



## **Fact Sheet ITESO**

2020



General Information			
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Academic Calendar and Application			
Application Deadlines	Fall semester: April 15  Spring semester: October 15		
Semesters	Fall semester: August 17 <sup>th</sup> – December 7 <sup>th</sup> Spring semester: January 20 <sup>th</sup> – May 18 <sup>th</sup>		
Orientation Sessions	Orientation sessions are always held the Friday before the beginning of each semester and are <u>mandatory</u> .		
Required Documents for Online Application	Once nominated by their home university, students will receive the link to the online application via e-mail.  Nomination letter from Home University Passport copy Health certificate Official transcript Academic reference Motivation letter Copy of health insurance certificate (mayor medical expenses, repatriation)		
Additional Requirements (Language)	<ul> <li>English: TOEFL ITP 550 or equivalent.</li> <li>Spanish: Students who wish to take academic courses taught in Spanish must provide, along with the required documents, an official certificate no older than 2 years, stating the student's level as at least B2/upper intermediate, OR take the online Spanish Placement Test provided by ITESO. Based on this test and in the best interest of the student, a suggestion is made on whether or not he/she should take part of courses taught in Spanish.</li> </ul>		
Course selection	Once accepted, the student will receive information on how to enroll in classes.  Enrollment takes place in May for fall semester and in November for spring semester.		
Courses taught in English	Please see attached document.  Courses may come to vary depending on the semester.		
Spanish Language Courses	As one of many benefits, exchange students have access to Spanish language courses without any extra charge. The student must take an online placement test in order to know his/her level and then add the Spanish course to the Course Request Form.		

## Academics

Grades	The grading system at ITESO is from 1-10 (without decimals), where 10 is the highest grade and 6 is needed to pass.
Attendance	Attendance is part of the grade and in order to pass the course the student cannot miss more than 20% of classes.
Exams and Evaluation	Depending on the course, the type of exams or points of evaluation may differ. Written exams, oral exams, essays and group projects are common ways for a teacher to evaluate the students.
Credits	At ITESO a course can be worth 4, 6, or 8 credits. The number of credits equal the calculated hours per week of academic work (8 credits = 8 hrs/week). All courses extend from the beginning to the end of the semester.