



UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES
Office of International Linkages

Linking UP to the World

Student Exchange Program Fact Sheet

Academic Year 2023 - 2024



About UP

The **University of the Philippines (UP)** is the national university of the Philippines. It takes pride in being the pioneer and leader in higher education in the Philippines through academic excellence, outstanding research, and public service. UP produces scientific and creative outputs of the highest quality -- receiving both national and international recognition.

UP was established on June 18, 1908 and presently has eight constituent universities: UP Diliman, UP Manila, UP Los Baños, UP Visayas, UP Mindanao, UP Baguio, UP Cebu, and UP Open University.





UP Constituent Universities

Each UP Campus is known for specific areas of specialization.

UP Diliman is the biggest and most comprehensive unit, offering degree programs from four academic clusters: Arts and Letters, Management and Economics, Science and Technology, and Social Sciences and Law.

UP Los Baños is a distinguished center of excellence in agriculture, forestry and related sciences in Asia.

UP Manila is the country's center of excellence in the health sciences.

UP Baguio is known for its specialization in arts and humanities and graduate program focused on indigenous studies.

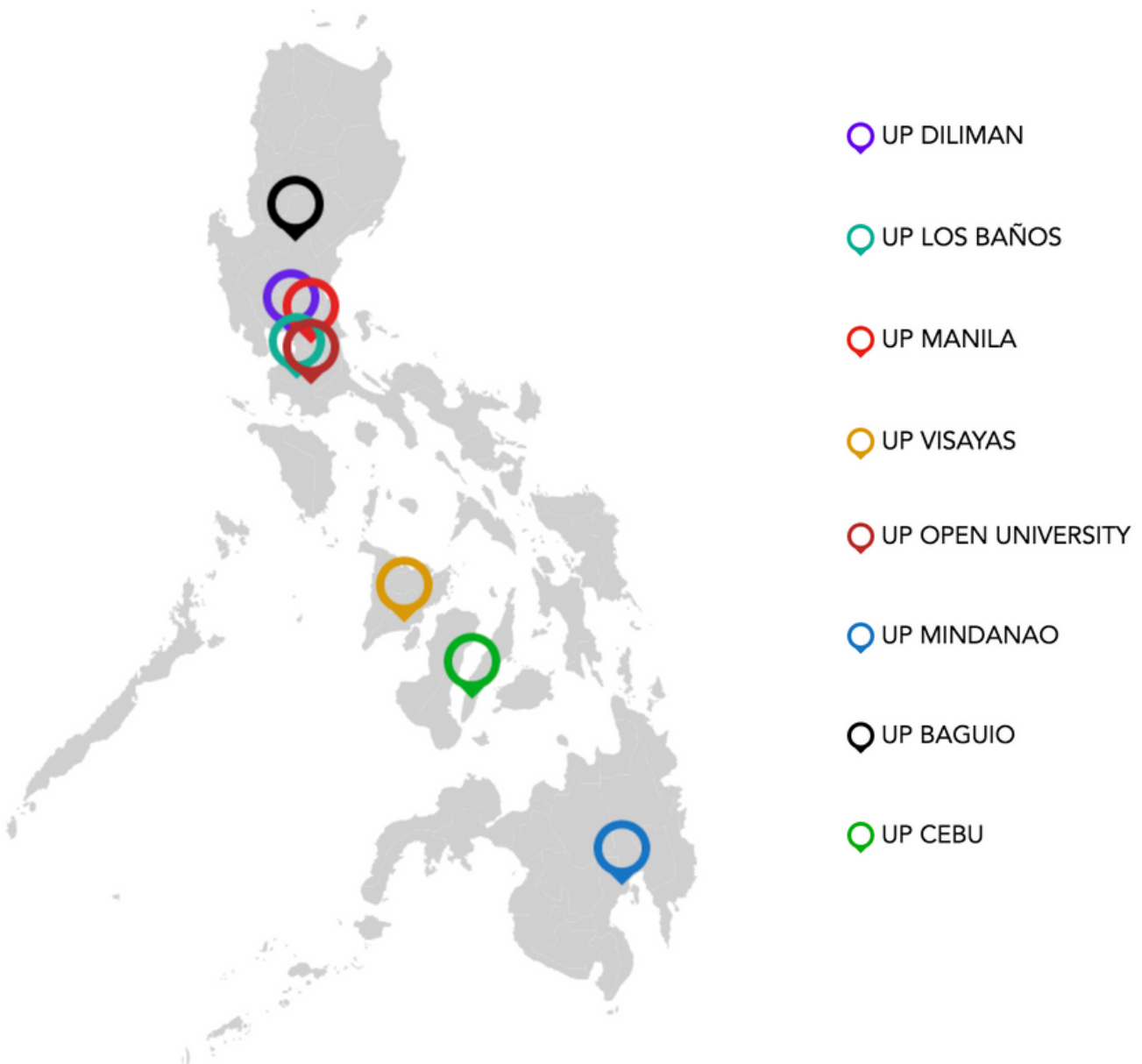
UP Visayas which offers programs in fisheries is recognized as one of the best in Asia.

UP Mindanao offers a wide array of programs and is home to the Mindanao Studies Center.



UP Cebu offers courses in information technology and business

UP Open University provides educational opportunities beyond the boundaries of conventional university through its distance learning programs.





Exchange Information

Academic Calendar

UP's academic calendar varies from one constituent university to another. Following recent adjustments, the First Semester (Fall Semester) runs from September to January. The Second Semester (Spring Semester) runs from February to June.



Average Course Load

Average course load for regular students ranges from 15 - 18 units or 5 to 6 courses. However, students can ask for advice from coordinators regarding recommended course load for exchange students.

Grading System

UP follows a 1.0/5.0 grading scale wherein 1.0 is the highest mark and 5.0 is the failing mark.

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| 1.0 - 1.25 | Excellent |
| 1.5 - 1.75 | Very Good |
| 2.0 - 2.25 | Good |
| 2.5 - 2.75 | Satisfactory |
| 3.0 | Pass |
| 4.0 | Conditional |
| 5.0 | Fail |
| INC | Incomplete |
| DRP | Drop |

Visa Requirement

International students are assisted by the respective international office or linkages coordinators of their UP constituent university in their visa application. Once accepted by UP, the student is given a step-by-step procedure on how to obtain the student visa or 47(A)(2) visa.



Duration of Exchange

One (1) semester or two (2) semesters. Duration of exchange varies depending on the agreement made between the universities.

Number of Students

The number of students which partner universities can send for nomination and application varies on the agreement made between the universities. Please contact the program staff to confirm the information.

Insurance

Health and travel insurance with COVID-19 Coverage on top of Medical Coverage amounting to Php 1,000,000.00 and travel cancellation coverage is required to all inbound international students

Student Housing

UP may provide accommodation to international students. However, reservation is on a first come, first served basis. Off campus accommodations which are privately operated are also available for a fee. More info can be provided by the respective international office or coordinator.

Estimated Cost of Living

30,000 - 40,000 Php per month
Source: Numbeo (2023)



Experience the UP Life

UP accepts foreign exchange students from partners around the world. These inbound students should be officially nominated by their home university based on their own set criteria for selecting exchange students. Students may choose to enroll in any UP Constituent University (CU) as long as the courses the students will be taking are available in that UP CU.

Eligibility

To be eligible as an inbound exchange student, the applicant:

- Must be endorsed by the International Relations Office of the home university
- Should have sufficient English Language Proficiency to cope with the requirements of the courses
- Preferable with Grade Point Average of 3.0 / 4.0

Requirements

- Nomination Letter from home university's International Relations Office
- Accomplished UP Inbound Student Exchange Application Form
- Transcript of Records (in English)
- Proof of English Language Proficiency (if available)
- AUN-ACTS Online Generated Application form (for AUN-ACTS Applicants)



Application Process

Aspiring inbound students should first coordinate with the International Relations Office of their home university to join in for the internal selection process of the home university's Student Exchange Program. Once the student qualifies and is selected to participate in the student exchange program with UP, the following steps are to be undertaken:

- International Relations Office will submit an official letter of nomination to the official email of the UP Office of International Linkages (OIL) on or before 15 April of the current year for UP's 1st semester (August intake) or on or before 15 September of the current year for UP's 2nd semester (January intake).
- UP OIL will evaluate the nomination and will send the partner university the UP constituent university's application packet once the nomination is accepted.
- The student will then need to comply with the requirements in the application packet on or before 30 May for the 1st semester of UP (August intake) and on or before 30 October for the 2nd semester of UP (January intake). Scanned copy of the documents should be sent directly to the UP CU email, copy furnished with UP OIL.



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