beginning of every term there is an Orientation Meeting that every foreign student must attend.

The academic calendar can be looked up at: <https://www.colmex.mx/es/calendario-escolar>



Suggested workload

Due to the workload each subject requires, it is recommended not to attend more than 4 classes per term. At least 3 classes should be taken at the Center of enrollment.



First appointment

The Academic Exchange Office is the first office to stop by (preferably by appointment). A staff member will register the arrival of the students, show them the facilities and explain how to process their student card at the Office of Academic Affairs. Lastly, it will introduce them to their corresponding Center of Studies.



Grading system

The grading system is based on a scale from 0 to 10, in which 6 is the minimum grade to pass. Nevertheless, in order to be accepted and to apply for a second term, the minimum grade required is 8 or its equivalent.



Nomination deadlines

January - June term: **October 1st**
August - December term: **May 1st**

Note: The home institution can make the nomination at any time. However, it is recommended to do it at least one month before the application deadline so the nominee has enough time to gather all the documents requested.



Academic programs and course options

<http://sie.colmex.mx/UI/Public/Cursos/Consulta.aspx>

Note: Due to the reduced number of students enrolled in our programs, not all the courses are available every semester. Exchange students must ask in their affiliated Center of Studies what courses are offered.



Language of instruction

Spanish. Students are required to present a language certificate with a minimum of C1 level (DELE) or equivalent. An official certificate of the home University is also valid, only when proper stamp and signature are included.

Note: It only applies for those whose mother tongue is not Spanish.



Introduction week and enrollment process

Enrollment to classes is carried out during the first week of the semester. In this week, students may attend the classes they are interested in, and knowingly choose the ones they will finally enroll in. At the end of the week students must notify their preferred subjects to their Center of affiliation for their final approval.



PRACTICAL INFORMATION FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS



Visa

If the student stays in Mexico for less than 180 days, there is no need to process a student visa. He/she will stay as a tourist. For more information, students should visit in person the closest Mexican Consulate. Please, note that some countries do need a tourist visa to enter the country as specified by the government:

<https://www.gob.mx/cms/uploads/attachment/file/8932/visasordinarios.pdf>

If the student stays for more than 180 days, it is mandatory to apply for a student visa.

On the first appointment, the student must submit to the Office of Academic Exchange: a copy of the migration form given at the port of entry in Mexico and/or the student visa, and a copy of the passport (data page).

Note: The student visa is only processed in Mexican Consulates abroad. *It will not be possible to request it once you are in Mexico.*



Health insurance

Every student must file at the Office of Academic Exchange, two copies of his/her health insurance policy during his/her first appointment. If the original document is in Spanish, English or French, no translation is needed. If it is in any other language, an unofficial translation of the basic information (name of the student, name of the insurance company, policy number, and coverage) must be attached.

It is possible to acquire health insurance through El Colegio de México (in general, at a higher cost compared with a commercial health insurance). If a student is interested, please ask for more information at the Office of Academic Exchange.



Further information

<https://oia.colmex.mx/index.php/estudiantes-de-intercambio/el-abc-de-los-estudiantes-de-intercambio>



Accommodation

El Colegio de México does not offer an accommodation service for exchange students, although the Academic Exchange Office may be able to advise and provide students with general information regarding rent of rooms and apartments for students in nearby areas.

There are also some public websites where foreigners that live temporarily in Mexico City may find accommodation. Some of them are:

www.compartodepa.com.mx

www.dadaroom.com

www.airbnb.com

Please notice we are unaware of both the quality and safety of the options available, and we are not responsible for the contractual agreements or the experiences that students might have.

