PONTIFICIA UNIVERSIDAD CATÓLICA DEL PERÚ
FACT SHEET 2019



Contact information

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General information	
Academic calendar 2019	First semester: March 18th – July 13th Second semester: August 19th - December 14th
Language of instruction	**Spanish**. Students need a B2 language level.
Are there any courses available in English?	Few courses at the Engineering School, Social Sciences and General Studies. For more information contact exchange@pucp.edu.pe
Semester Spanish courses	The courses (intermediate and advanced) offer 4 credits (4 hours a week). Registration runs the same as for the regular courses. There is a placement test and spaces are limited. http://facultad.pucp.edu.pe/letras-ciencias-humanas/programas/spanish-program-for-foreign-students/?fotos-videos
Spanish Language and Peruvian Studies (February/August)	This program offers formal instruction in for a total of twenty hours per week. Students attend a daily two-hour session where they receive formal instruction in Spanish Grammar, as well as focusing on the development of oral and written communicational skills. Besides, teaching assistants, for a daily two-hour individualized conversational practice, supervise students. In addition, the program offers 4 courses on different aspects of Peruvian culture. It also includes one guided visit per week to important cultural sites in Lima. For further information please contact (fieldschool@pucp.edu.pe)
Fields of study	Painting, Sculpture, Engraving, Graphic Design, Industrial Design, Administration, Accounting, Architecture, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Civil Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Industrial Engineering, Mining Engineering, Electronic Engineering, Computer Engineering, Telecommunications Engineering, Anthropology, Sociology, Economics, Political Sciences, Audio-Visual applied Communications Arts and Sciences, Journalism, Advertising, Scenic Arts, Communication for Development, Law, Pre-school Education, Elementary Education, Archaeology, Information Science, Philosophy, Geography and Environmental Studies, History, Linguistics and Literature, Psychology
Typical credit load per course	3-4
Required course load for international students	Depends on home institution
Standard number of semesters for completion of BA and MA degrees	10 semesters for BA and 4 semesters for MA
Degrees and titles	Students, who wish to graduate at the University, can do so by applying for regular admission by external transfer, according to the prevailing regulations. Contact: informes@pucp.pe
Grading system	From 0(zero) to 20(twenty) being 11 (eleven) the minimum pass mark
Credit system	One PUCP credit is equivalent to one hour of taught classes a week throughout the semester, or at least two hours a week of practical classes. The semester has 17 weeks of classes. Courses could have from 2 to 5 credits depending on the difficulty level, from low to high. The PUCP credit is different from an ECTS credit.

Exchange related information

Number of students per semester	Depends on each agreement.
Language courses available to international students (dates, costs and web link)	Spanish, Portuguese and English are offered at Idiomas Catolica (no credits). For more information about costs and schedules write directly to idiomas@pucp.edu.pe
Fees applicable to exchange students	None
Do PUCP accept graduate students?	Yes
Nomination deadlines	Spring semester (March-July): Oct 1st- Oct 31st Fall semester (August-December): May 1 st – May 31st
Application deadlines	Fall semester (March-July): November 30th Spring semester (August-December): June 28th
Application procedure	Partner universities must nominate their students online. Contact: exchange@pucp.edu.pe The international team will process the information and send an invitation to apply online to the student's email address. They can save a draft of the application and access it by logging on again later to complete the application. The students can upload the required supporting documents on-line; no hard copies are necessary.
Duration of the exchange	One semester or one year
Course registration	Online courses registration is not available. The direct enrolment will take place one week after beginning of classes.
Courses	International students can enroll in different Schools and levels if places are available. PUCP Academic Schools make every effort to accommodate exchange students in their classes, but due to overcrowding and equipment constraints in some majors, they cannot always give students the courses they choose. Exchange students should be flexible when planning their coursework at PUCP.
Restricted courses	Courses from CENTRUM, thesis and some seminars are not available for international students. In case of School of Law and School of Communications, the enrolment is online, before semester starts. Please contact for more information: exchange@pucp.edu.pe
Internships	Internships are not available for international students.
Transcripts	The Office of the Registrar issues certificates recording the grades obtained for each course. The grades obtained by students do not count towards a degree or title awarded by the Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú
Transcripts sending dates	We will send an electronic copy of the transcript to the partner university and to the student. We do not print transcripts anymore but if you required a hard copy ask to exchange@pucp.edu.pe Transcripts are sent **on February and September.**
Additional copies	For additional copies of transcripts or for sending transcripts to another institution(s), students are required to contact the Office of International Student Mobility exchange@pucp.edu.pe . Some fees will apply.
Campus facilities	Libraries, Internet, Mail, Sports, Music and Dance Center, Health service, Psycho-pedagogic Service, Book Bank, Student Organizations, Nutrition Service, Pastoral University Counseling Center, Cultural Center of PUCP, Volunteering.
Volunteer work	Students have the opportuni.ty to volunteer during the semester (no credits)

Arrival and orientation

Recommended arrival dates	Spring semester: March 15th Fall semester: August 16th
Pickup service from the airport?	NO
Orientation sessions for incoming students (dates and costs)	One week before the semester starts. Mandatory. No charge
Buddy Program - optional	Students have the opportunity to be matched with a local student for support. This program is called "Compañero PUCP" (the form is on the application package).

Housing information

Is on-campus housing available?	NO
Is there any assistance in finding off-campus housing?	YES.
Housing information	A list of student residences or families (depending on the choice) will be sent to the students after receiving their applications forms.

Visa

International students need a student visa?	International students have to enter with a tourist visa (students will no longer have to ask for student visa at Peruvian consulates) and then change the status at the Migrations Office in Lima. Our Office will provide the official documents from PUCP but is mandatory to bring any certification of sources of financial support (letter of support from parent, family member or sponsor; bank statement or bank letter certifying funds are available or letter of scholarship award. All the documents have to be translate into Spanish). Remember: Working is not permitted with a student or tourist status. Tourist visas are no longer renewable. The official fine is US$ 1.00 per day.
Restrictions	Students from Cuba, El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, Panama, China, Turkey, and Africa need to ask for a tourist visa in any Peruvian consulate.
International students are allowed to work?	NO

International medical insurance

International insurance is mandatory?	**YES**. Students must purchase an international medical insurance before coming to PUCP and send the copy to our Office. Students without this document will not be able to register. Should students require medical treatment, they have to pay for services and then file a claim for reimbursement from the insurance carrier. Students may also want to consider purchasing supplemental insurance to reimburse for theft or loss (personal property insurance), lost expenses due to travel cancellations (travelers insurance) or enrollment in a travel assistance plan.
Local insurances	Foreign students are **NOT** able to apply for a Peruvian health insurance.

Sample budget for a month

Housing Host families Student residences Department	 US$ 300 – US$ 450 dollars (includes all basic meals) US$ 150 – US$ 250 dollars US$ 300 – US$ 600 dollars
Meals	US$ 150 dollars
Photocopies/Supplies	US$ 50 dollars
Personal expenses	US$ 100 (depending on the life style)
Public transportation	US$ 150 (depending on the life style)