

UNIVERSITY OF EL SALVADOR



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EL SALVADOR AT A GLANCE

OFFICIAL NAME: Republic of El Salvador.

LOCATION: It is the smallest and the most densely populated country in Central America.

CAPITAL: San Salvador.

AREA: 21,041 km²

ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISIONS: El Salvador is divided into 14 departments, which in turn are subdivided into 262 municipalities.

POPULATION: 6,377,195 (2015).

CURRENCY: United States Dollar (USD).

LANGUAGE: Spanish.

CLIMATE: Tropical with pronounced wet and dry season.

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The University of El Salvador (UES for its acronym in Spanish), was founded on February 16th, 1841. However, it started to function by 1843 in the areas of pure mathematics, logic, moral, metaphysics and physics in general. In 1880 it was divided into faculties, some of them disappeared with time while others were created. The University of El Salvador is the first and largest Institution of Higher Education in the country, and above all, the only public University. It is considered as a humanist institution, which is constantly looking for knowledge, truth and beauty in all forms and expressions.

UES's objectives concerns not only on vocational training but also in the process of building a new citizenship through academic development and application of science, technology and art for the dignity of the population in order to improve people living standards.

UES has gone through several events such as military interventions during the civil war, destruction of infrastructure because of earthquakes and other natural phenomena. In addition, it has had to face low governmental budget aimed to public higher education, which has not hindered the operation of the University. Nevertheless, without international cooperation, the University could not have overcome all these adversities.



KEY POINTS

- 175 years of history.
- The only public University.
- The largest University in the country.
- Academic excellence.
- Unique study programs.
- Humanist and extension.
- International mobility funds.
- Nationwide expansion strategy.

FACTS¹

- Established in 1841.
- Online studies since 2016.
- Around 53,726 students (29,177 women, 24,549 men) in 2015.
- 9,868 new students in 2015.
- 12 faculties.
- Budget amount from government in 2016: \$70,544,270.
- One main campus and three branch campus.
- Language of studies: Spanish.
- 58 Active networking and international cooperation projects in 2015.
- Center for international events.
- Participate in international competitions and Olympics in areas such as chemistry, physics and mathematics and other academic areas.
- 122 degrees (bachelors, masters, PhD, courses, teaching degrees, medical doctor degree), disseminated in the central campus and in the branches, which make more than 180 academic offer in the country.
- 56 active investigators in 2015.
- 2,017 full time teachers (1,350 men and 667 women) and 1.527 administrative staff.
- More than 69,494 graduates.
- 4,269 graduates in 2015.
- 115 students who have a disability at central campus.
- One Superior University Council.
- One General University Assembly.

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- Two vice presidents (academic and administrative).
- Five Secretariats.
- One Scientific Research Council.
- Seven Institutes of Investigation.
- Six Centers of Investigation.

UNIVERSITY LAW

- Organic law.
- Strategic Plan 2013-2023.
- Research Policy.
- Genre Policy.
- Academic Mobility Program.
- Credit Policy.
- Social Inclusion Policy.

CAMPUS LOCATIONS

- The main campus is located in the Department of San Salvador.
- Western Faculty or campus is located in the department of Santa Ana.
- Eastern Faculty or campus is located in the Department of San Miguel.
- The Central campus is located in the Department of San Vicente.



ACADEMIC OFFER IN ONE MAIN CAMPUS AND THREE BRANCH CAMPUS

1. FACULTY OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES

Bachelor of Science:

- Veterinary Medicine.

Engineering:

- Agro industrial.
- Agronomic.

Master's Degree in:

- Integrated Water Management.
- Sustainable Agriculture.
- Assessment of natural hazardousness.



2. FACULTY OF ECONOMICS

Bachelor of Arts:

- Public Accounting.
- Economy.
- Business Administration.
- International Marketing.

Master's Degree in:

- Financial Management.
- Business Consulting.
- Economy for Development.

3. FACULTY OF NATURAL SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS

Course:

- Teacher Training for Professionals.

Bachelor of:

- Geophysics.
- Mathematics.
- Statistics.
- Biology.
- Chemistry.
- Physics.

Master's Degree in:

- Chemistry.
- Physics.
- Sustainable Management of Natural Continental Resources.
- Computing.
- Mathematics Education.
- Environmental Management.
- Statistics.
- Sustainable Management of Natural Resources Coastal-Marine.
- Teacher Training for Basic Education.
- Fundamental Mathematics.





Three year teaching degrees in:

- Natural Sciences for Middle School and High School.
- Mathematics for Middle School and High School.
- Biology for Middle School and High School.
- Physics for Middle School and High School.
- Chemistry for Middle School and High School.

4. FACULTY OF SCIENCES AND HUMANITIES

Bachelor of:

- Visual Arts.
- English Language, Teaching major.
- Journalism.
- Social Work.
- History.
- Arts, Painting major.
- Fine Arts, Sculpture major.
- Fine Arts, Ceramics major.
- Fine Arts, Graphic Design major.
- Modern Languages- Major in French and English.
- Sociocultural Anthropology.
- Literature.
- Sociology.
- Psychology.

- Philosophy.
- Sciences of Education- major in Physical Education, Sport and Recreation.
- Educational Sciences.
- Library and Information Management.

Master's Degree in:

- Didacticism for Teacher Training
- Training for University Teaching
- Didacticism of English Language
- Methods and Techniques of Social Research
- English / Spanish- Spanish / English Translation
- Human Rights and Education for Peace
- Studies of Central American Culture, Central American Literature Major.

Ph.D. in

- Social Sciences.

Course

- Teacher Training for Professionals.

Professoriate in:

- Early Childhood Education.
- English Language for Middle School and High School
- Basic Education for Elementary School and Middle School
- Language and Literature for Middle School and High School.

Technician

- Library.





5. FACULTY OF ENGINEERING AND ARCHITECTURE

Engineering

- Chemistry.
- Civil.
- Food.
- Electric.
- Mechanics.
- Industrial.
- Informatics systems.

Architecture

Master's degree in:

- Software Development.
- Management of Hydrogeological Resources.
- Environment and Renewable Energies.
- Structural Engineering.





6. FACULTY OF LAW AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Bachelor of:

- Law.
- International Relations.

Master's degree in:

- Judicial Master.
- Economic Criminal Law.

7. FACULTY OF MEDICINE

Medicine

Bachelor of:

- Health Education.
- Optometry.
- Nutrition.
- Radiology and Imaging.
- Maternal and Child Health.
- Anesthesiology and Inhalotherapy.
- Environmental Health.
- Nursing.
- Physiotherapy and Occupational Therapy.
- Clinical Laboratory.



Master's Degree in:

- Public Health.
- Hospital Management.

Medical specialties:

- Family Medicine.
- General Surgery.
- Gynecology and Obstetrics.
- Internal Medicine.
- Pediatrics Medicine.
- Psychiatry and Mental Health.

8. FACULTY OF DENTISTRY

Dental Surgery

Specialty on:

- Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery.



9. FACULTY OF CHEMISTRY AND PHARMACY

Bachelor of:

- Chemical and Pharmaceutical Sciences.

Master's Degree in:

- Microbiology and Food Safety.

10. MULTIDISCIPLINARY CENTRAL FACULTY (SAN VICENTE)

Bachelor of:

- Social Work
- Educational Sciences for the Professionalization of Basic Education for Elementary School and Middle School
- Educational Sciences, Major in Social Sciences
- Public Accounting
- Business Administration





Engineering

- Agronomical sciences.
- Agro industrial.
- Informatic Systems.

Master's Degree in:

- Sustainable Local Development.

Course:

- Teacher Training.

Professoriate in:

- Early Childhood Education.
- Basic Education for Elementary School and Middle School.
- Initial and Early Childhood Education.
- Natural Sciences for Middle School and High School.
- Mathematics for Middle School and High School.
- Biology for Middle School and High School.

11. MULTIDISCIPLINARY WESTERN FACULTY

Bachelor of:

- Business Administration.
- International Marketing.
- Public Accounting.
- Chemistry.
- Statistics.
- Biology.

- Sociology.
- Literature.
- Educational Sciences.
- English Language- Teaching Major.
- Science Education for Elementary School and Middle School.
- Educational Sciences (Generalist Plan).
- Educational Sciences, Major in Social Sciences.
- Educational Sciences, Major in Mathematics.
- Educational Sciences, Major in Natural Sciences.
- Psychology.
- Sciences of Language and Literature.
- Educational Sciences, Major in Language and Literature.
- Law.
- Chemicals & Pharmaceuticals.

Architecture

Engineering

- Informatics Systems.
- Electric.
- Industrial.
- Chemistry.
- Civil.
- Mechanics.

Master's Degree in:

- Financial Management.
- Business Consulting.
- Methods and Techniques of Social Research.
- Public Health.
- Environmental Management.
- Sustainable Local Development.

Professoriate in:

- Natural Sciences for Middle School and High School.
- Mathematics for Middle School and High School.
- Social Sciences for Middle School and High School.
- English Language for Middle School and High School.
- Basic Education for Elementary School and Middle School.
- Language and Literature for Middle School and High School.



12. MULTIDISCIPLINARY EASTERN FACULTY

Bachelor of:

- Economy.
- Law.
- International Marketing.
- Public Accounting.
- Business Administration.
- Psychology.
- Literature.
- Educational Sciences.
- Science Education for First and Second Cycle of Basic Education.
- Sociology.
- Physical and Occupational Therapy.
- Anesthesiology and Inhalotherapy.
- Clinical Laboratory.

Architecture

Engineering

- Civil.
- Electric.
- Informatics Systems.

- Industrial.
- Mechanics.
- Agronomical sciences.

Master's Degree in:

- Financial Management.
- Professionalization of Higher Teaching.
- Methods and Techniques of Social Research.
- Environmental Management.
- Public Health.

Three year teaching Degree in:

- Natural Sciences for Middle School and High School.
- Mathematics for Middle School and High School.
- Statistics.
- Physics.
- Chemistry.
- Biology.
- Mathematics.
- English Language for Middle School and High School.
- Early Childhood Education.
- Basic Education for Elementary School and Middle School.
- Language and Literature for Middle School and High School.
- Social Sciences for Middle School and High School.

Course

- Teacher Training for Professionals.

Medicine

Medical specialty

- General Surgery
- Gynecology and Obstetrics
- Internal Medicine
- Pediatric Medicine

Chemistry and Pharmacy

- Chemicals & Pharmaceuticals.



CENTERS AND INSTITUTES OF RESEARCH

Some of the most important centers and institutes of research are:

Scientific Research Council

The Scientific Research Council of the University promotes, coordinates and directs the scientific and technological research in line with the basic interests and needs of the institution.

Center for Scientific Research and Development in Health -CENSALUD-

Its mission is to contribute to health development in El Salvador, through scientific and technological research, teaching, advanced technical training, and to provide consulting and specialized laboratory services.

Some of its objectives are:

- Disseminate information and documents on health studies conducted at the Center, helping to develop the scientific and technological culture in society.
- Contribute to specialized training, aimed at upgrading and updating the knowledge of students and professionals in health and related topics.

CENSALUD was built through international cooperation and is still developing its own projects with international partners. Their contributions and research are important and valuable for the public health system in the country.

Center for Gender Studies

The center is responsible to assume, processes and actions that promote gender equality and contribute to achieve the Millennium Development Goals with regard to reducing inequalities between men and women. It specially intends to empower women.



Center of Higher Education Studies

There are two main areas:

- Scientific and Philosophical/applied research in the university.
- Creation, organization, preservation and administration of the University Historical Archive.

Research Center for Nuclear Applications -CIAN-

The mission of this research center is to use the nuclear information, nuclear technology and nuclear analytical techniques in different fields of action such as health, industry, environment, education, and natural resource assessment. It also promotes and encourages the use of nuclear technology in El Salvador as a means of development. This center helps to Salvadorian society by supporting and giving assistance to Ministries and national hospitals. The experience of this center is attractive not only to a local but also at an international level.

Institute for Training and Pedagogical Resources -INFORP-

Some of its objectives are:

- To support the improvement of the quality of education at all levels, by means of teacher training, and educational research.
- To be the meeting place for exchanges of educational experiences contributing to both, students and teachers, development and reinforcement.



Institute of Volcanology

The Institute of Volcanology operates in the four-branch campus of UES and its activity is very dynamic as it is the monitor of the most seismically active areas in the country.

Some of its objectives are:

Mapping of volcanic hazard zoning to identify and delineate the areas with the highest level of danger.

Materializing a multidisciplinary approach for volcano monitoring, in order to improve and optimize future early warning of volcanic eruptions

Monitor the flow of several species of gases, which are being driven by active volcanoes.

The research made by this center about the behavior of volcanoes serve as support to the ministry of environment and natural resources.

This center has international recognition because of the quality of its work.

Institute of Economic Research

The Institute's mission is to promote and develop economic, social and environmental research at the Faculty of Economics, and contributes to give relevance to the teaching-learning process, addressing national and international economic and business problems.

Institute of Historical, Archaeological and Anthropological Studies -IEHAA-

It develops research projects in the areas of anthropology, history and social sciences and culture, in order to make the University of El Salvador a creative institution, as the basis of new



scientific knowledge and not just to merely reproduce knowledge generated in other countries and other institutions.

This institute has dynamic and active relationships of cooperation, which is why it receives a lot of international experts and Latin America recognition.

Institute of Marine Sciences and Limnology -ICMARES-

The ICMARES aims to train high-level human resources to analyze, investigate and find solutions to national problems related to sustainable management of coastal marine environments and resources, through research, teaching and extension.

This institute is held up with international cooperation. It has regional recognition among Central American universities as a successful project and research institute.

Young Talent Program of the University of El Salvador

It is not a center or institute. It is a program supported by the Ministry of Education, which aims to prepare young people to participate in International Science Contests with sciences taught in the program. Now it pursues to develop students of high intellectual capacity through the implementation of specialized educational strategies.

Through this program, the University has won gold, silver and bronze medals for their participation in regional and international competitions and Olympics in areas such as chemistry, physics and mathematics.

In this program, young people of all ages can participate from public and private schools without distinction, as long as they are top students.



ON LINE UNIVERSITY

The University of El Salvador, in coordination with the Government of El Salvador and the Ministry of Education, MINED, inaugurated the On line University this year. A project that aims to extend the coverage of public higher education to more students, especially those with limited economic resources.

OFFICES

University of El Salvador has eight strategic offices; they depend directly on the University Presidency and support the implementation of the government program. They have a technical and strategic level and related to the academic and staff units. Furthermore, it facilitates and reinforces institutional processes in their specific field of action. These offices are: General Secretary, Office of Art and Culture, Office of Research, Office of Academic Affairs, Office of Communications, Graduate Office, International Relations Office and Office of Extension.

EXTENSION

It coordinates the academic and collaborative activities with communities. It supports the growth of skills and knowledge acquired by students and offers an environment for professional development.

Extension is intended to make an approach to student professional practice in Salvadoran society and to integrate their knowledge in different forms of Extension to cooperate in the development of the professional and society. There are different program, actions, social groups and activities to get involve in the country and at the Campus. Community work never ends and everyone can be part. Extension and Investigation areas support each other.

Students can participate as volunteers through academic or social support in projects inside the university and in territories identified with extreme poverty. Their interventions cause significant changes. Professors also make social work as part of the extension.



ART AND CULTURE

The University has a unique cultural diversity. As its name suggests, there is a universe where people can develop themselves in the area of their interest.

There are free courses of:

- Painting.
- Sculpture.
- Theater.
- Poetry.
- Dance.
- Several musical instruments.
- Performing arts.

The Office of Art and Culture is constantly organizing and developing cultural activities, nationals and international actions. International staff and interchange are welcome.





LANGUAGE CENTER -CENIUES-

Its mission is ensuring children, youth and adults access to learning foreign languages at lower costs in an appropriate pedagogical condition, with updated methodologies, modern technology and professional content with social vision.

Some of the languages taught are English, French, Italian and Japanese.

OFFICE OF UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY RIGHTS

Its basic functions are to protect and promote University rights by strengthening and positioning the institution. It also ensures the defense or restoration of the rights for those who result affected. Since 2012 this center is part of the Network Organizations of University Rights Defenders, REDDU.

SUPPORT UNIT FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

This unit coordinates and implements all projects on disability, in order to ensure an inclusion that allows the full development of people with disabilities at the University. It also develops courses, workshops and training on inclusive education aimed at teachers and administrative staff of the UES.



SPORTS

University of El Salvador has an extraordinary sports center where students can practice the sports they want: tennis, table tennis, volleyball, gymnastics, bodybuilding, handball, boxing, chess, basketball, beach soccer, swimming, athletics, martial arts, and especially soccer, etc. There is a great capacity for national and international actions and events. All the services are reflexive and involve all the community. International students are welcome.

Soccer has aroused the passion of the entire university community. Our team C.D UES, known as THE PUMAS, plays in the first division at a national level.

Furthermore, Sports at the University are open to kids, teenagers, staff, and so forth.



INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS OFFICE



The International Relations Office is responsible for establishing relations with national and international actors. It has a highly dynamic and strategic role.

Depends from the rector and it is the major body of cooperation and international relations in the university. Their actions have a strong relation between authorities, academic, research, students and international partners in order to react to international opportunities.

The Office is the link between UES and the International Affairs Ministry in terms of international cooperation and scholarships. It works with actors who want to carry out international projects, mobility and agreements.

This office is aware of the importance of the internationalization of higher education and seeks ways to insert the University of El Salvador on new trends, synergies and international networks. It is constantly looking for academic and international cooperation and funds for projects that allow the development of the University and therefore Salvadorian society.

The office serves as well as coordinator of international mobility, giving assessment for those students or staff interested in studying or investigating abroad. The International Relations Office pursues an integral academic development, in that sense it promotes research and constant training for teachers and researchers bringing existing opportunities through cooperation and mobility in order to prepare them not only in an academic way, but also in multidisciplinary, social awareness, personal experience and cultural.

Looking for study,
teaching or research experience...
You are very welcome.

