Tecnológico de Monterrey

STUDY IN MEXICO

EXCHANGE STUDENT FACTSHEET

All you need to know to choose Tec de Monterrey

2026
2027
Academic Periods

Ready for an adventure?

Discover everything you need to know about Tec de Monterrey and why Mexico is a great choice for your exchange experience.

In this factsheet, you'll find information about academic options, the application process, migration requirements, our campuses, academic load and credits, and more for the 2026–2027 academic terms.

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About Tec de Monterrey

Tecnológico de Monterrey is Mexico's top private university*, known for its high academic standards and state of the art facilities.
At Tec de Monterrey, you'll find a welcoming environment for international students, along with a wide range of academic and extracurricular options to fit your interests and goals.

25
Campuses
All over Mexico

With 5 international campuses that can host international students.

- Ciudad de México
- Guadalajara
- Querétaro
- Monterrey
- Santa Fe (West of Mexico City)

47
Disciplines in 6 faculties

- Architecture, Arts and Design
- Business
- Engineering and Sciences
- Humanities and Education
- Medicine and Health Sciences
- Social Sciences and Government

80+
of all kind of extracurricular activities

Gym and outdoor facilities, along with all kinds of extracurricular activities.

- Sport classes
- Varsity teams
- Cultural and art classes

*QS Rankings 2026

Find your campus!

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International Campuses

All international campuses are designed to foster the ideal environment that encourages intensive academic activity, research, and recreation.

Campus Monterrey

Located in a city where modern urban life meets stunning natural landscapes.

Campus Querétaro

Located in the heart of the country, this beautiful colonial city boasts modern infrastructure.

Campus Guadalajara

Located in a cultural hub, home to emblematic Mexican traditions.

Campus Ciudad de México & Campus Santa Fe

Located in the capital city, a creative, cultural, and vibrant metropolis.

Each campus offers a unique setting, but all provide the same high-quality academic and extracurricular experience.

Choosing a Campus

Selecting the right campus for your exchange can shape your entire experience. Here are four key tips to help you make the best decision:

Academic options and preliminary course catalog

Make sure the program and courses you need are available at your chosen campus.
Preliminary Course Catalog

Match the city to your lifestyle

Whether you enjoy vibrant city life, cultural attractions, or nature, each city has its own unique personality.

Accommodation options

Consider your housing preferences and which campus offers options that best suit your needs.

Cost of living depending of the city

The cost of living may vary slightly from city to city. We recommend checking the differences using this Cost of Living Calculator.

Academic Offer

Semesters
17 weeks long

Regular Undergraduate Courses

Combine courses from different academic fields. There are options taught in English and Spanish.

More information

Spanish as a Second Language and Mexican Culture

Language and culturally oriented courses to learn to speak Spanish and obtain knowledge about Mexico and Latin America.

More information

Focus Programs
Taught only in English

A package of courses offered in English, **worth 18 credits**, consisting of: Cultural courses + Spanish as a second language + Courses related to a specific academic areas and topics.

More information

Concentrations (Specializations)

An **18-credit academic specialization** in a certain discipline that can be completed in one semester.
Upon completion gain a diploma of recognition (if your final grade is 85 or higher).

More information

Undergraduate Research Projects

Research projects advised by research specialists in any of our many research groups. Each project offers academic credits.

More information

Internships

Work with a local partner companies or organizations. Available for various areas of specialization. *Only at Campus Querétaro.*

More information

Check our preliminary course catalog for the semester periods here: **Course Catalog**

Short Term Programs
4 weeks long

iSummerMX Programs

Itinerant programs where you'll **visit several campuses in different cities** traveling and learning about multiple regions of Mexico. There are four programs to choose from:

- Beyond Borders
- Developing Economics in Motion
- Global Business
- Mexican Cultural Heritage and Social Challenges

More information

Spanish as a Second Language &
Mexican Culture / Business in Mexico

Learn Spanish in Mexico (at beginner, intermediate, or advanced levels) and enrich your experience by choosing to explore **Mexican culture** in depth (at a Campus Querétaro) or learn about **doing business in Mexico** (at Campus Monterrey).

More information

Language Requirements

Courses taught in Spanish

If you who want to register **courses taught in Spanish**, and your mother language is not Spanish, you must have an **Advanced level of Spanish (B1 MCER / CEFR)**. *A Spanish Placement Test will be provided before the selection of courses.*

Courses taught in English

If you who want to register **courses taught in English**, and your mother language is not English, must have an A**dvance level of English (B1 or equivalent)**.*Proof of Language Proficiency will be required before the selection of courses.*

Check our list of **authorized proof of English language proficiency**.

Credits and Classes

Tec de Monterrey uses a **challenge-based learning model** which develops competencies that will enable student to face up the opportunities and challenges of the 21st century creatively and strategically.

Academic credit and equivalences

1 Tec Credit » **1.67 ECTS** » **1 USA Credit**

1 Tec Credit
15h class hours + 5 supervised activity hours + 20 self-study hours

The maximum number of credits per term	Semester Periods Spring | Fall **18 credits**	Short Term Programs Winter | Summer **6 credits**

Facts About Classes at Tec de Monterrey

- Each course provides different amounts of credits.
- Class size averages 30 students.
- Homework and projects are assigned regularly. Part of the assignments and projects includes teamwork.
- Minimum passing grade of 70/100.
- Attendance to classes is essential.
- The evaluation of the courses is comprehensive, so recurring absences from classes can have an impact on your final grade, with the risk of failing the course.
- During class work and participation are done, which are part of the final grade.

How to Choose a Course

Preliminary Course Catalog

Preliminary course catalog

In the preliminary course catalog, you'll find a **list of courses that may be available during upcoming semesters**.
It also includes information on courses offered in previous terms.

You can filter the course list by language of instruction (English or Spanish), campus, school, and department. **If you need more detailed information about a specific course, you can view its syllabus.**

Understanding the courses

Tec de Monterrey courses' code contains bits of information, such as the course level and the area of study. This information is particularly relevant for your **learning agreement and course selection**. Here's an example of how to read a course code:

Course code	Course name
MT 1 001 B	**Marketing Insight Develop Strategies**

- **The letters (at the beginning of the code)** specify to which area of knowledge the course belongs (For example: MT is for Marketing).
- **The numbers*** indicate the semester in which our TEC students register the course, for example:
  - Code that **contains 1000** are **first level courses** offered during the first semesters of a bachelor (Semesters 1 to 3).
  - Code that **contains 2000** are **intermediate or advanced leve courses** offered during the middle of a bachelor (Semesters 3 to 6).
  - Code that **contains 3000** are **advanced leve courses** offered during the last semester of a bachelor (Semesters 6 to 8).
- **The letter at the end** of some courses stands for a **block or a concentration** (B for blocks, C for Concentrations).

***Note.** A Tec de Monterrey bachelor is usually 8 to 9 semesters long.

Classes and Schedule

How a Tec semester schedule can look like

Usually Tec de Monterrey semesters are composed by courses, blocks and Tec Weeks, and is divided into 3 cycles that last 5 weeks each.

- **Courses** are like a traditional course, and that can last 5, 10, or 15 weeks depending on the subject and credits.
- **Blocks** are courses that contain challenges connected to reality and theoretical modules. You can only participate in one block per period.
- **TEC Weeks** are weeks between cycles where you can participate in an activity or experience designed to develop different skills. ***Tec Weeks are not mandatory for international students.***

In the case of a **Concentration,** this specialization is equivalent to several blocks and courses that runs through the whole semester.

Formative Units	CYCLE 1 *Weeks 1–5*	TEC WEEK *6*	CYCLE 2 *Weeks 7–11*	TEC WEEK *12*	CYCLE 3 *Weeks 13–17*	TEC WEEK *18*	Credits
Course 1 (5 weeks)							1
Course 2 (10 weeks)							2
Course 3 (15 weeks)							3
Course 4 (15 weeks)							3
Block 1 (5 weeks)							3
Block 2 (5 weeks)							3
Block 3 (5 weeks)							3
Concentration (17 weeks)							18

Important Dates 2026

Semester

Activity	Spring Semester 2026 (February-June)	Fall Semester 2026 (August-December)
Application system opens	January 27, 2025	August 11, 2025
Research projects deadline	October 24, 2025	April 22, 2026
Nomination deadline	November 21, 2025	May 29, 2026
Application deadline	November 28, 2025	June 5, 2026
Recommended arrival day	February 1, 2026	August 2, 2026
Orientation	February 3-6, 2026	August 3-7, 2026
Classes begin	February 9, 2026	August 10, 2026
Classes end	June 12, 2026	December 4, 2026

Short Term

Activity	Spanish & Culture or Business (January - February)	Spanish & Culture or Business (June-July)	iSummer Programs (June-July)
Application system opens	January 27, 2025	August 11, 2025	August 11, 2025
Nomination deadline	November 21, 2025	May 15, 2026	May 15, 2026
Application deadline	November 28, 2025	May 22, 2026	May 22, 2026
Recommended arrival day	January 5, 2026	June 24, 2026	June 28, 2026
Orientation	January 6, 2026	June 25-26, 2026	June 29, 2026
Classes begin	January 6, 2026	June 29, 2026	June 29, 2026
Classes end	January 30, 2026	July 24, 2026	July 25, 2026*

***Note.** Classes for the iSummer programs conclude on Friday, July 24, 2026; however, the program's accommodation check out is on Saturday, July 25, 2026.

Important Dates 2027

Planning ahead?

If you're already thinking about your exchange in 2027, here's a preview of what the academic calendar will look like. Although applications aren't open yet, this overview can help you plan ahead. Please note that dates are subject to slight changes.

Semester

Activity	Spring Semester 2027 (February-June)	Fall Semester 2027 (August-December)
Application system opens	August, 2026	January, 2027
Research projects deadline	October 21, 2026	April 21, 2027
Nomination deadline	November 13, 2026	May 21, 2027
Application deadline	November 20, 2026	May 28, 2027
Recommended arrival day	January 31, 2027	August 1, 2027
Orientation	February 2-5, 2027	August 2-6, 2027
Classes begin	February 8, 2027	August 9, 2027
Classes end	June 11, 2027	December 3, 2027

Short Term

Activity	Spanish & Culture or Business (January - February)	Spanish & Culture or Business / iSummer (June-July)
Application system opens	August 2026	January 2027
Nomination deadline	October 30, 2026	May 7, 2027
Application deadline	November 6, 2026	May 14, 2027
Recommended arrival day	January 3, 2027	June 27, 2027
Orientation	January 5, 2027	June 28, 2027
Classes begin	January 5, 2027	June 28, 2027
Classes end	January 30, 2027	July 23, 2027

Accommodation

Tec de Monterrey offers different housing alternatives to fulfill and adapt to any needs, budget, and expectations.

Residence Halls

With different types of buildings and amenities, all the options are equipped to satisfy the housing needs of students. They have 24/7 security, and the facilities include lobby with TV, cinema and communal kitchen inside the dorms.

Option available at campus: Guadalajara, Monterrey, and Querétaro.

Host Family

Different families are ready to open their home and hearts with the well-known Mexican warmth and hospitality. Includes 3 meals per day and basic services.

Option available at campus: Ciudad de México, Guadalajara, Monterrey, and Querétaro.

Independent Housing

You can find a variety of houses, apartments, and rooms in student houses around the campuses.

Option available at campus: Ciudad de México, Guadalajara, Monterrey, Querétaro, and Santa Fe.

Living Costs

Get an estimate of the budget you'll need during your stay in Mexico.
Keep in mind that the cost of living can vary slightly from city to city, so we recommend using this **Cost of Living Calculator** to compare different locations.

	Semesters	Short Term
Accommodation		
Residence Halls	$1,800 - $3,600 USD	$390 - $700 USD
Host Family	$2,260 - $2,400 USD	$450 - $490 USD
Independent Housing	$1,400 - $3,200 USD	$280 - $600 USD
Other living expenses		
Meals*	$1,200 - $1,600 USD	$220 - $320 USD
Personal expenses	$750 - $950 USD	$180 - $300 USD
International insurance	$330 - $390 USD	$140 - $260 USD

**Students living with a host family will get 3 meals a day as part of the program.*

Notes. Costs are approximate and expressed in USD for informational purposes only. All payments should be made in Mexican pesos (MXN), except for the iSummerMX program fees, which should be paid in USD.

iSummerMX 2026

$2,450 USD

Program cost for students nominated by a partner university

The cost of the program includes:

- Tuition*
- Accommodation
- Transportation for all program activities, including pick up on official arrival day and transfer from city to city.
- Breakfast six days of the week.
- Tickets to all visits and events of the program.
- Student arrival kit
- Health Insurance

**The cost of the program already reflects the tuition waiver for exchange students.*

Health Insurance Policy

Safety first

One of Tec de Monterrey main concerns is the health and safety of all our community; therefore, it is **MANDATORY** for all international students to **be covered by an international health insurance plan.**

Minimum coverage required

Concept	Minimum amount
Medical expenses in case of sickness/accident	$210,000 USD
Medical evacuation in case of sickness/accident	$210,000 USD
Repatriation of remains	$50,000 USD
Travel expenses for a companion	$4,000 USD
Civil responsibility for third-party liability	$100,000 USD
Injuries caused by the amateur practice of a high-risk sport	Included
Injuries caused by a weapon in case of assault or robbery	Included
Guarantee of direct payment	Included

Note. After admission and prior to their arrival in Mexico, you will be required to provide proof of coverage that includes the above minimums.

In case you don't have a health insurance and are looking for a recommendation, we suggest the one offered by **CHUBB** since it is a Tec de Monterrey institutional provider for international traveling. For more information visit: https://intercambiostec.bluassistance.com/asegura

Application Process

1. Get Nominated
(By your home university)

Contact your study abroad advisor at your university and **inform them of your interest in doing an exchange at Tec de Monterrey**.
Note. Let them know about the campus and program of your interest, so they can choose those options on your nomination.

2.Complete the Application Form
(After getting nominated)

Once you have been nominated to Tec de Monterrey, you will receive an email with a personal link to fill out the **Application for admission**. You must complete the following steps:

1. Create a username and password
2. Log in and complete the required information in the online application
3. Upload a copy of your current passport.
    - The passport must be in a single file and the information must be legible.
    - Your passport must be valid when you apply and until 7 days minimum after you finish your exchange.

Note.

- If any detail of your application requires additional review, we will contact you.
- If you are applying to a particular program, such as double degree, medical clerkships, etc. other documents and/or interviews may be required.

Traveling to Mexico

Visa

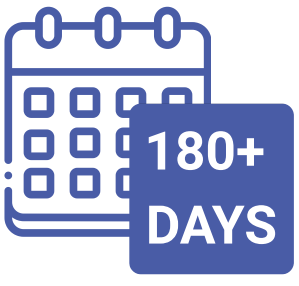
The visa required to study in Mexico is defined by the nationality and the time of stay in Mexico.

Non-restricted nationalities

Require an FMM (migratory form obtained upon entry to the country), and do not need a student visa if the stay is for 180 days or less (a semester or summer/winter terms).

Non-restricted nationalities

Require a visa that must be issued at any Mexican consulate or embassy, regardless of the time of stay. To review the list of restricted nationalities, visit: Mexican Immigration Institute website



Staying for more than 180 days?

Any student staying for more than 180 days (for more than one semesters), regardless of the nationality, will require a visa issued at any Mexican consulate before arriving to Mexico.

Contact Us

Still have questions? Let us help you!

Each international campus has a dedicated team ready to support you. Whether you're curious about housing, academic programs, or city life, feel free to reach out.

Campus	Advisor
Ciudad de México	**Mariela Muñoz** mariela.munoz@tec.mx
Guadalajara	**María Alonso** maria.alonsoji@tec.mx
Monterrey	**Carolyna Alcántara** carolyna@tec.mx
Querétaro	**Sofía García** sofia.gn@tec.mx
Santa Fe	**Montserrat Niño** montserrat.nino@tec.mx
Other Academic levels/schools	**Advisor**
Medicine and health School	**Leonora Herrera** leonoraherrera@tec.mx
Postgraduate in Engineering	**Julieta López** julieta.lopez@tec.mx
EGADE School of Business (for postgraduates)	**Rodrigo Osuna** rodrigo.osuna@tec.mx

Still unsure about the campus to choose?

If you haven't decided yet and still have questions, you can contact us at studyinmexico@itesm.mx for general information.

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