

Name of University	University of the Philippines
Short Description of the University	<p>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 country through academic excellence, outstanding research, and public service. UP produces scientific and creative outputs of the highest quality -- receiving both national and international recognition. As of 2014, UP has produced 36 out of 38 National Scientists; 35 out of 60 National Artists; 7 out of 15 Presidents of the country; 13 Chief Justices of the Supreme Court; 15,000 doctors; 8,000 lawyers; 15,000 engineers; 23,000 teachers and hundreds of thousands of graduates in other academic fields.</p> <p>UP was established on June 18, 1908 and presently has eight constituent units: UP Diliman, UP Manila, UP Los Baños, UP Visayas, UP Mindanao, UP Open University, UP Baguio and UP Cebu.</p> <p>UP Diliman is the biggest and most comprehensive unit, excelling in various fields. Other campuses are known for specific areas of specialization. UP Manila is the country's center of excellence in the health sciences; UP Los Baños is a distinguished center of academic excellence in agriculture, forestry and related sciences in Asia; UP Visayas is noted for its program in fisheries which is recognized as one of the best in Asia; UP Baguio is noted for its specialization in the arts and humanities. UP Open University provides education opportunities beyond the boundaries of a conventional university (i.e. through distance learning); and the UP Cebu College promotes excellent courses in the Central Visayas.</p>
Web pages:	<p>Homepage: http://www.up.edu.ph</p> <p>Website for International Students: http://www.oil.up.edu.ph</p>
Academic calendar:	<p>First Semester: 1st week of August-2nd week of December</p> <p>Second Semester: 1st week of January-4th week of May</p>
Requirements (i.e. language, minimum GPA):	<p>For foreign exchange students: Sufficient English language proficiency to cope with the requirements of the courses</p> <p>For regular (degree-seeking) foreign students: TOEFL: 500 paper based/ 173 computer based/ 61 Internet based IELTS: overall score 6</p> <p>GPA Requirement: 3.0 or better</p>
Areas of study open to exchange students	Generally all degree programs are open to all exchange students except in the following colleges: College of Law, College of Medicine, College of Nursing and College of Dentistry
Medium of Instruction	Courses are generally taught in English, except for some courses on Philippine Studies and language courses.

Application Procedure	<p>Requirements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">Nomination Letter from International OfficeTranscript of Records <p>Procedure:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">International students applying for the student exchange program must be nominated by their respective International Relations Office. Following is the deadline for nomination: First Semester: 15 April Second Semester: 15 September <p>IROs must indicate in their nomination letter the student's preferred UP constituent unit (i.e. UP Diliman, UP Manila, UP Los Baños, UP Baguio, UP Cebu, UP Visayas, UP Mindanao, and UP Open University) and a description of courses that student desire to enrol in UP. The nomination letter along with a scanned copy of transcript of grades of the student should be addressed to:</p> <p>Dr. Rhodora Azanza Assistant Vice-President for Academic Affairs and Director, Office of International Linkages (OIL) Email: oil@up.edu.ph</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">The nomination letter shall be endorsed by OIL to the international office or appropriate office of the preferred UP constituent unit. The international office of the UP unit shall then get in touch with the IRO of the partner university and the prospective student for the sending of the application packet and guidelines for admission.The application packet should be sent directly to the constituent unit of UP. The deadline for the submission of application packet is as follows: First Semester: 30 May Second Semester: 30 October																
Credits and Grading	<p>Normal study load per term: 15 to 18 units or five to six courses</p> <p>Grading system:</p> <table><tr><td>Excellent</td><td>1 1.25</td><td>Satisfactory</td><td>2.5 2.75</td></tr><tr><td>Very Good</td><td>1.5 1.75</td><td>Pass</td><td>3</td></tr><tr><td>Good</td><td>2 2.25</td><td>Conditional</td><td>4</td></tr><tr><td></td><td></td><td>Fail</td><td>5</td></tr></table>	Excellent	1 1.25	Satisfactory	2.5 2.75	Very Good	1.5 1.75	Pass	3	Good	2 2.25	Conditional	4			Fail	5
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Accommodation	<p>The University of the Philippines may provide accommodation to international students. However, reservation is on first come first served basis.</p>																
Estimated living costs per month:	<p>P 15,000-P20,000 /month</p>																