

## UF Connections in Mexico



Mexico is situated in North America between Belize and the United States. Its capital city is Mexico City. The US Department of State estimates its total population at 123,166,749. Information about travelling to Mexico is on the [Department of State website](#). The [Center for Disease Control and Prevention](#) also has useful travel information on their website.

The University of Florida has a large number of collaborations with Mexican institutions and is the fourth most visited country for UF Faculty.<sup>1</sup>

### Visiting Students, Scholars & Researchers

During the 2014-2015 academic year, UF hosted 40 Mexican students and scholars.

Visiting Students, Scholars, and Researchers				
Undergraduate	Graduate	Non-degree	OPT	Exchange Visitors
2	25	2	3	18

### UF Students in Mexico

During the academic year of 2014-2015 (most recent data available), 34 UF students studied in Mexico. The table below contains the reciprocal agreements UF has in Mexico. Reciprocal agreements are the foundation for the exchange programs in which so many UF students are involved. In an exchange program, students pay UF tuition and are assigned UF course equivalencies for the work they do abroad. Reciprocal agreements provide for the equal exchange of students between UF and an international accredited institution. Agreements are typically valid for three years initially and can be renewed through a signed addendum, if both parties agree. For information on establishing a reciprocal agreement in Mexico, visit <http://ufic.ufl.edu/Agreements-RecipProcedures.html>.

<sup>1</sup> UF International Center 2014-2015 Annual Report, p. 47

<b>Study Abroad Programs and Reciprocal Agreements</b>			
<b>Academic Unit at UF</b>	<b>Destination Institution or Program Name</b>	<b>Type of program</b>	<b>Location</b>
Liberal Arts and Sciences – Biology	UF in Akumal- Marine Ecology	UF-Sponsored	Akumal
Agricultural and Life Sciences – Forest Resources and Conservation	UF in Quintana Roo- Tropical Forest Ecology and Management	UF-Sponsored	Felipe Carrillo Puerto
Liberal Arts and Sciences – Anthropology	Universidad Autonoma de Yucatan	UF-Exchange	Merida
Design, Construction & Planning – Architecture	Global E3-Technologico de Monterrey	UF-Exchange	Monterrey
<b>Study Abroad Programs and Reciprocal Agreements (cont.)</b>			
<b>UF College</b>	<b>Destination Institution or Program Name</b>	<b>Type of program</b>	<b>Location</b>
Design, Construction & Planning – Architecture	UF in Guadalajara- Architecture	UF-Sponsored	Guadalajara
Liberal Arts and Sciences – Geological Sciences	UF in Merida-Tropical Ecology and Spanish	UF-Sponsored	Merida

### **Cooperative Agreements**

Cooperative Agreements are broad declarations of intent for the promotion of exchanging faculty and students as well as the exchange of academic and research information. These agreements are generally valid for five years, with the possibility of renewal if both parties agree. The Cooperative Agreements UF has with Mexican institutions can be found below, with the full list of agreements available at: <http://ufic.ufl.edu/Agreements.html>.

<b>Cooperative Agreements</b>			
<b>Academic Unit at UF</b>	<b>Institution Name</b>	<b>Focus</b>	<b>Faculty manager</b>
Engineering - School of Sustainable Infrastructure & Environment	Universidad Autónoma de Yucatán- La facultad de Ingeniería	Faculty and student exchange with the basis to have a future joint Ph.D. Program	Kirk Hatfield alex@coastal.ufl.edu
Veterinary Medicine	Universidad del Valle de Mexico- College of Veterinary Medicine	Research, Faculty Exchange, Student Exchange, Academic Exchange	Carlos Risco riscoc@ufl.edu
Center for Latin American Studies	Universidad Nacional Autónoma de Mexico- Centro de	Research, Academic Exchange	Robert Walker Robertwalker@ufl.edu

	Investigaciones de Geografía Ambiental		
Medicine	Universidad Veracruzana - Facultad de Medicina	Research, Faculty Exchange, Student Exchange, Academic Exchange	Michael Lauzardo mike.lauzardo@medicine.ufl.edu

## Highlights

- **UF Major-Specific Study Abroad Programs in Mexico**

UF has two study-abroad programs that are exclusive to engineering and architecture majors. The [Global E3-Tecnologico de Monterrey](#) program is a UF-Exchange through the College of Engineering and is based in Monterrey. The [UF in Guadalajara-Architecture](#) program is housed in the College of Design, Construction and Planning.

- **[UF Study Abroad Program for Tropical Ecology and Spanish](#)**

The UF-Sponsored study abroad program “UF in Merida-Tropical Ecology and Spanish” takes place every year in Merida, Mexico and is led by the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

- **[Medical Service trip to Merida](#)**

Each spring, the College of Medicine sends a team of medical students, pharmacy students, and physicians from UF to Mérida, Mexico through Project Yucatan. During these one week trips, the students and physicians provide healthcare to the citizens of predominately Mayan villages.

### Research Projects:

Below is a table of funded research projects with an international component involving Mexico.

Funded Research Projects				
Principal Investigator (PI)	PI department	Project title	Funding agency/Sponsor	Project funding
Ira M Longini	Biostatistics	Dengue Baseline Studies And Vaccine Efficacy Field Trials In Yucatan, Mexico	Universidad Autonoma Yucatan	\$175,619

## **Key Connections**

- [Center for Latin American Studies](#)
- [Spanish and Portuguese Studies](#)
- [Student Association of Latin American Studies](#) (Student Run)
- [Institute of Hispanic-Latino Cultures-“La Casita”](#)
- [Mexican American Student Organization](#) (Student Run)

## **Adding information to this brief**

If you have or are aware of a project, program, or other activity that UF has in this country that has not been included in this brief, email [ogre@ufic.ufl.edu](mailto:ogre@ufic.ufl.edu).