

A photograph of a university courtyard. In the background, there are multi-story buildings with yellow and red facades. The courtyard is paved with reddish-brown bricks and lined with several black lampposts. There are several trees with green leaves scattered throughout the scene. A few people are visible sitting on a bench on the left side. A dark red banner with white text is overlaid in the upper middle part of the image.

INSTITUTO TECNOLÓGICO AUTÓNOMO DE MÉXICO

INTERNATIONAL GUIDE

The logo for the Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México (ITAM), consisting of the letters 'ITAM' in a bold, white, sans-serif font on a dark green background.

ITAM

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Message from the Rector

For over sixty years, ITAM has strived to make higher education a critical factor in the social and economic development of Mexico. Recognizing that the challenges facing Mexico are immense, ITAM's mission has been to form professionals who will seek greater justice, greater freedom, and greater prosperity for all citizens.

In fulfilling this mission, our role has been to establish internationally rigorous research and academic standards and to attract individuals capable of fulfilling these goals: our professors and our students.

ITAM makes great efforts to recruit some of the most qualified academics in their respective fields to work on our faculty. They are given support to produce internationally competitive research and nearly 30% are members of the prestigious Mexican System of Researchers (SNI). Talented professors must also work with talented students. Therefore, our priority is to attract the best students possible from all parts of the country, to provide them with highly-ranked and rigorous academic programs and to support them with generous financial aid packages that currently cover over 30% of the student body.

Academic excellence is also based on global competition that begins in the classroom. It is our belief that international students and faculty bring a diversity of viewpoints and valuable contributions from other cultures. In the past decade, our exchange programs have grown to over a hundred partners, and our exchange students share the learning environment of our own talented and entrepreneurial students.

As a destination for study abroad, ITAM provides intellectual challenge and stimulation in a highly cosmopolitan setting. We welcome our partners and their students to consider collaborating with us as a rewarding dimension to international education.



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Dr. Arturo Fernández
RECTOR

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ITAM is a private, non-profit and non-denominational institution of higher education

ITAM at a Glance

Situated in the heart of one of the most populated cities in the world, ITAM has become a Center of Excellence for training leaders in the social, engineering, and managerial sciences.

Our Institution

- Founded in 1946 by the Mexican Association of Culture
- Private, non-profit institution of higher education
- Over 200 full-time faculty with world-class credentials for teaching and research
- Over 400 public and private sector experts in ITAM's adjunct faculty
- Ranked among the top three universities in most majors by leading independent newspapers *Reforma* and *Universal*
- Student organizations, reflecting a diversity of interests
- Tutoring provided by capable "Minor Faculty" research and teaching assistants
- Legal Aid and Immigration Counseling Office for immigration services operated by Law students
- Professional recognition in all core disciplines
- Quality learning and research designed to meet the needs of Mexico's international economy
- Research centers that develop theories, empirical investigation, and case studies taught all over the country

Our Students

- Attractive private accommodation available in private residences close to campuses.
- 4,500 undergraduate students
- 800 students in graduate programs
- 2,000 students in continuing education (executive courses and diploma) programs
- Exchange programs with over 100 international partnerships and agreements

Our Studies

- Small classes, averaging less than thirty students
- AACSB Accreditation for all Programs in Business and Management
- Institutional and academic program accreditation from leading Mexican agencies

Our Campuses

- Separate Campuses for Graduate and Undergraduate studies
- Campus-wide wireless internet access
- Computer Centers with over 200 computers for general student use
- Engineering Laboratories with state-of-the-art equipment
- Ample indoor and outdoor study areas
- Libraries meeting US Library Association standards for university libraries, with a capacity of 700 persons
- Over 400,000 volumes, periodicals and subscriptions, inter-library loan services and numerous electronic resources
- Career Development and Services Centers with job listings from top Mexican organizations in the public and private sectors



ITAM: The best professors for the best students

ITAM was established to offer students the opportunity to attend a challenging private university dedicated to quality teaching and research in Economics, Business, and related disciplines.

Background

Commonly referred to as **ITAM**, the Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México was founded in 1946 by the Asociación Mexicana de Cultura under the leadership of the distinguished industrialist, Mr. Raúl Baillères. ITAM is a private, non-profit institution, supported completely by student fees and private contributions and governed by its own Board of Directors. ITAM is one of the leading institutions in its areas of expertise and prepares its students for key roles in both the private and public sectors.

By Presidential proclamation, in 1963, ITAM was declared a “Universidad Libre” (Free University), providing it with curricular autonomy and giving official government recognition to its academic programs. In November of 1988, The Mexican Ministry of Education recognized ITAM as an institution of “High Academic Quality”, further acknowledging the Institute’s important role in the Mexican higher education system.

Accreditation

All ITAM undergraduate, masters, and specialization programs are fully recognized and registered with the Mexican Public Education Secretariat. ITAM has attained the status of full accreditation under the Federation of Private Institutions of Higher Education **FIMPES**, the only agency in Mexico providing institutional accreditation. ITAM is also one of a select number of private institutions belonging to the Mexican Association of Institutions of Higher Education **ANUIES**. Mexico’s National Council on Science and Technology **CONACYT** has included the Masters in Information Technologies & Management, The Masters in Economics and the Masters in Public Policy in their listings of Programs of Excellence. Several undergraduate programs, including Business and Accounting and Engineering, have received accreditation by the appropriate Mexican agency.

All graduate and undergraduate programs under the Division of Business Administration and Accounting are accredited by the **AACSB**. The International Association of Management Education and the Masters in Business Programs have received accreditation from the Association of MBA’s **AMBA**.

The Division of Business Administration and Accounting is also a member of the PIM Partnership in International Management, a group of over fifty top business schools from all over the world, who exchange graduate business students.



International Recognition

All ITAM Graduate and Undergraduate Business Programs are accredited by the **International Association for Management Education AACSB**.

The Masters Programs in Business have received the accreditation of the **Association of MBA's AMBA**.

ITAM is a member of the prestigious **Partnership in International Management PIM**, an organization of 53 graduate programs in Business Administration from all over the world.

Fulbright Scholarship Award: In the history of the program in Mexico, ITAM comes in second, just after the National University of Mexico, for the number of graduates selected for this prestigious scholarship for graduate study in the U.S.

British Council Chevening Scholarship Program: ITAM graduates have won a great number of scholarships, ranking just below the National University.

The European Economic Association included ITAM at number 73, along with the University of Chile, at number 151 as the only two Latin American universities in its World Ranking for scientific output.

The Chilean publication, *America Economía*, has consistently placed ITAM's MBA among the top five programs in Latin America.

The **Inter-American Development Bank** selected the Masters in Information Technology and Management among those to host Latin American Mid-Career Public Officials who received scholarship funding from the organization.

The **Joint Japan-World Bank Scholarship Program** has selected the Masters in Economics and the Masters in Public Policy to host their scholarship recipients.

Prominent ITAM graduates are now on the faculties of top American universities, including Harvard, Yale, UCLA, Duke, Stanford, and the University of Chicago.

ITAM has been the recipient of several educational cooperation grants from agencies including the European Union, The US Agency for International Development USAID, the Ford Foundation, and the Fund for the Improvement of Post-Secondary Education FIPSE.



Structure and Organization

Instruction is organized within a matrix structure, where each academic department is responsible for imparting the subjects within its discipline, independently of the program being offered.

All academic activities at ITAM are carried out through 12 academic departments that are grouped into five academic divisions. The Divisions, Departments and Programs are:

Division of Mathematics, Statistics and Actuarial Science

Academic Departments: Mathematics, Statistics, Actuarial Science

Undergraduate Programs: Applied Mathematics, Actuarial Science

Graduate Programs: Masters in Risk Management

Division of Economics, Law and Political Science

Academic Departments: Law, Economics, Political Science

Undergraduate Programs: Law, Economics, Political Science

Graduate Programs: Masters in Economics, Masters in Public Policy, Masters in Economic Theory, Ph.D. in Economics

Division of Business Administration and Accounting

Academic Departments: Business Administration, Accounting

Undergraduate Programs: Business Administration, Public Accounting and Financial Strategy

Graduate Programs: Masters in Administration, Full-Time MBA, MSc in Finance, Masters in International Management, Executive MBA, Masters in Accounting.

Division of Engineering

Academic Departments: Computer Engineering, Industrial & Operations Engineering, Digital Systems Engineering

Undergraduate Programs: Computer Engineering, Industrial Engineering, Telematics Engineering, Business Engineering

Graduate Programs: MSc in Information Systems & Management

Division of General and International Studies

Academic Departments: General Studies (Humanities), International Studies, Languages

Undergraduate Programs: International Relations

ITAM offers the following joint programs:

- Business Administration with: Public Accounting, Actuarial Science, International Relations, Computer Engineering, and Industrial Engineering
- Public Accounting with: Actuarial Science, Law, Computer Engineering, and Industrial Engineering
- Political Science with International Relations
- Computer Engineering with Applied Mathematics, Telematics Engineering, and Industrial Engineering
- Actuarial Science with Applied Mathematics



Our Students

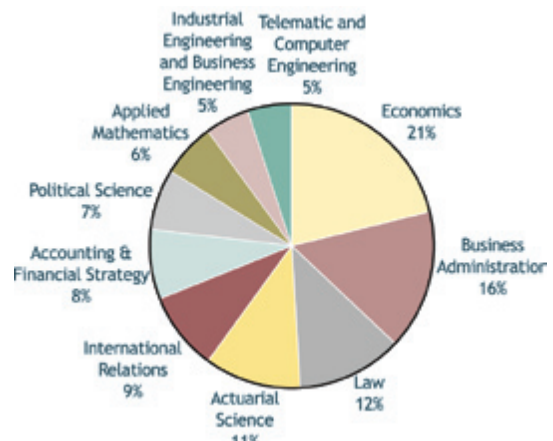
Our Faculty

Responsible for much of the success of the students and programs of ITAM is a full-time faculty with credentials similar to those found in faculties from leading institutions abroad. In total there are 240 full-time faculty members. Of these, over 90% have postgraduate qualifications, and 60% have doctoral degrees.

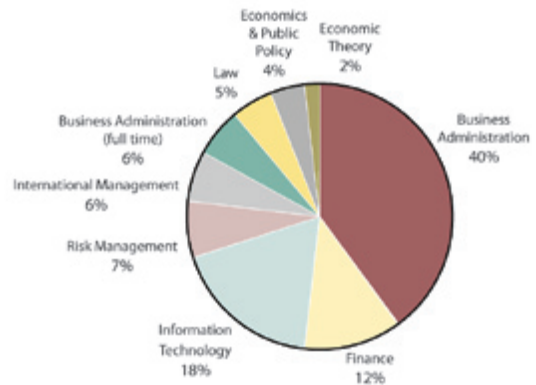
Nearly 30% of the faculty are members of the rigorous National System of Researchers, under the National Council of Science and Technology, *CONACYT*. ITAM professors are also encouraged to take sabbatical leave to advance in their research agendas or seek further training in their areas of expertise.

These ITAM faculty members teach more than 50% of all ITAM classes, while qualified professionals in their field stake on the role of adjunct professors for the remaining classes. This combination of experts guarantees that ITAM students will experience the highest level of academic excellence while also learning the practical applications and perspectives so necessary for a successful career.

Distribution of ITAM Undergraduate Students



Distribution of ITAM Graduate Students



Some 4,500 students are enrolled in our undergraduate programs while approximately another 800 attend graduate level programs.

ITAM is well recognized for its academic rigor and challenging curriculum. Classes are generally small, seldom surpassing 30 students. Students are given the opportunity to focus on the synergies that take place when students and professors come together in a competitive and quality educational environment. This experience makes ITAM's graduating students among the most competitive in the country and eagerly recruited by the private, public and academic sectors, both in Mexico and abroad.



University Extension Programs

Life-long Learning for Professionals

ITAM's faculty, research profile and international linkages put us in a unique position to extend these resources to the professional community. All ITAM University Extension programs are designed for postgraduates and taught by regular ITAM full and part-time faculty or invited specialists in their fields. Programs are offered year round with convenient, flexible schedules to accommodate the working professional. University Extension Programs can be divided into four general categories:

Senior and International Executive Programs

These highly specialized programs are designed for top managers who meet the established criteria regarding the size of the firm, the participant's position in the company and overall experience. Executive Programs make use of innovative case studies and methodologies that encourage immediate applications in the field. Furthermore, programs are compacted into a convenient Thursday-Saturday format at three-to-four week intervals over a six to nine month period. Several executive programs are offered jointly with highly prestigious international partners.

Open Enrollment Programs

ITAM offers a wide range of graduate certificate programs, averaging from 180 to 200 contact hours and delivered over a period from six to nine months. Shorter courses are also offered, ranging from 16 to 32 hours of class time. The more than 80 regularly-offered programs include topics such as National Security in Mexico, Taxes and Corporate Finance, Insurance, Political Marketing and Java and Web Applications.

Automated & Distance Learning Programs

ITAM has developed a limited number of courses which can be taken through a very innovative distance-learning system. While automated open

enrollment courses may be purchased and followed independently at the student's convenience, all distance courses have strict starting dates, deadlines for assignments and specially-organized discussion groups. Although the system provides a maximum amount of flexibility and independence, each student is closely monitored while being guided through a quality-assurance learning process.

ITAM in your Firm: Customized Programs

Businesses and Organizations are invited to work with a specially-designated Project Manager and an Academic Advisor to develop a customized program to fulfill specific training needs. Sessions may be organized on site or at the ITAM Graduate Campus: ITAM Extension Programs. All programs are designed according to quality-assurance guidelines and strict evaluation procedures. Satisfaction with our customized programs has allowed ITAM to establish long-term relationships with a large number of important corporations in Mexico.

Executive classroom at the Sta. Teresa Campus.



ITAM Financial Aid Programs

“ITAM is committed to ensuring that the best and the brightest students have access to its programs, regardless of their financial means”

Together with achieving the highest level of excellence of its scholarly and extracurricular activities, ITAM is committed to ensuring that the best and the brightest students have access to its programs, regardless of their financial means. In order to offer every student the opportunity to fulfill his or her educational potential in one of our programs, ITAM has made its scholarship and financial aid program a priority and continues to seek increased funding for one of the most extensive financial aid programs in Mexico.

And the results have been encouraging. Over the last ten years, more than 7,000 ITAM students have received financial support from ITAM in order to successfully complete their programs. Currently, one in three students attending ITAM receives financial aid through these programs.

ITAM makes every effort to ensure that its financial aid package grants support to its students without becoming a burden. For example, students are not required to work full or part-time at ITAM

to be eligible for financial aid. Rather, this assistance is awarded based entirely on academic merit and financial need. Students qualifying for loans also obtain generous repayment terms that initiate after the student has finished studying and obtained stable employment. For those who go onto approved programs of graduate study, repayment deferments are readily conceded.

Some of the scholarships available to ITAM students are:

ITAM and Secretariat of Public Education Scholarships: Students may obtain from 10% to 90% of tuition fees under these scholarship schemes, depending on the degree of financial need demonstrated.

Funded Scholarship Awards:

- **Baillères Scholarship** covering 100% of tuition costs to students demonstrating outstanding academic performance and potential.
- **Nissan Scholarship** offers assistance for tuition costs for students enrolled in ITAM Engineering programs.
- **García Sámano Scholarship** offers assistance for tuition costs for students enrolled in the ITAM Law program.
- **Miguel Mancera Scholarship** provides financial assistance to help low-income students cover living expenses while studying.
- **Beca Nuestro ITAM:** Financial assistance to help cover living expenses for low-income students.
- **Sungard Higher Education Scholarship** offers tuition scholarships to winners of an essay contest on topics concerning innovation in higher education.

Trainee Programs

Each year, Mexican businesses invite top students to complete their studies while entering these corporate communities through special programs. Current corporate sponsors include Procter & Gamble, Siemens and JP Morgan.



Research and Centers

ITAM believes that quality in teaching goes hand-in-hand with research into the latest developments in each and every one of our academic disciplines.

The ITAM Research Centers include:

Center for Economic Research, CIE (*Centro de Investigación Económica CIE*) CIE contributions to the leading academic Economic journals are largely responsible for the inclusion of ITAM as the top Latin American university in the World Rankings of the European Economic Association.
<http://cie.itam.mx>

Center for Economic Analysis & Research, CAIE (*Centro de Análisis e Investigación Económica*) Produces monthly consulting reports, commentaries and forecasting on relevant economic indicators.
<http://caie.itam.mx>

Center for Applied Economics and Public Policy CEAPP (*Centro de Economía Aplicada y de Políticas Públicas*) Conducts research on the key public policy issues facing Mexico. Recent studies include the Agenda for Public Finance in Mexico and The Labor Market in México: Challenges and Alternatives for the New Century.
<http://ceapp.itam.mx>

Center for Applied Statistics, CEA (*Centro de Estadística Aplicada*) Develops innovative statistical techniques and applications for long-term academic and consulting projects and has served as a forum for the development of the discipline of statistical analysis in the country.
<http://cea.itam.mx>

Center for Competitive Studies, CEC (*Centro de Estudios de Competitividad*) Links the academic expertise of ITAM with the productive sector of the economy. Among its more recent projects is a study on the Macro and Micro Conditions for Innovation in Mexico, sponsored by the World Bank.
<http://cec.itam.mx>

Center for Technological Development (*Centro de Desarrollo Tecnológico*) Conducts academic and applied research to produce and impulse state-of-the-art technology.
<http://cdt.itam.mx>

Center for Private Law Studies (*Centro de Estudios de Derecho Privado*) Acts as an independent authority on the legal aspects of relevant social issues. Among its contributions, the Center recently completed the Analysis of Property Rights for the Inter-American Development Bank.
<http://derecho.itam.mx/>

Center for Public Law Studies (*Centro de Estudios de Derecho Público*) Carries out research on the practice of justice in Mexico, including an ongoing series of reports on The Analysis of the Activities of the Mexican Human Rights Commission, with support from the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation.
<http://derecho.itam.mx/>

Center for Inter-American Studies & Programs (*Centro de Estudios y Programas Interamericanos*) With the support of the Ford Foundation, CEPI offers a limited number of in-residence research positions to explore western hemispheric relations, in particular between North America and the Caribbean basin countries.
<http://interamericanos.itam.mx>

Center for Socio-Economic Project Evaluation, CESP (*Centro de Evaluación Socioeconómica de Proyectos*) Offers research, consulting services and training to measure the social welfare impact of investment projects. CESP projects cover topics ranging from water provision and treatment to investment in education.
<http://cesp.itam.mx>

International Center for Pension Research (*Centro Internacional para la Investigación en Pensiones*) Produces interdisciplinary studies on international pension and social security systems, with special emphasis on Latin America and Mexico. Recent topics include a critique on individual pension accounts in Latin America.
<http://actuarial.itam.mx/ciip>

Philanthropy and Civil Society Project (*Proyecto sobre Filantropía y Sociedad Civil*) Through innovative research projects (e.g. the first national public opinion poll on giving and volunteering), consultancies (e.g. management review of the local affiliate of United Way International), and public policy work (e.g. development of a fiscal agenda for charitable organizations), the Project seeks to improve the context for philanthropy in Mexico.
<http://filantropia.itam.mx>

Center for the Development of Family Business, CEDEF (*Centro de Desarrollo de la Empresa Familiar*) Works closely with family businesses and in international forums to produce research on which traditional business practices are most adequate for large and small family-run organizations.

Business Centers (*Centros de Negocios*)
<http://daac.itam.mx/centros/centros.html>

The Center for Professional Development, CEDEPAL (*Centro de Desarrollo Profesional*) Provides the students and alumni of the Masters Programs in Business with information on career positions, and courses and workshops to incorporate the latest business concerns and practices into their curricula.

ITAM Finance Center, CEFIN (*Centro de Finanzas*) Conducts research and consulting services on the latest theories and techniques for the modernization of financial practices in Mexico.

Center for Business Intelligence (*Centro de Inteligencia de Negocios*) Offers consulting services, publications, seminars and public forums in the areas of Strategy and Marketing.

Center for Business and Accounting Information Systems, SICE (*Centro de Sistemas de Información Contable y Empresarial*) Conducts theoretical research in accounting and business information and management systems, including the Mexican portion of a study on the impact of the US Sarbanes-Oxley Law on financial disclosure rules in Latin American countries.



Sta. Teresa Faculty & Research Building

Publications

ITAM's commitment to the generation and dissemination of scientific knowledge can be seen in the number and quality of its contributions to leading journals and periodicals.

Institutional and Faculty Publications

Over 150 articles from ITAM faculty have been published recently in top international and Mexican refereed academic journals, while over 100 books have been published with distribution in Mexico and abroad.

Publications by ITAM faculty members can be divided into four general categories:

1. Articles in peer-reviewed or refereed academic journals: articles accepted must meet strict academic criteria and be considered by the referees as a contribution to the stock of knowledge in the discipline.
2. Books or chapters in books: these contributions generally play a role in the advancement of knowledge on the topic or discipline in question.
3. Working papers presented at academic meetings or conferences, often available for downloading.
4. Articles in periodical publications for general public or professional audiences:

A complete list of ITAM publications may be found at <http://www.itam.mx/es/publicaciones>

Student Publications and Periodicals

ITAM students find outlets for written expression

through a student newspaper and several publications. Articles reflect the interests, depth, and talent of ITAM students whose essays and interviews contribute to the discussion of topics of national and international importance.

Publications include:

El Supuesto is ITAM's bi-weekly student newspaper with a circulation of 4000 copies. Articles include reports on student activities and concerns.

Opción is the ITAM student magazine that has been published for nearly 25 years. The publication is an independent, pluralistic, and critical forum which represents the university community's commitment to important issues in Mexico and Latin America.

Caeteris Paribus is a free bimonthly publication focused on economic issues in Mexico and abroad, including reviews of recent conferences and new publications.

Gaceta de Economía (*Economics Gazette*) was founded by ITAM's undergraduate Economics students in 1995 and continues to be a forum that invites students and researchers to explore issues on the Mexican economy.

Gaceta de Ciencia Política (*The Political Science Gazette*) and the *Ahal Magazine*, from the Mayan word "to awaken" cover development issues and other topics in Political Science.

Urbi et Orbi is the ITAM magazine on International Studies, providing insights from disciplines within the Social Sciences.

Vortice is published by the students in ITAM's Masters in Public Policy.

Laberintos e Infinitos is ITAM's student Mathematics Magazine featuring articles that expand the image of the science while promoting its appreciation through cultural and recreational manifestations.





Río Hondo and Santa Teresa Campuses

Installations and Services

ITAM has two campuses. Each has its own history and distinctive architecture.

The main campus, known as Río Hondo is a newly refurbished set of buildings in the south of Mexico City, including an expanded library, a gymnasium, soccer field, and engineering laboratories. Most of the undergraduate subjects are taught at Río Hondo.

Three miles farther south is the Center for Research and Graduate Studies, better known as the Santa Teresa Campus, a complex of modern buildings which extend into a courtyard with glass covered arcades. Santa Teresa was built in the early nineties, responding to ITAM's growing role in graduate and executive education in Mexico. Most of the master's degree courses and graduate certificate courses, known as Diplomados, are given at Sta. Teresa.

Bookstores and copy services are located on each campus, offering an ample selection of texts, materials, and supplies required for ITAM classes.

Raúl Baillères Jr. Library

ITAM Río Hondo's newly expanded and remodeled six-story library is one of Mexico's most modern and comfortable centers for consultation and research. The Raúl Baillères Jr. Library complies with the guidelines and requirements of the American Library Association for university libraries, giving students and faculty loan access to the Library Collections containing over 400,000 volumes and 900 periodicals covering all the disciplines taught at ITAM.

The Raúl Baillères Library offers the student the latest technology in electronic resources, including Proquest, J-Stor, Elsevier, Emerald, and Factiva. Extensive inter-library loan services allow access to additional volumes from Mexico and abroad. The Library features audio-visual studios and lounges, meeting and study rooms, automated catalog services and online access to major databases.

Special Collections include the private libraries of Miguel Palacios Macedo with documents from the 18th through early 20th century, Bibliografía Antigua, with volumes published prior to 1950, volumes and documents from the private collection of Dr. Rudiger Dornbusch, the private libraries of Luis Montes de Oca, and José Luis LaMadrid Sauza. The Sta. Teresa Campus houses volumes and periodicals, and provides full library services focused on the needs of graduate and executive students and faculty.

Manuel Gómez Morín Library

This specialized library at the Río Hondo campus houses the private collection of Manuel Gómez Morín, a distinguished Mexican statesman who, among his many accomplishments, established the legal framework for the Mexican central bank. The Library's 12,000 volume collection features specialized archives on Law, Economics, Political Science, Public Administration, Philosophy and Literature, including special editions from Mexico and France, along with 1,500 periodical publications.

Computer Centers

ITAM's programs and courses are supported by modern laboratory facilities. The student Computer Centers at ITAM hold an average of over 200 Computers at the Río Hondo and Sta. Teresa Campuses. The Finance Center at the Sta. Teresa Campus provides specialized programs and data bases for financial research, including Data Stream International, Dow Jones Interactive, Bloomberg, Reuter 3000/ Reuter Graphics, and Infosel Financiero. The specialized Computer Centers at Río Hondo include Instrumentation, Electronics, Network, MicroprocessingAutomatization (flexible manufacturing) laboratories, along with other laboratories for Telematics Engineering.

Wireless Service

All ITAM libraries, lounges, cafeterias and outdoor study areas are equipped with wireless connections to give student and faculty access to their computers and internet outside of offices and classrooms.

Engineering Laboratories

The Engineering programs at ITAM are among its newest, and great care has been taken to provide the latest in laboratory technology as well as to insure a very favorable ratio of laboratory space per Engineering student. The Industrial Engineering program facilities include: Chemistry and Materials Science laboratories, Traditional Machinator laboratory, dye casting and soldering, CAD/CAM, Automatization and Industrial Robotics laboratories. The Telematics and Computer Engineering Programs laboratories include Physics, Electronics, Logical Circuits, Computer Organization and Programming, Microprocessors, Guided Waves, Signals and Systems, Microwaves, Computer Networks, Digital Signal Processing, Telephony and Switching, Distributed Systems, Multimedia and Communications Systems.

Professional and Career Development

The ITAM Career Development Services office has been consistently ranked by firms as one of the best university placement centers in Mexico. Students and firms have access to private on-line registration services to compete for some of the most attractive positions in the country. An average of 3500 firms list vacancies each semester. The center programs information sessions for students throughout the year featuring firms with special recruiting programs. Among the highlights of the Center's activities is an annual Recruitment Fair at the Río Hondo campus, hosting more than 80 Mexican and international companies.

Sports Activities

Basketball, exercise equipment, soccer, volleyball and aerobics are only some of the activities

coordinated by the ITAM Athletics Departments at the gym facilities and soccer field at the Río Hondo campus. The Athletics Department staff also work with students to organize additional sports activities based on student demand.

Cafeterias

Each campus has a cafeteria for students providing snacks, light lunches and hot meals. In the fall of 2005, the cafeteria at Río Hondo was completely remodeled to offer more comfortable and efficient services. A full meal at midday is available at a moderate cost and both cafeterias offer ample a la carte menus.

Spanish Language and the CARLE Center for Language Acquisition and Composition

All exchange students can learn Spanish during their exchange term at ITAM. Students are invited to enroll in Spanish Immersion classes, where they will be placed according to their level of Spanish language skills. Classes are offered for six hours weekly and tutorial sections can be programmed with the Instructor or with assistants in the Academic Exchange Office. The outlines for the Spanish classes may be consulted at <http://darle.itam.mx>.

Special support for language learning is available through CARLE, ITAM's Center for Writing and Language. The CARLE Self-Access Center offers specialized software for Spanish as a Second Language, Spanish writing for native speakers, as well as training in other languages. Among the services offered by the language center are advising and peer tutoring, practice exercises for international language testing, and graduate admissions examinations.



Shuttles and Transportation

The nearest Metro or Subway stations to the undergraduate campus are Miguel Angel de Quevedo on Line 3 and Barranca del Muerto on Line 9. Shuttles run from this campus to the stations every hour on weekdays when classes are in session. In addition to this service, there are shuttles running from Río Hondo to Sta. Teresa every hour for student convenience.



International Students & Study at ITAM

International Cooperation

ITAM has established reciprocal exchange agreements with over one hundred prestigious universities around the world, providing the opportunity for students to study abroad while accrediting subjects towards their degree at their home institutions. Under these agreements, students pay tuition at their home universities while studying at the host institution abroad.

Buddy Program

The Buddy Program brings together ITAM volunteers to welcome international students coming on exchange to ITAM. Among the activities carried out by the teams of Buddies are airport reception services and activities to help international students find their way around ITAM and Mexico City.

Housing

ITAM does not own or operate student residences, but private providers offer various attractive options close to campus or to the metro stations serviced by the ITAM shuttlebus. Most international students live in large residences or apartments with other international or Mexican students. We recommend that students take fully furnished options. The Academic Exchange Office will send the offers and prices to incoming exchange students each semester/trimester.



Academic Style

Emphasizing our commitment to providing the best professors for the best students, ITAM classes are generally small and dynamic, rarely bringing together more than thirty students. International students on exchange at ITAM take the same classes, with the exception of Spanish language courses, as the regular, degree-seeking students. Class attendance is always expected. Therefore students must arrive for the first day of each semester and stay in Mexico for the entire exam period. Each student is given a syllabus or subject outline, which must state the criteria to be used for evaluation, as well as the objectives, content and bibliography to be used in each course.

Grading, Credit and Education System

All classes at ITAM are graded on a ten-point scale, in whole numbers only, with 6.0 as the minimum passing grade and 10.0 as the highest. No partial credit is given for a failed subject. The criteria for evaluation are established by each professor, who is obliged to provide the student with this information at the beginning of each academic term. The distribution of grades varies by program and by generation, but there are no obligatory bell curves and each student has the opportunity to achieve a 10 in his or her class.

Under the Mexican educational system, one credit represents one half hour of theoretical



class work per week or one hour of laboratory time per week, for one semester. ITAM semesters last sixteen weeks. Therefore a 6-credit class represents three hours of class sessions per week for sixteen weeks, or 48 hours of class. Under the rules of the Mexican Education Secretariat, the Licenciatura (undergraduate) Degree must contain a minimum of 300 credits worth of course work while a Maestría (Master's) degree must contain a minimum of 75 credits.

Proof of the completion of an undergraduate degree must be submitted before a student may be admitted into a Master's program and work experience is required for admission into the MBA program.

Language

The large majority of subjects at ITAM are given in Spanish. Only a limited number of courses are offered in English every term, mostly in the MBA program, but also in the undergraduate programs of Business Administration, International Relations and Economics. Textbooks and readings are mostly taken from publications in English. It is therefore recommended that students have an understanding of basic conversational Spanish before coming to ITAM. Spanish language classes are offered in the summer and each semester and the CARLE self-access language center will also help students increase Spanish fluency while at ITAM.

Enrollment at ITAM

All students, both degree-seeking and exchange, should be registered in a minimum of four subjects to be considered as having full-time enrollment. Once registered, each student may access his or her official enrollment information online and each student must make sure that the information is correct. Students may also access their academic and financial information on the ITAM web page. No credit can be given if the student is not officially enrolled in the subject and a grade will be issued for every subject registered and active on the student's enrollment information.



ITAM Beyond the Classroom

Students will find a wide array of activities at ITAM beyond the classroom, ranging from academic, cultural, and literary interests to philanthropic, political and sports activities. All ITAM Student Organizations welcome international students to participate in their activities.

Student Association

The Sociedad de Alumnos del ITAM (SALITAM) is the official organization for student representation and communication within the Institute and the ITAM community. All students enrolled in undergraduate programs at ITAM are members of SALITAM and participate in two forums: The Asamblea General or General Assembly and the Council of Students & Representatives, CARITAM.

The General Assembly

Is in charge of the process of establishing, revising and overseeing the statutes applicable to Student Government activities. In particular, the General Assembly organizes elections and polls.

Student Committee for Academic Excellence CUHE

This student committee recognizes individuals and organizations that achieve ever higher degrees of academic excellence at ITAM, while collecting and disseminating information and data on the ITAM community. <http://cuhe.itam.mx/>

Program Representatives

Representatives are elected by each of their respective undergraduate programs. They are in charge of organizing academic, cultural and social activities for their disciplines and for advocating on behalf of the student body to the administration and academic departments.

Council of Students & Representatives

CARITAM is the ITAM student government, made up of elected representatives of each undergraduate degree program. CARITAM makes key decisions regarding initiatives and recommendations on student activities.

Special Interest Associations

Organizations formed to promote a special student interest or activity based on an intellectual, cultural, or social interest or concern are also organized under CARITAM. Just some of the associations ITAM students are invited to join are the following:

Videogames Lab (Laboratorio de Videojuegos)

Where engineering students apply their academic expertise to develop video games and their complex software. <http://games.itam.mx>

Robotics Lab (Laboratorio de Robótica)

The forum for engineering students to apply technologies of Artificial Intelligence. The ITAM Robotics Lab has consistently been among the top international teams in the Robocup World Cup Championships. <http://robotica.itam.mx>



ITAM's AIBO Robots.



Manufacturing Laboratory

“Out-of-Towners” Association

(Asociación de Estudiantes Foráneos)

Is made up of students from outside México City who have come together to help new students from the provinces of Mexico and from abroad to take advantage of the resources and activities in ITAM and in the Federal District.

Short-Circuit Radio and Television Group

Entertainment and culture within reach. This student group organizes and transmits teleconferences, classes by TV, news, music and other programs for ITAM students.

Interdisciplinary Program for Sustainable Development, PIDES.

This student association brings together students who organize activities designed to promote respect for and harmony with the environment.

Theatre Workshop

Where students show that theatre is as much about community as communication. Recent productions include works from Shakespeare and the musical Don Quixote.

<http://www.itam.mx/contacto/asociaciones/teatro>

Choral Group (Coro del ITAM)

Not only students, but also faculty and staff learn to make and appreciate music.

<http://musica.itam.mx/coro/coro.html>

Professional and Educational Interests are promoted in the following ITAM Associations:

ITAM Business Association (Asociación de Empresarios del ITAM AEITAM)

Promotes entrepreneurship among students, academics executives and businesspersons through professional, commercial, and cultural activities.

<http://www.ae.itam.mx>

AIESEC

The ITAM chapter of the worlds largest student organization, AIESEC is a global network of 50,000 members in more than 83 countries and 800 universities world-wide. AIESEC is student-run organization which facilitates international exchange of thousands of students

and recent graduates in paid traineeships or as volunteers for non-profit organizations

ITAMMUN

This organization of students from various undergraduate degree programs organizes a university-level Conference on the United Nations. Student delegates from ITAMMUN discuss, question, analyze, and propose new solutions to world problems. <http://www.itam.mx/itammun>

National Association of Political Science and Public Administration Students (ANECPOP)

ITAM students operate one of the 25 chapters of this Mexican student organization whose objective is to promote discussion on political issues of national importance, through university, region and nationwide conferences.

Volunteer Organizations at ITAM

ALCANCE

Is the community outreach organization for those students who want to make a commitment to helping the less fortunate in Mexico. In the ten years since its founding, ALCANCE has organized more than 1,100 ITAM students in three areas of volunteer service: Community Development, Street Children, and the Mentally and Physically Challenged.

www.itam.mx/alcance

Center for Access to Justice

Is the Legal Aid Center operated by Law students and professors from ITAM, providing free legal aid to persons with need, without regard to age, ethnicity, origin, or gender.

<http://derecho.itam.mx>

DAGIF

Through the DAGIF organization, ITAM students offer free consulting services to non-profit organizations, including advice on fundraising, compliance with Mexican laws for non-profit organizations, and the establishment of communication campaigns.

<http://www.itam.mx/contacto/asociaciones/dagif>

Mexico City

We can only begin to tell you about one of the biggest cities in the world. You need to experience life in the city to be able to understand the culture, history and adventures that Mexico City holds.

Located in the center of the country, Mexico's capital is known for its vibrant and eclectic atmosphere. Divided in sixteen "delegaciones," or boroughs, Mexico City is the cultural, financial, governmental, and entertainment capital of the country. There are museums that reflect the rich culture and history of the country, including the Museum of Anthropology, Museum of Modern Art, the Museum of Natural History, and the Frida Kahlo House Museum, among many more. Everyone can find something appealing in the city, ranging from world-renowned amusement parks, like Six Flags and La Feria, to haute cuisine restaurants, to all-night clubs, to the largest library in Latin America located at the National University. All major concert tours make a stop at forums such as the National Auditorium, the Sports Palace or the *Foro Sol*. Cultural exhibitions and events are held

in the Fine Arts Palace. Important art exhibits are shown in our great number of galleries. World-class shopping can be found at the boutiques in Polanco, or at the famous Perisur and Santa Fe malls. When things get too chaotic, remember that "all roads lead to Mexico City". Travel is convenient to nearby towns such as Taxco, Cuernavaca ("the city of the eternal spring"), or the famous Acapulco Beach. Archeological zones are also found within an hour of the city, demonstrating the great achievements of the Aztec culture that gave place, with the influence of the Spaniards, to our society.

ITAM is located immediately west of San Ángel. Within a short walking distance of the undergraduate campus, you can find colonial buildings, parks, many restaurants, the Saturday Bazaar that sells antiques, art and gifts; two movie theater complexes, a salsa dancing hall, upscale bars, three shopping malls, and a sports center, all in the midst of one of the best preserved colonial areas, filled with trees, 16th century churches, and a tranquil atmosphere reminiscent of another era.



Mexico City's "Torre Mayor" is the tallest building in Latin America.

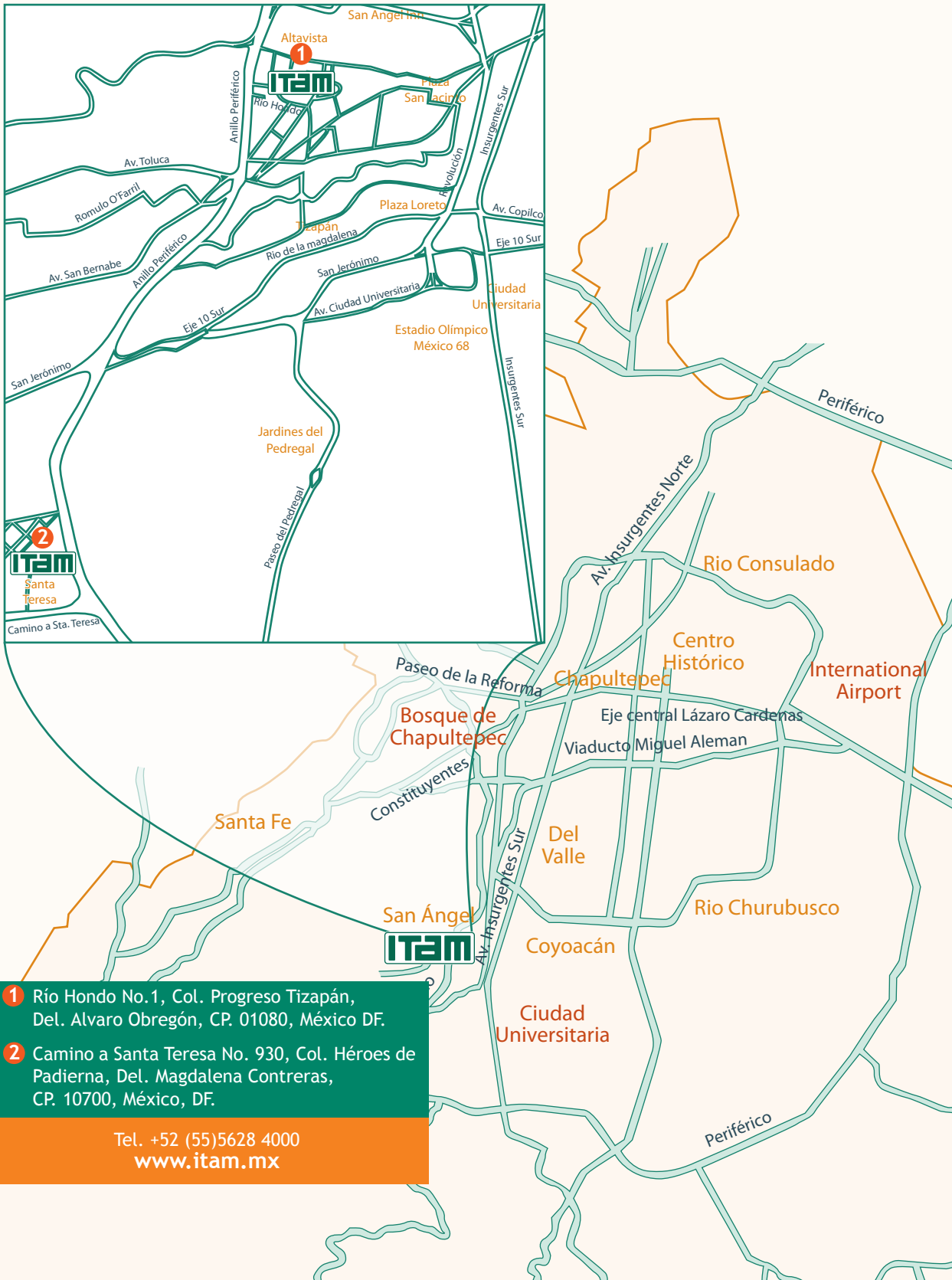


Mexico City's Zocalo in the Historical City Center



The Angel of Independence on Reforma Avenue

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