



ITESO, Universidad
Jesuita de Guadalajara

Fact Sheet ITESO

Spring 2026

General Information

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Academics

Grades	The grading system at ITESO is from 5-10 (without decimals), where 10 is the highest grade and 6 is needed to pass.
Attendance	Attendance is part of the grade and 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 equals 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.

Academic Calendar and Application	
Nomination Deadlines	<p>Fall semester: April 15</p> <p>Spring semester: October 15</p>
Semesters	<p>Spring 2026: January 19 – May 18</p> <p>Fall 2025: August 18 – December 8</p>
Orientation Sessions	Orientation sessions are held the week before the beginning of each semester and are <u>mandatory</u> .
Required Documents for Online Application	<p><i>Once nominated by their home university, students will receive the link to the online application via e-mail.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Passport copy • Health certificate (ITESO format available to download) • Official transcript • Academic reference • Motivation letter • Copy of health insurance certificate (medical expenses, repatriation)
Language Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • English: TOEFL ITP 550 or equivalent. • Spanish: Students who wish to take academic courses taught in Spanish must provide, <i>along with the required documents</i>, 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.
Course selection	<p>Once accepted, the student will receive information on how to enroll in classes. Enrollment takes place in May for the fall semester and in November for the spring semester.</p> <p>Courses (in Spanish) can be seen at https://www.iteso.mx/en/web/internacional/visiting_students</p>
Courses taught in English	<p>https://www.iteso.mx/en/web/general/detalle?group_id=1959016 (click on EMI to download the list).</p> <p>Courses may vary depending on the semester.</p>
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 to know his/her level and then add the Spanish course to the Course Request Form.