Exchange Scheme with the Universidad de las Américas Puebla

Where is UDLAP? - Founded in 1940 - UDLAP is considered to be one of the most prestigious universities in Latin America. Situated in San Andrés Cholula, near Puebla and around 120km southeast of Mexico City, the university has a relatively small student population of 8000 undergraduates.

Who can go?

- Two places will be made available to York undergraduate students in 2017/18. Priority will be given to Language and Linguistic Science students.
- **Students will be required to be proficient in Spanish for this exchange.**
- This will replace your 2nd year of study at York (or the 2nd/3rd year of study if you’re on a 4 year programme) for integrated programmes. Please speak to your department about the availability of extended degrees that allow you to take an additional year to study abroad.
- Please consult the opportunities by department webpage to see if your subject is eligible for exchange. [https://www.york.ac.uk/students/study-abroad/opportunities/](https://www.york.ac.uk/students/study-abroad/opportunities/)

Courses

- Students will be expected to take **60 credits** during their year at UDLAP (i.e. 30 credits per semester). All 60 credits should be taken in the student’s degree subject in order to achieve the equivalent of 120 York credits.
- Students are expected to take the majority of their classes in their school; no departmental restrictions.
- The course catalogue serves as a **general guide** to the courses available. However, not all courses may be available in each semester and some may be restricted. Course listings for exchange students are released one month before classes start.

How will my marks be assessed/converted?

- Grade Conversion Tables for each institution will be made available to successful applicants.
- **Please ensure that you are fully aware of how your grades will be converted on your return to York.**
  Students on additional years will have different arrangements to those on integrated study.

Costs

1) **Tuition Fees**: Students will pay no tuition fees to UDLAP and in 2016/17 their University of York fees were reduced to 15% of the full academic fee.
2) **Visas**: Students who are studying for **more than six months** must apply for a Temporary Resident Student Visa (FM3)
3) **Medical insurance and waiver**: Medical insurance is mandatory and must meet all the international coverage requirements (including repatriation and emergency evacuation). Students must provide a copy of their medical
insurance policy to the International Affairs Office at UDLAP to complete their registration process:
http://www.udlap.mx/international/exchange-students.aspx

5) **Additional costs to consider:** flights, accommodation, travel insurance and visas (see below), living costs (food, books, money for additional travel/activities)

**Visa**

Students will need to apply for a Temporary Resident Student Visa (FM3) if they are studying for more than six months. This is a single entry Visa and will allow the applicants to enter to the country to exchange it for a Temporary Resident Student Card within 30 days upon their arrival at the nearest migration office (INM). The charge to convert the Visa to a Student Card is $3,519 or approx. £139.18 (2015). The temporary resident student card will be valid for one year and multiple entries. This costs approximately US$120.

**Where will I live?**

On-Campus Housing is available. Students need to apply as soon as they receive the confirmation of admission. UDLAP has 4 residential colleges, 3 on campus and one off campus.

Costs (in pesos) for on-campus housing are as follows:
- Shared Dorm: $19,100
- Single Dorm: $22,650
- Single-Plus Dorm: $28,600

For more information, visit http://www.udlap.mx/colegios/

**Contact details at UDLAP** - Your main point of contact at UDLAP will be Incoming Coordinator - Francisco Guillermo Figueroa Cancino. Email incoming.udlap@udlap.mx

**Useful web links:**

Main UDLAP site: http://www.udlap.mx/inicio.aspx
UDLAP International Office: http://udlap.mx/internacional/intro/
Application instructions: http://www.udlap.mx/international/exchange-students.aspx
Third Year Abroad : http://www.thirdyearabroad.com/
FCO advice: https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/mexico

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