About Tecnologico de Monterrey (Tec), Mexico

Exchange information

SEMESTERS AVAILABLE  Fall  Spring  Academic Year  X Summer

LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION: Spanish is the official language, but many business courses are taught in English.

GPA REQUIREMENT: 2.75

Overview

Through an agreement between the Tecnologico de Monterrey (TEC), and the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (CALS) at Cornell University, CALS undergraduate students may apply to enroll directly at TEC for a semester or a year. Students study alongside TEC students and are eligible to participate in the many activities sponsored by TEC and its student body.

This exchange program is open to undergraduate CALS students of sophomore or higher standing, and is awarded on first-come, first-serve basis. CALS students pay their current Cornell tuition with no additional fees. Housing, food, visa, travel, health insurance, books, and other personal expenses are paid separately.

How to apply

You will apply to the exchange after meeting with the CALS study abroad and exchange advisor in 140 Roberts Hall. All application materials will be returned to CALS--not to the university directly.

Monterrey

The Tecnológico de Monterrey Campus Estado de México is located in the municipality of Atizapan, 35 kilometers away from Mexico's City International Airport. The State of México brings you the chance to live close to one of the biggest cities in the world, but with less hassle.

Monterrey is the third largest city in Mexico. Thanks to the high level of quality tourist services it offers, it is considered a world-class destination. Even with its large population, Monterrey is considered one of the safest cities in Mexico. It is home to the large number of schools, institutes, universities, technical, and higher education centers per capita in the country. Thousands of foreign students live in Monterrey making this city full of life and diversity.

Monterrey's downtown area is only a 5-minute drive from TEC. There you will find magnificent plazas and gardens, which are highlighted by a pedestrian mall to the west and the Old Town to the east.

Monterrey’s beautiful surroundings set the stage for nature lovers who enjoy exciting ecotourism and travel adventures. There are many choices for those who want to see some of Mexico’s stunning norther deserts and mountains.

TEC facts

To learn more about the University, go here (Spanish) or here (English).

For information specifically for international students, go here.

Enrollment: 18,400 full-time students
Programs: 39 undergraduate
Internationalization: 1,821 international students on the Monterrey Campus from Europe, Asia, Africa, Central America, South America, and North America.

10 reasons to study at Tecnologico de Monterrey
1. Attend an institution known for its academic excellence.
2. Take advantage of state-of-the-art facilities.
3. Experience an active student life.
4. Enjoy a campus that's just the right size.
5. Make friends with students from Mexico and Latin America.
6. Program diversity - not just a technology university.
7. Mexico and Monterrey are places with great potential.
8. Feel secure in a friendly and safe environment.
9. Choose from an extensive academic offering for international students.
10. Personalized attention and services explicitly for international students.

Course selection

You may select from any of the following programs:

- Spanish as a Second Language, Mexican Business and Culture
- Certificate Programs
- Internship program and research projects
- Volunteer social work
- Regular University courses taught in English
- Regular University courses taught in Spanish

Academic calendar

For the academic calendar, click here

Housing

There are three housing options available to you at the Monterrey campus:

1. Residence Hall: 16 residence halls, none of which are co-ed. Seven halls are on campus, and nine are off campus, only a few blocks away. The buildings vary slightly in their amenities. www.mty.itesm.mx/dae/dr
2. Live with a host family: If you're looking for an opportunity to experience Mexican culture around-the-clock and become fluent in Spanish, you should strongly consider living with a host family! The fee for living with a host family includes a room you share with another international student; three meals per day; housekeeping; laundry facilities; and utilities. Your meals are provided and prepared by your host family Mondays through Saturdays; on Sundays you're on your own.
3. Live off campus: If you are on a limited budget you may find living off campus a cheaper option depending on the facilities offers, the proximity to campus, and the number of students sharing the costs. Keep in mind that TEC staff do not intervene if any problems arise with your landlord.

Student visa

The International Programs Office at TEC is there to help you solve any concerns about immigration. As an international student, you will need to bring the following documents with you to Mexico:

- A valid passport
- A student visa (speak with the exchange office, as some students arrive in Mexico on a tourist visa, and TEC helps the student get a student visa)
- Proof of financial support, such as credit or debit card statements

Employment

Coming soon!

Health insurance

Coming soon!
Getting to TEC

Arriving by plane
Coming soon!

Orientation "Welcome Days"
Coming soon!

Student Life

Whether studying, participating in sporting events, attending art workshops, or just going for a fun walk, most of the students at TEC spend their time on campus.

Since more than 60% of the students on campus come from other states in Mexico, Central and South America, the campus is the ideal place for getting to know people from all over.

Each semester, students play an active role in the planning of symposiums, congresses, political debates, plays, and/or community events. As an international student you are invited to participate in any of the activities of your choice.

More on student life can be found here.

Sample budget

Go here for expenses outlined by TEC.

Financial aid

If you are currently receiving financial aid, your package will be adjusted based on your determined level of need and the projected costs for your exchange program.