

## MEXIQUE – Université autonome de l'état d'Hidalgo

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## I. Your overall feeling after your semester abroad

*My semester abroad was transformative, filled with personal growth and cultural enrichment. Navigating a new environment built my confidence and independence. I made good friendships and unique experiences. Immersing in a different culture broadened my perspective. Overall, it was an unforgettable journey. I still would have chosen this destination back on time.*

**GRADE : [4]**

=> 0 (I do not recommend this semester abroad to my best friend) - 5 (I totally recommend this semester to my best friend)

## II. Before the travel

### A. Preparation

#### 1. Visa

*I needed a Visa so that I could travel to Mexico. First I had to store the necessary documents I saw on the internet after searching on the official government website, then I had to go to the embassy of Belgium to get my Visa.*

#### 2. The flight

*I took my flight 3/4 months before the before departure date, with Turkish airlines. I had a layover on the way there for 3 hours and on the way back for 20 hours, and for both of the flights, I used the International airport of Benito Juarez.*

#### 3. My luggage

*What was useful for me was to have wrapped my luggage with plastic so that it would not be scratched especially after such a long flight and to have padlocked it. As far as content goes, everything I needed I took.*

#### 4. Bank account

*About the bank account, I didn't have to change mine, but I added an option named « travel option » that allows you to use your card in far destinations like Mexico. You have to pay the subscription to this option every months and its not expensive.*



## 5. Insurance

*I subscribed to the Heyme insurance.*

## B. Housing

### 1. Where to live

*I recommend living in this area where I used to live because it is near to the university (10min in bus) and to the downtown. I do not know the dangerous places to not live in so I can't give my opinion on it.*



### 2. Find a flat or a room

*To find the apartment where I lived I started looking before arriving in Mexico on housing sites. Since I couldn't find anything, I went to the Facebook application where there are many more interesting announcements for students. This is what helped me find my accommodation which I found after 2 days of searching. So I recommend using Facebook for finding a flat or a room!*

### 3. Cost

*The prices there to rent are not expensive, you have to plan up to 150€ for a room and 250€ for a small studio*

## III. When I arrive at the university

### A. Inscription at the university

*Once arrived to the university, I just had to fill out some documents, and I had to do an interview for the university's page and to take pictures.*

### B. Information on the university

#### 1. Class

*Experiencias Profesionales*

**\*\*Class Experience:\*\*** *This class provided practical insights into professional environments and work ethics.*

**\*\*Likes:\*\*** *Hands-on projects and real-world case studies were very engaging.*

**\*\*Dislikes:\*\*** *Sometimes, the workload felt overwhelming.*

**\*\*Recommendation:\*\*** *Highly recommend for its practical approach and valuable skills.*

### *Administracion Comercial*

**\*\*Class Experience:\*\*** *Focused on commercial management principles and practices.*

**\*\*Likes:\*\*** *Comprehensive coverage of business strategies and operations.*

**\*\*Dislikes:\*\*** *Some lectures were overly theoretical.*

**\*\*Recommendation:\*\*** *Recommend for students interested in business management.*

### *Causa y Efecto*

**\*\*Class Experience:\*\*** *Explored cause and effect relationships in various contexts.*

**\*\*Likes:\*\*** *Interactive discussions and critical thinking exercises.*

**\*\*Dislikes:\*\*** *Occasional lack of clear examples.*

**\*\*Recommendation:\*\*** *Recommend for those who enjoy analytical thinking.*

### *Artes Visuales*

**\*\*Class Experience:\*\*** *Covered visual arts techniques and history.*

**\*\*Likes:\*\*** *Creative assignments and inspiring projects.*

**\*\*Dislikes:\*\*** *Limited feedback on individual work.*

**\*\*Recommendation:\*\*** *Recommend for creative students passionate about art.*

### *Eventos Pasados y Futuros*

**\*\*Class Experience:\*\*** *Analyzed historical events and future trends.*

**\*\*Likes:\*\*** *Insightful lectures and engaging class debates.*

**\*\*Dislikes:\*\*** *Some topics felt too broad and superficial.*

**\*\*Recommendation:\*\*** *Recommend for history enthusiasts and future planners.*

### *Fundamentos de Metodologia de Investigacion*

**\*\*Class Experience:\*\*** *Introduced research methodologies and techniques.*

**\*\*Likes:\*\*** *Clear explanations and practical research assignments.*

**\*\*Dislikes:\*\*** *Some complex concepts were hard to grasp initially.*

**\*\*Recommendation:\*\*** *Strongly recommend for those planning to pursue research.*

## 2. Organization of the Class

*The class lasted for one semester, with weekly sessions of 2 times a week per subject. The workload was moderate, involving regular assignments, and a final project. The teachers were approachable, supportive, and encouraged active participation and critical thinking. Their teaching style was engaging and interactive, fostering a positive learning environment.*

## 3. List of courses and recommendation

### *Experiencias Profesionales*

**\*\*Professor:\*\*** *G. Altamirano*

**\*\*Likes:\*\*** *Hands-on projects and real-world case studies were very engaging.*

**\*\*Dislikes:\*\*** *Sometimes, the workload felt overwhelming.*

**\*\*Recommendation:\*\*** *Highly recommend for its practical approach and valuable skills.*

**\*\*Level:\*\*** *Easier than the class in Moma.*

### *Administracion Comercial*

**Professor:** Guttierrez

**Likes:** Comprehensive coverage of business strategies and operations.

**Dislikes:** Some lectures were overly theoretical.

**Recommendation:** Recommend for students interested in business management.

**Level:** Easier than the class in Moma.

### Causa y Efecto

**Professor:** Gerritos Negrete

**Likes:** Interactive discussions and critical thinking exercises.

**Dislikes:** Occasional lack of clear examples.

**Recommendation:** Recommend for those who enjoy analytical thinking.

**Level:** Same than the class in Moma.

### Artes Visuales

**Professor:** Vargas Lazcano Luis Ivan

**Likes:** Creative assignments and inspiring projects.

**Dislikes:** Limited feedback on individual work.

**Recommendation:** Recommend for creative students passionate about art.

**Level:** Easier than the class in Moma.

### Eventos Pasados y Futuros

**Professor:** H. Velasquez

**Likes:** Insightful lectures and engaging class debates.

**Dislikes:** Some topics felt too broad and superficial.

**Recommendation:** Recommend for history enthusiasts and future planners.

**Level:** Same than the class in Moma.

### Fundamentos de Metodologia de Investigacion

**Professor:** Polo Jimenez S

**Likes:** Clear explanations and practical research assignments.

**Dislikes:** Some complex concepts were hard to grasp initially.

**Recommendation:** Strongly recommend for those planning to pursue research.

**Level:** Harder than the class in Moma.

## 4. Exam

The exams there are different from those in France, you have to take them in three times where the first two times count for 30% and the last for 40%. exams last about a week or sometimes more. The exams are based on 3 points: a teacher's evaluation, a self-evaluation, and a co-evaluation where you have to evaluate other students. In general, it wasn't as hard as I thought it would be.

## IV. When I life there

### A. Safety

*It is very safe to live in Pachuca because it's a small city but since I'm a girl I preferred to avoid going out or taking public transport at night after 10/11 p.m.*

### B. Phone and Internet

*To be able to call and have internet, you have to subscribe to the « Travel option » or if you don't have it I recommend Revolut card.*

### C. Events

*About the events, I got added in the WhatsApp of the university what left me up to date.*

### D. Sports

*As a boy you can do Football there because the city is known for football, it even has one of the best football museum. And personally as a girl I just used the gym of the university for sports.*

### E. Eating

*For the food there I do not recommend eating in the stands outside except when it comes to small specialties of the country or state in which you live, personally I recommend trying the chilaquiles which are a breakfast typical, quesadillas and tacos. Finally, you should definitely not drink tap water.*

### F. Go to the university : bus, car, bike

*To use public transport it's very easy there, you just have to ask at the start at each of the little buses if they pass by the desired place and memorize them. then for the tickets: for small buses payment is made in cash directly in the bus at the end of the trip, and for large buses there is a small machine where you have to pay to get your ticket.*

### G. Travels

*I recommend to travel and discover because there is a lot of things to see, and to negotiate because sometimes they tend to want to rip off tourists, and what I do not recommend is to Go out very late at night in the capital.*

### H. Any other information you would have liked to know about

*I would like to know more about local customs, basic Spanish phrases for easier communication, the best ways to handle safety and health concerns, and tips for managing finances and transportation in Mexico.*

## V. After your semester abroad

### A. What are you planning do to?

*I plan to do my first year of my master's degree on a work-study basis and to do another exchange in the second year*

B. Did you apply for master?

*I was accepted into the master's degree in internal audit and control*

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