

## **Centro de Investigacion y Docencia Economicas (CIDE)**

Mexico City

### **Partnership**

Southwestern believes in providing a quality legal education by participating in and promoting exchange programs with schools outside of the United States.

As a member of the North American Consortium on Legal Education (NACLE), Southwestern students have the opportunity to study abroad for a semester at a member school in Mexico or Canada for the same cost as tuition they would pay for classes on campus.

### **Grading system**

The grading system is based on a 0-10 scale. 10 is equivalent to A+ or Excellent. 6 is the minimum passing grade.

### **Accessibility of Facilities for People with Disabilities**

Many new buildings and public transport services in Mexico City have facilities for people with reduced mobility; however, provision of wheelchair ramps and lifts is uneven. Existing lifts in many buildings are very small and may not accommodate wheelchairs; many restaurants do not have accessible washrooms. Even though a building may be accessible, it should be noted that nearby pavement surfaces may be uneven, there may be embedded barriers on pavements, trees blocking access, potholes and even cars parked on pavements, blocking access for people in wheelchairs. Accessibility details are often not made available on a website, so it is advisable to call in advance when visiting an office, tourist attraction, shop or restaurant. However, many tourist attractions are likely to be accessible to some degree. Many businesses or organizations offer special services for people with special needs. For more detailed information about accessibility, please visit

<http://mexicocity.angloinfo.com/information/healthcare/people-with-disabilities/accessibility/>

### **Tuition Refund Policy**

Students who withdraw from the program for reasons other than program cancellation must notify the Student Exchange and Dean of Students Offices in writing as early as possible. Students who withdraw before the first day of the program may receive a 100% credit of charged tuition. Thereafter, refund for tuition is pro-rated on a daily basis. After 60% of the program is completed, there is no tuition refund. Refunds of health insurance fees, immigration fees, room and board fees, or other fees required of exchange students by CIDE are subject to the policies of CIDE.

Students who withdraw from the program prior to the commencement of the program due to a course cancellation, significant change, or the cancellation of the program, including cancellation because of a U.S. State Department travel warning or alert, will be refunded all monies advanced within twenty (20) days after the cancellation or withdrawal.

Students who withdraw from the program during the course of the program due to a course cancellation, significant change, or termination of the program, including termination because of a U.S. State Department travel warning or alert, will be refunded all fees paid within twenty (20) days after the cancellation or withdrawal, except for room and board payments utilized prior to the date of termination or withdrawal.

### **Accommodations and Living Expenses**

CIDE is not able to offer accommodations or housing to students. However, we do have an accommodation network (Red de Alojamiento) which lists different housing options, with a wide range of costs and locations, adapted to the different needs of incoming students.

Although this list of options is maintained and updated by CIDE, we must remark that all of the information published and the services and costs offered are not affiliated to CIDE in any way.

Estimate of Accommodations and Living Expenses			
	Monthly Cost (pesos)	Monthly cost (USD)	Monthly Cost (Euros)
Accommodation	3500	270	200
Meals	3000	230	170
Transportation	880	65	50
Books, copies, etc.	660	50	40
Miscellaneous	1500	115	85
Total	9540	730	545

### **Cancellation Policy**

Southwestern reserves the right to cancel the Semester Exchange Program at CIDE at any time prior to the application deadlines for the program, or due to a U.S. State Department Travel Warning or Alert. Cancellation of the program will occur only if necessary for reasons beyond Southwestern's control, or if we are unable to rely on the host institution offering a meaningful educational experience. For cancellation that occurs after monies have been paid, all tuition money advanced by the student shall be refunded within twenty (20) days after the date of cancellation. Students who have paid a deposit or registered for the program also have the opportunity to withdraw from the program if there are changes in the course offerings or other significant aspects of the program and receive a refund of fees paid except for room and board payments. In the event of cancellation, students will immediately be notified by email, phone and U.S. mail. This program has not been cancelled in prior years.

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