PUCP

Academic Office of Institutional Affairs

Fact Sheet 27/28

Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú



Fullname institution:

Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú



General Information

Address:
Av. Universitaria 1801 - San Miguel, Lima, Perú

Fields of study

More than 50 undergraduate programs.
Clic here to check each study plan.
To review our master programs, clic here.

Academic calendar

Spring semester
Mid March to mid July

Fall semester
Mid August to mid December

PUCP social media

Clic on each logo to go directly to our accounts. Don't forget to follow us.

For incomings students and partners, check out our social media accounts:

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About our courses:

Typical credit load per course

3 or 4 PUCP credits

Required course load for international students

Depends on home institution.

Grading system

From 0 to 20.
11 is the minimum pass mark.

Academic Credits at PUCP

At the Pontifical Catholic University of Peru (PUCP), course credits exclusively represent in-class contact hours over a 17-week academic semester:

- **1 PUCP Credit:** Equivalent to 1 hour of lecture per week, or at least 2 hours of practical/lab sessions per week.
- **Mandatory Attendance:** Attendance is strictly required. Exceeding the maximum allowed limit of absences results in failing either the course or the practical assessment.

Workload and Academic Demands

PUCP credits do not account for out-of-class study time (such as required readings, group assignments, final projects, or exam preparation), which requires a significant amount of independent work.

Recommended Credit Load for Exchange Students

- **General Recommendation:** We recommend enrolling in 12 to 18 credits per semester. This range provides a balanced workload between classroom instruction, independent study, and schedule flexibility.
- **Maximum Credit Limit (22 credits):** University regulations allow students to take up to 22 credits; however, we strongly advise reviewing each course's requirements carefully, as the out-of-class workload can be quite demanding.
- **Minimum Requirement:** To maintain active exchange student status, enrollment in at least one (1) course during the semester is mandatory.

Credit Transfer and International Equivalencies

Because higher education systems measure student workload using different methodologies —and given that PUCP credits account solely for in-class instruction hours—there is no standardized or direct credit conversion formula.

We encourage partner universities and incoming exchange students to thoroughly review each course syllabus, which details the course content, methodology, and academic expectations necessary to determine credit equivalencies according to the home institution's standards.

Course Selection & Availability

The official list of courses available for exchange students is published 2 to 3 weeks before the semester starts. As a reference for academic planning, students and coordinators may consult our historical database, which includes courses offered from Fall 2024 to Fall 2026:

👉 **Database link**

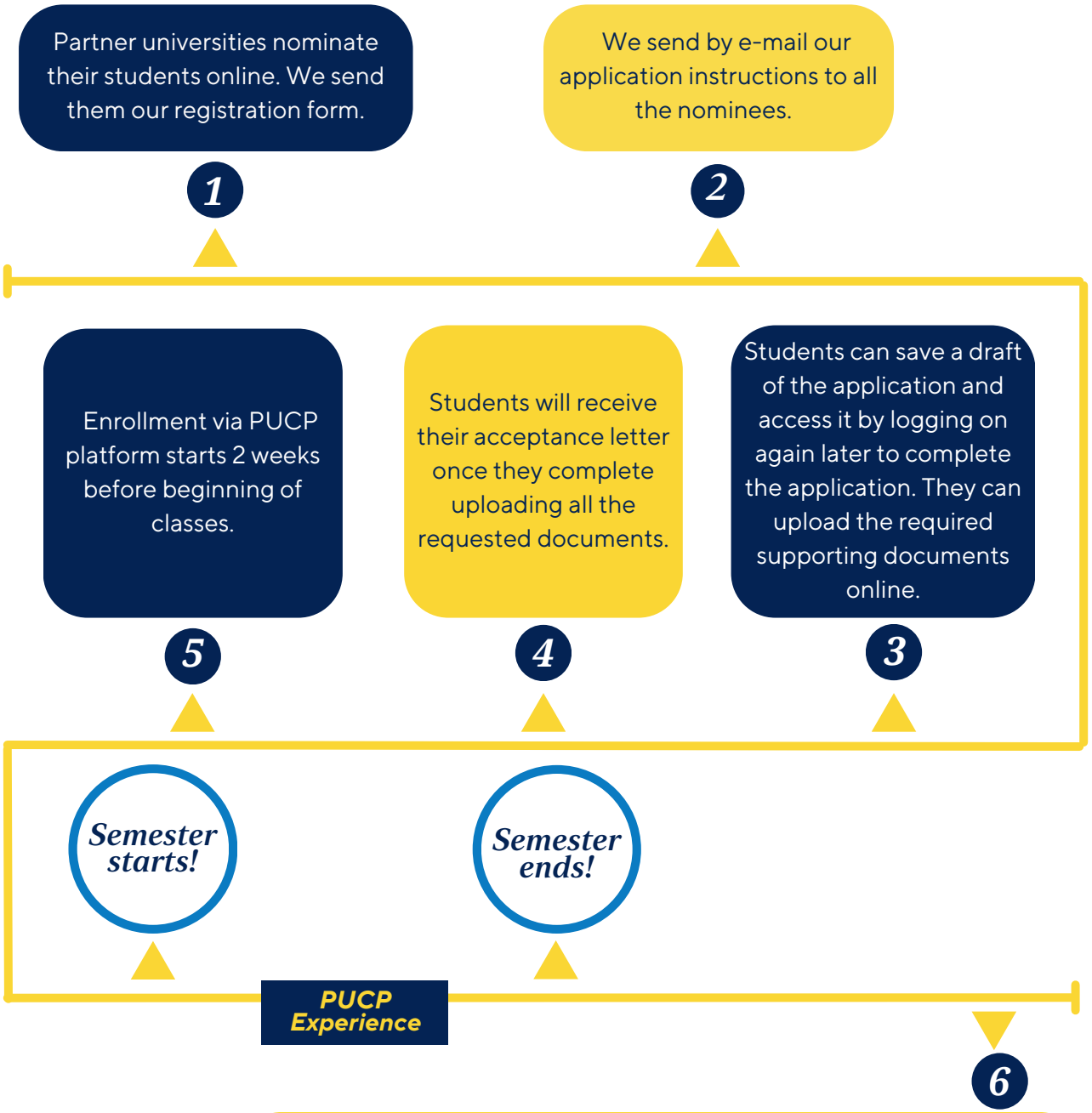
Please keep in mind:

- **Reference Only:** This list is provided for orientation purposes; final course availability may vary each semester.
- **Term Specificity:** Some courses are only offered during a specific term (Fall or Spring). We recommend checking previous cycles in the link above to identify recurring patterns.
- **Flexibility:** We encourage students to have alternative course options in case of schedule conflicts or changes in availability.

Please note that...

- **Academic Flexibility & Preparation Tools:** International students can enroll in courses across different faculties and academic levels. The official list of permitted courses is published approximately 2–3 weeks prior to the start of each semester. To assist with preliminary academic planning, historical course lists from previous semesters are available for reference. If you require a specific course syllabus (programa analítico), you can request it by writing to exchange@pucp.edu.pe.
- **Mandatory Virtual Academic Orientation:** Prior to enrollment, students must attend the virtual orientation session with faculty directors and department coordinators to receive guidance on course content, workload, and recommendations.
- **Final Enrollment Policy:** To ensure proper system management and secure course vacancies, no course changes, drops, or additions are permitted after the official online registration window closes. We strongly encourage students to review all course details thoroughly in advance and attend the academic orientation.
- **Course Availability Limits:** CENTRUM courses, thesis writing, and certain specialized seminars are not open to exchange students. Courses in the Faculty of Performing Arts require prior portfolio approval.
- **Language Requirements:** Most courses are taught in Spanish (B2 level recommended). PUCP does not offer Spanish language courses for academic credit (non-credit language courses are available through "Idiomas Católica").

Get to know our application process



The Office of 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.

For additional copies of transcripts or for sending transcripts to another institution(s), students are required to contact to exchange@pucp.edu.pe . Some fees will apply.

For any questions, contact exchange@pucp.edu.pe

Application dates for academic year 2027/2028

	Nomination	Límite de aplicación	Acceptance letters
Fall 27	Apr. 12 to May 31, 2026	June 30, 2027	First weeks of July
Spring 28	Oct. 11 to Nov. 30, 2027	January 16, 2028	First weeks of February

If you are a visiting student, please contact us so we can provide you with the specific dates for this modality.

"Hey, I'm coming to PUCP,

What do I need to know?

Important dates

Event	2027-2	2028-1
Available courses for the semester	July 26, 2027	March 2, 2028*
Enrollment via PUCP platform	August 2 to 4, 2027	March 6 to 8, 2028*
Recommended arrival to Lima	August 9, 2027	March 13, 2028
Welcome event on campus	August 11, 2027	March 15, 2028*
Beginning of the semester	August 16, 2027	March 20, 2028*
End of the semester	December 11, 2027	July 15, 2028*

*Those dates are still without confirmation. We will update it as soon as we get our official calendar for 2028.

International Health Insurance

It is mandatory for all international students to be covered by an international health insurance plan that complies with **medical expenses and evacuation in case of sickness/accident, repatriation of remains, and guarantee of direct payment**. Also, they must send a list of private hospitals in Lima, confirmed by their insurance company, where they have coverage.

If the original document is not issued in English or Spanish, students are allowed to make a translation on their own. They have to submit both documents during the application.
Students who don't send both documents won't be able to be enrolled and study with us.

Recuerda que...

- Our welcome event is usually set one week before the semester starts. I**t is mandatory to attend it, and there is no charge.**
- We do not offer pick up service from the airport.
- Students have the opportunity to be matched with a local student for support. This program is called "Buddy PUCP" and is optional.

For any questions, contact exchange@pucp.edu.pe

Visa requirements

Foreign students change their immigration status from tourist to student once they are in Peru. As a tourist, they get a permit to stay for up to 90 days when they arrive. During that time, they start to apply to get their student status for 180 days or 1 year.

Check our guides! If you are coming for one semester, click here. Academic year students, click here.

Our office will provide the official documents from PUCP and guidance about the process. **Do not hesitate to ask all the questions regarding this matter.**

About booking the flights

Since international students enter Peru under a tourist status and later process their immigration status change (to stay up to 180 days or 1 year), airlines may request proof of departure within the initial 90-day period. It is the responsibility of the student to verify all travel requirements and restrictions with their chosen airline before purchasing tickets.

Please take the following into consideration:

- **Consult the airline:** Verify if they allow boarding with a return ticket exceeding 90 days. Policies vary significantly by company and country of origin.
- **The 90-day Rule:** Some airlines may not allow the purchase of a return ticket with a date exceeding 90 days from arrival, as this is the standard tourist stay.
- **Flexible Tickets:** Purchase a return flight that allows date changes without high penalties. You can adjust the final date once you are in Lima. You can also ask about temporary flight reservations with a confirmation deadline.
- **Proof of Onward Travel:** If your airline requires a departure date within 90 days, and you have plans to travel outside Peru, consider having a temporary flight reservation or a low-cost ticket to a neighboring country as proof of exit.
- **Carry your acceptance letter:** Always have a printed copy of your PUCP acceptance letter to explain to airline staff that you will be undergoing an official immigration process upon arrival.
- **Regional Agreements:** Even if your country has specific agreements with Peru (such as the Andean Community), airlines may still apply their own boarding policies.

Important: To avoid last-minute issues at the airport, **double-check all boarding requirements regarding your length of stay and visa status directly with the airline**. Failure to do so may result in being denied boarding or being forced to purchase a new ticket at the airport.

Sample budget for a month:

HOUSING	Host family	US$ 300 - 450
	Apartment	US$ 350 - 700
	Student Residences	US$ 150 - 250
MEALS	Depending on lifestyle	US$ 150
TRANSPORTATION		US$ 100
PERSONAL EXPENSES		US$ 150

All these prices are referencial.

Frequent questions:

Is it possible to do an exchange for more than one year?

No, you can only apply for 1 semester or 1 academic year.

During our exchange, are we able to do an internship?

No, internships are not available for international students. Remember, you have a student status.

Are fees applicable to exchange students?

No, there aren't any fees.

Does PUCP accept graduate students?

Yes, but they must be enrolled in a posgraduate program on their university of origin to apply.

Are international students allow to work?

No, you are not allow to do it while you are doing your exchange. Remember, you have a student status.

Do you offer on-campus housing?

No, we provide assistance in finding off-campus housing. A list of student residences and family houses will be sent after students completed their application.

