The Tecnológico de Monterrey is a Mexican private educational institution that was founded in 1943 by a group of entrepreneurs led by Eugenio Garza Sada. At the present time it has 31 campuses distributed throughout 24 cities in the country as well as academic centers in Mexico and other Latin American countries; it also has several international offices in North America, Europe and Asia.

Through its Virtual University it is present all over the world, by means of learning networks and advanced information technologies.

The mission of Tecnológico de Monterrey is to form persons with integrity, ethical standards and a humanistic outlook, who are internationally competitive in their professional fields; at the same time, they will be good citizens committed to the economic, political, social and cultural development of their community and to the sustainable use of natural resources.
Accreditations

The academic programs of the Tecnológico de Monterrey are nationally and internationally accredited by several organizations such as:

• SACS - Southern Association of Colleges and Schools in the United States
• AACSB International - Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business
• ABET - Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology
• IFT - Institute of Food Technologists (IFT)
• CLAEP - Latin American Council for the Accreditation of Journalism Education
• EQUIS - The European Quality Improvement System
• COPAES - Council for the Accreditation of Higher Education

It is important to mention that according to the Mexican Index of Corporate Responsibility in 2006, the Tecnológico de Monterrey is the institution with the largest and best corporate reputation in Mexico (it rated 0.92 of a total of 1 possible). It’s the only Latin-American University to be a part of the European Consortium of Innovative Universities.

Guadalajara  The Pearl of the West

“The Pearl of the West” is the affectionate name that the local residents have for Mexico’s second largest city: Guadalajara. Founded in 1542 and with an estimated population of over 5 million people, Guadalajara is the capital of the State of Jalisco and source of some of the best known Mexican exports: pottery, handcrafted wood furniture, tequila, and mariachi music, among others.

Many local and regional customs and traditions have become national symbols. Mariachi music, tequila, charreadas (Mexican rodeo), broad-brimmed hats, and its regional cuisine are but a few of them.

Guadalajara offers its visitors a vibrant culture, interesting museums, exciting nightlife, great food and a pleasant weather. It is a city with a great balance between tradition and modern lifestyle.
Due to its privileged location, major touristic attractions may be easily reached by bus. For instance:
- Tapalpa and Mazamitla (Mountain towns)
- Chapala Lake (The largest lake in Mexico)
- San Miguel de Allende, Guanajuato, Morelia and Mexico City (Colonial cities)
- Manzanillo, Puerto Vallarta and others beaches in the Pacific Ocean coastline

Guadalajara is known for its mild climate and its metropolitan area is famous for the wide diversity of its productive sector: electronics, furniture, shoes, food and beverage, auto parts, agro industry, chemical and pharmaceutical, and arts and crafts. Important industrial parks have opened in the last years where several significant international firms are already established.

According to the Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) magazine by the Financial Times Group (2007), Guadalajara was the highest ranking major Mexican city. Guadalajara had the second strongest economic potential of any major North American city and only Chicago scored more highly for sheer economic potential. Guadalajara’s youthful population, low unemployment and large number of recent foreign investment deals are good indicators that Mexico’s second largest city has a bright future.

Kevin Junker
Germany
European University of Applied Science

As Mahatma Gandhi said “Where there is love there is life.” I like this quote very much because during my experience as an International Student at Tec de Monterrey- Campus Guadalajara, I experienced a time full of love and hospitality with a lot of new friends from all over the world.

On the one hand the campus life was a huge learning process with interesting courses and an excellent atmosphere. The facilities were amazing and offered everything from a great library to tennis courts and a gym. So the student life during the week was rich of diverse activities to enjoy with friends and outstanding people.

On the other hand I was able to discover the Mexican culture, its colors, tastes, smells and awesome people along the road. This great experience allowed me to travel to different parts of this amazing country with beautiful landscapes, beaches and cultural heritages like Mayan and Aztec temples. I highly recommend an exchange program at Tec de Monterrey and I would not trade this experience for anything. All in all, I can definitely say that this is one of the best moments of my life.
Founded in 1991, the Campus Guadalajara is located in the northwest outskirts of the city. Something remarkable about the Campus is the good balance between the green areas and the modern buildings, which combine in perfect harmony to bring a fresh and friendly learning atmosphere.

This Campus is always evolving based on the student’s needs, in order for them to have better facilities for an enriched and complete education process and life. It has based the futuristic design of its buildings on the most recent technological developments.

The Business School is ranked as the number 1 in Mexico, and was recognized for having the largest number of programs certified by national and international associations.

Main Institutes and Centers:
- Advanced Design Center
- Asia Pacific Center
- Business Development Center
- Electronic Design Center
- Ethics and Leadership Center
- European Studies Center
- Excellency for the Software Industry Center
- Information Technology Institute
- Patent & Transfer of Technology Center
- Small Business Development Center
- Strategic Studies Center
- Sustainable Social Development Institute
- Technological Entrepreneurs Institute

Campus Guadalajara has earned national and international prestige due to the quality of its academic programs and facilities.
A distinctive element of Campus Guadalajara has been the offering of diverse facilities to all of its students. As a registered student you can use all on-Campus facilities during service hours, such as:

- Classrooms
- Library (On-line catalog, digital library, newspaper library, video library, specialized data bases, collaborative work rooms, individual study area)
- Outdoor facilities
- Cafeterias and snacks
- Parking lot

- Sport facilities
- Computer lab
- Campus-wide wireless network
- Debate room and oral trade room
- Auditoriums and a Convention Center
- Cultural workshops
- Academic tutoring, counseling and professional orientation
- Emergency medical service
- Web based academic platforms
Entailment Direction  Created to provide the business sector with professionals who have a competitive advantage over those from other universities.

It counts with research chapters and the International Case Center in order to apply the learning method, which is based on the consulting and research development of the theoretical basis, a better and different practice with applications on real multidisciplinary high impact projects.

Some of our outstanding academic facilities include

CDA (Advanced Design Center) - Building with more than 1,600 m² focused on technological base incubation projects for the development of real high-tech prototypes. This space was designed specifically for the projects of the students from the Industrial Design major and other majors on the Engineering and Architecture areas. It includes a series of Laboratories such as Metal, Plastics, Foam, Materials & Rapid Prototyping Labs.

Other laboratories on campus are

- Automatization & Industrial networks
- Creamics
- Electronics
- Industrial Electronics
- Industrial Robotics
- Manufacture & Production cell
Art & Media Center is a dynamic building that hosts diverse labs designed for the Communication Science major, as well as the offices for the professors of the Communication and Humanities Area.

- Gessel Chamber
- Photography Lab
- Photography Studio
- Audiovisual room
- Videoconference room
- Multimedia Lab
- Radio Booths
- University’s online radio station (Sinapsis)
- Stop Motion Studio
- TV and Film Studios
- Stop Motion Studio
- Color Correction
- Modeling/BD Studio
- Motion Caption Studio with 22 cameras and Dolby /Mastering Room

Tecnological Park
A smart building which host a number of high tech related enterprises where some of our students work part-time. It is also the headquarters of the Entrepreneurship and Innovation Division, which holds the Family Business and the Innovation Centers.
The Campus Guadalajara also offers you several cultural and sports facilities such as:

**Cultural Department**

**SUM1:** Orchestra, Mariachi, Drums, and Percussions  
**SUM2:** Flamenco, Jazz, Capoeira, Folkloric Dance, etc.

**Rehearsal room:** Large room with wooden floors and mirror walls, ballet bars, audio equipment, cordless microphones, lockers, DVD player, video camera, and plasma screens.

**Sport Facilities**

**Olympic Pool** 50 m. long,  
**Aerobics classroom** Guided routines, power ball, training circuits.  
**Gym** Bikes, walkers, Olympic bars, weights, ellipses, etc.  
**Trainers** that help with the exercise routines and nutritional health advice  
**Basketball courts, Football fields, Softball/Baseball fields, Tennis courts, Volleyball courts**  
**Running track (400m)**

**Extra curricular activities**

As a registered student you have the right to enroll in any sport or cultural class without a registration fee; nevertheless, some of them may require special equipment that you must acquire.
The Tecnológico de Monterrey has established agreements with prestigious universities around the world to carry out exchange programs with students and professors as well as to promote the development of academic and research projects.

This experience gives students the opportunity to enrich their vision in order to respond to the globalizatizion of contemporary life.

It also allows students to obtain double degrees through the agreements held with other universities in the world, which will help students to experience a smoother entrance into the international job market.

Testimony

Nannette Serrano
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It’s time to share my experiences and meditate on everything, everything that gives me joy, the struggle for my own way, the path to get the satisfaction and pride to get where I want. I’m going step by step ... discovering the diversity and knowing the different philosophies of the life. TEC of Monterrey, Guadalajara, became my second home.

Only one word can describe this experience, GREAT. It is not just about learning at a university, with excellent professors, with advanced technology and places where you sit to study that feel like being at home. It is about the count-less moments where I learned, I knew and understood what turned to be my “almamater” for 5 months, Tec. Where the customs and traditions of the campus with the passing of time became part of me; custom as group work, where I spent hours studying, learning about my career and traditions that lifted me to better dreams.

They believe in the dreams of every student, providing advice to give you the smoothest journey to reach our goals. Trying to describe the experience is like telling a “fairy tale”... I learned and understood the value of the knowledge of not only my roots, but also those around me, which in one way or another believe in the harvest of tomorrow.

Tec, Campus Guadalajara is full of dreams, many goals, immovable purpose, trust and willingness to improve the future.
Currently, the Campus Guadalajara offers several Undergraduate Degrees focused on diverse areas, maintaining a high standard of preparation of its faculty. All undergraduate professors have a Master’s Degree or a PhD. As for the graduate level, all professors hold a PhD.

### Business Administration and Finance
- B.A. in Business Administration
- B.A. in Financial Management
- B.A. in Business Creation and Development
- B.A. in Finance and Accounting
- B.A. in Law
- B.A. in Marketing
- B.A. in International Business

### Engineering and Architecture
- B.A. in Architecture
- B.S. in Biotechnology Engineering
- B.S. in Civil Engineering
- B.S. in Industrial Engineering with Minor in Systems Engineering
- B.S. in Mechatronics Engineering
- B.S. in Industrial Design

### Information Technologies and Electronics
- B.S. in Computer Systems Engineering
- B.S. in Electronic and Computer Engineering

### Health Sciences
- B.S. in Biomedical Engineering
- B.A. in Nutrition and Wellness
- Physician & Surgeon

### Humanities and Social Sciences
- B.A. in Animation and Digital Art
- B.A. in Communication and Digital Media
- B.A. in International Relations

### Double Degrees
- B.A. in International Business
  - San Diego State University

### Undergraduate program terms:
- Spring (January-May)
- Summer (May-July)
- Fall (August-December)

### 1. Language and Culture courses
Campus Guadalajara makes a concerted effort to offer courses that provide you a greater understanding of Mexico’s culture and lifestyle. Such offer includes courses like:
- a) Spanish as a foreign language (beginners, intermediate and advanced levels)
- b) Doing business in Mexico
- c) Civilization and Culture of Latin America
- d) Mexican Culture
- e) History of Mexican art, among others

In order to ensure that you are registered at courses that meet your language skills, an online placement test and a short essay will be required to assess your level; as well as an interview.

### 2. Regular courses from diverse academic departments, taught in English
International students usually look forward to interact and meet with local students; for this reason, the Campus Guadalajara decided to instruct a wide list of courses in English.

If you are interested in participating in any of these courses, you should submit to the International Programs Office either a TOEFL score of at least 550 points PBT (213 points CBT, 80 points IBT) or an IELTS score of at least 6.5 points.

### 3. Regular courses from diverse academic departments, taught in Spanish
Campus Guadalajara offers you the opportunity to study in Spanish. In order to ensure that you will be able to follow the Spanish speaking courses and that you meet the required language skills, an online placement test and a short essay will be required to assess your level; as well as an interview. To take regular Spanish courses you must obtain at least an advance level score.

### 4. Internship Program
The internship program gives you the chance to combine your language and academic skills with a practical business experience. This will allow you to:
- Discover how business is done in Mexico.
- Learn valuable skills and gain knowledge in your field of interest.
- Develop personal relationships with local business people.
Since internships are part of the academic load, you will earn academic credits as follows:

- Part time professional experience
- 16 Units (6 USA credits / 10 ECTS)

Once your application is approved, the Campus Guadalajara organizes a couple of company interviews during the first weeks of classes in order to determine where you will be working. The evaluation of the internship will be made by the Campus Guadalajara professor and the on-site company supervisor.

5. Certificate Programs

Also, Campus Guadalajara offers an undergraduate certificate program in Business. In order to receive recognition for the certificate offered at Tecnológico de Monterrey, the student must take at least five specific courses (15 US credits or 25 ECTS) in one semester. A full load at Tecnológico de Monterrey is 6 courses.

As part of its mission, the Tecnológico de Monterrey seeks a humanistic vision involving people committed to their community’s development. For this reason, the Social Formation and Community Support Department offers you the opportunity to participate in our Volunteer Social Community Work Program, in which you can develop your personal and professional competences to serve and act as an agent of social transformation.
Charlotte Altmeyer
Germany
Maastricht University, Holland.

México is a country full of contras with a super interesting culture. It is a good place where you can live a lot of good experiences with the food, the people and everything.

At Tecnológico de Monterrey the classes are very active; there’s a lot of discussion, teamwork and presentations that make the courses very interesting and much more dynamic. It’s much more than just being seated and listening all day long.

Moreover, campus Guadalajara is amazing! It offers you a great number of activities that you can do in your spare time. This experience has been so incredible that I would love to come back to enjoy the culture and everything I’m living here once again!
Studying abroad isn’t just about academic studies. It’s also about making new friends, learning new traditions, discovering new cultures, exploring landmarks, and more. The Tecnológico de Monterrey continually promotes ongoing interactions with others at school, in local businesses and within the local community.

When in Mexico, do as the Mexicans do, dance, sing, and enjoy the arts! Discover the cultural aspects of our country by participating in classes and workshops like:

- Dancing - Jazz, tango, salsa, break-dance, belly dance, folk dancing, capoeira.
- Music - Singing, violin, percussion instruments, guitar, drums.
- Arts - Photography, clay modeling, painting and theater.
Housing in Guadalajara is not as difficult as some may think. You just need to be aware of certain aspects in which to base your decision when choosing a place to live. There are three different options for housing international students.

1. Home Stay Program

If you wish to stay within a family and share their customs and values, you can try the Home Stay program, which places international students with families that have met the requirements of the International Programs Office. This option is the best for learning Spanish; however, there’s a set of rules and regulations that have to be followed in order to be part of the program.

Take advantage of your time in Mexico to explore and uncover all the excitement our country has to offer. Throughout the year, the International Programs Office organizes field trips to both cultural and tourist sites around the country. Some visits may include:

• Excursions to Guanajuato, Zacatecas, Mexico City, Michoacan, among others.
• A journey back in time to the Teotihuacan or Teopanzolco pyramids.
• Fun beach vacations to Puerto Vallarta, Manzanillo, and the south of Mexico.
2. Residence Hall
Tecnológico de Monterrey Campus Guadalajara offers student dorms called ‘Residencias’ inside and outside of the campus. They can be rented for either one session or an academic year at an acceptable price.

However, the residence hall has a set of rules and regulations that must be followed. Some of the most important regulations that you need to know before applying to the Residence Hall are:

1. You cannot introduce alcohol or drugs into your bedroom; you cannot enter the building under the effects of any drugs or in a state of inebriation either.
2. You can introduce cigarette into your bedroom, but you cannot smoke inside the Residence Hall.
3. You can’t by any means introduce a person of the opposite sex to your bedroom. Men and women are separated into two buildings and there is always a person guarding the entrance, as well as security cameras inside the elevators and in the hallways.
4. Once you confirm, there are no cancelations.

For more information regarding the services, prices, administration process, regulations and FAQ’s, visit w3.gda.itesm.mx/residencias/

3. Independent Lodging
In this case the student arranges his/her own lodging. Guadalajara is a city of contrasts. It has beautiful and modern areas, as well as poor undeveloped places. The city is mainly divided in two big areas by Guadalajara’s Downtown, specifically by “Calzada Federalismo” Road.

The East is the oldest area of the city. It usually has the highest rates of insecurity and it has no tourist attractions, furthermore it is far away from almost every university in town.

The West area is much different from the East. It has modern buildings, historical monuments, huge malls, universities, and it is quite a safe zone as well.

To search for a place to live, the newspaper is the best way. You have to check the classified ads “Avisos de ocasión” section in the major newspapers.
Application Processes

Students applying through an existing exchange agreement between the student’s home university and Tecnológico de Monterrey must be nominated by their International Programs Office or similar. In most of the cases, the students are required to pay tuition to their home university.

For an appropriate application, please read carefully and complete the next 3 steps:

1. Register on the Study in Mexico system at sim.itesm.mx (“Create an account”)
   - In the field “Admission type” select “Non degree-seeking student”;
   - In the field “Campus of your interest” select “Campus Guadalajara”;
   - If you are coming for more than one Academic Period, specify the terms of your exchange in the field “Commentaries”.

2. Complete the online Application Form
   - A couple of days after registration, you will receive via e-mail a user name, and a password to access it through the same website (sim.itesm.mx).
   - Make sure you fill all 4 sections and accept the Student Statement.

3. Send the following documents via e-mail to ip.gdl@servicios.itesm.mx:
   - Authorization letter from your study abroad coordinator, naming you as an exchange student. Must include student’s: Name (as in passport), Gender, Citizenship, Date of birth, E-mail, Academic area, Level (undergraduate/graduate), Academic exchange period.*
   - Your most recent school transcript with a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 USA System, or 80 Mexican System. Cases of GPA between 2.0 – 2.5 or 70 – 79 will be considered at length. *
   - Copy of your passport. *

* If we do not receive these three documents, we will not be able to issue your acceptance letter. The original documents must be handed in to the International Programs Office upon arrival at Campus Guadalajara.

After completing these three steps we will issue and send your acceptance letter to your home university.

If you want to enrol in courses taught in English but you are not an English native speaker, you must provide a copy of TOEFL score of at least 550 PBT or 80 IBT. A copy of an IELTS score of at least 6.5 points is also acceptable.

If you want to take regular courses in Spanish or courses of Spanish as a Second Language but you are not a Spanish native speaker, you must complete the three steps of the Spanish Evaluation. In order to take regular courses in Spanish you must obtain at least an “Avanzado I” level.

In case you select the Internship or the Social Community Work program you must e-mail a copy of your CV and a Motivation Letter.

IMPORTANT
It is mandatory for all international students to be covered by the Health Insurance plan offered by our institution, without exception.
For further information please contact us at:
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We look forward to seeing you soon!

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