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Above 12,000 students

(all levels, programs & campi)















Academic Programs

Areas of Knowledge: 5 Academic Schools with more than 90 programs

- 1. International Business, Management and Finance
- 2. Health Sciences
- 3. Engineering 4. Communication, Languages and Multimedia
- 5. Social Sciences and Humanities

International reach out

- International & national exchange mobility
- International & national virtual exchange
- Customized programs
- Service learning programs
- Summer mobility for Faculty Staff
- COIL programs
- Research assistantships in Mexico
- Internships in Mexico
- Faculty Led programs
- Spanish language & Mexican Culture

Our Main Research Areas

- Sustainable development and renewable energy
- Management of change, social entrepreneurship, and organizational change
- Health and quality of life
- Education
- Community development and social challenges
- Theology, human being and transcendence
- Neuroeconomics

International Dimension

Being the largest University of the Catholic Church in Mexico, UNIVA has been developing for the last 25 years its own philosophy of Internationalization, inspired in the « Comprehensive Internationalization » model developed in the United States, and the principles of the Apostolic Constitution « Ex Corde Ecclessiae » , published in 1990 by Pope St. John Paul II, that was devoted to Catholic Universities.

The University holds more than 100 international agreements with partners in North America, Europe, Latin America and Asia. It is a proud member of several international networks such as NAFSA (United States), UMAP (Asia & Pacific), OUI/IOHE (Canada & the Americas), Pacific Alliance (Latin America), IFCU (World Catholic Universities), ODUCAL American Catholic Universities) and DELFIN Research). (Under-graduate UNIVA coordinates the International Network of Catholic Universities in Latin America and The Caribbean.

Every year, UNIVA welcomes students from the Americas and Europe in short term programs, taking place mainly during the summer, as well as international students on exchange mobility programs. The University also runs a very successful program for visiting professors from partner institutions, which takes place in the summer, and a collaborative program inspired on the COIL Methodology.

UNIVA is strongly committed to collaboration with partner institutions in Mexico. We are a proud member of, and coordinate the Jalisco Consortium of Internationalization of Higher Education and its mobility platform in Guadalajara for Mexican and international students. The University is also an active member of FIMPES, ANUIES and the Mexican Academy of Science's mobility programs in Mexico.

Main Campus: Guadalajara, Jalisco

Other Campi: Puerto Vallarta, Lagos de Moreno (Jalisco); La Piedad, Zamora (Michoacán); León (Guanajuato); Queretaro (Queretaro); Colima (Colima); Online.



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