

INFORMATION FOR

INCOMING STUDENTS

WELCOME TO UPB SANTA CRUZ

UPB is a leading university in Bolivia, with its main campuses in the beautiful cities of Cochabamba, La Paz, and Santa Cruz.

We currently offer three types of exchange programs:

**INDIVIDUAL
EXCHANGE
PROGRAM**

**ISEP EXCHANGE
PROGRAM**

**ELAP PROGRAM
FOR CANADIAN
STUDENTS**

Check with your university to see if it has an exchange agreement with us or if it is part of the ISEP program. If no agreement exists, you can still enroll at UPB as a free mobility student.

Before Your Arrival

Where can I get the form?

You must fill out the admission application form. There are two types of forms available: one for exchange students and the other for free mobility students.

Admission Letter

Once we receive your complete application, we will send you the admission letter (from our side) within two weeks. If you need the letter by email (scanned) or fax, please let us know.

Application

The application deadlines are:

April 30th for the study period from August 1st to December 22nd (subject to change)

October 31st for the study period beginning on February 1st and ending on June 30th (subject to change).

Tuition Fees

Foreign exchange students joining UPB do not typically pay tuition fees. Free mobility students must pay UPB's regular tuition fees. For exact information on fees, please contact the international office: internacionalizacion@upb.edu

Courses and Language Proficiency

At our university, most courses are taught in Spanish. There are some courses that are or could be offered in English. Please check with the international office about the courses that may be available in English. In any case, you must have a good level of Spanish to study at UPB.

Spanish Course

One month before each semester, an advanced Spanish course at the university level is offered. To participate in this course, you need to have adequate knowledge of Spanish.

Once Admitted

Once you are admitted to UPB, either as an exchange student or as a free mobility student, please review the following section.

Student Visa

All international students need a student visa. Please contact the Bolivian Embassy or Consulate in your home or residence country.

If you need assistance, feel free to contact us.

As a reference, please consult the following link. Keep in mind that the requirements may vary from one country to another:

<http://www.boliviawdc.org/consulate/visas/sv>

Accommodation

The university does not provide housing for university students. We suggest that you stay in a reasonably priced hotel (we can provide information on this) during your first few days. Accommodations in neighborhoods such as Equipetrol, Sirari, Urbari, Roca y Coronado Avenue are always great options.

Insurance

Before your arrival, make sure to obtain health and accident insurance in your home country.

Arrival

Viru Viru International Airport in Santa Cruz is located about 40 minutes from the city center of Santa Cruz. Please notify your arrival time and airline details via email. We will make sure that someone comes to pick you up from the airport. Please remember to have the relevant UPB phone numbers in case of flight delays.

Local Transportation

We prefer that you travel to and from the university using the university bus. It is the safest available option. Ask the international office for updated information on UPB bus routes. Other transportation options, such as the "micros," are also quite safe.

Budget

Housing (independent, and well-furnished)	\$400 - \$600
Food (eating out at least twice a day)	\$250 - \$300
Transportation (by university bus or microbus called Trufi)	\$20 - \$30
Utilities	\$30 - \$60
Entertainment and sports	\$50 - \$100
Books, printing, and photocopies	\$50 - \$100
Clothing and toiletries	\$30- \$50
Laundry	\$30- \$50

Before Your Departure

Academic Transcript

Once all your grades are published, we will automatically issue your Transcript of Records and send it to your home university by regular mail. You will receive a pdf copy via email. The Transcript of Records contains a list of your courses along with the respective grades and ECTS credits earned. Under the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS), courses are assigned a certain number of credits reflecting the workload required for the course. Credits are granted upon the successful completion of a course. Please note that you will not receive credit points for exams you did not pass or attend; however, they will still appear on your academic transcript.

Contact and Additional Questions:

If you have any questions related to education at UPB, feel free to contact us. We will be happy to assist you.

Información de contactos

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