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Information about the University

Universidad Central de Nicaragua UCN

is a fully recognised and autonomous university according to Nicaraguan higher education law with autonomous degree awarding powers at all academic levels of carreras (professional graduate programmes listed by CNU and receiving public funding) and postgraduate programmes (Specialist, Master, Doctor).

> Name and Address

Universidad Central de Nicaragua Programas Internacionales

Sede Matriz:

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Managua, Nicaragua, América Central

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> Academic calendar and study year

Online and e-learning programmes are conducted asynchronic, admission is possible throughout the year and the programmes can be completed at the students' pace.

Online and e-learning programmes in English offered by the Dean of European Programmes are the subject of this student handbook.

> Academic authorities

Deanship of European Programmes – Innsbruck & extension Wels

Dean of European Programmes: Prof. Dr. Dr. Dr. Gerhard Berchtold

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UNIVERSIDAD CENTRAL DE NICARAGUA (UCN)

Universidad Central de Nicaragua is a fully recognised and autonomous university with central campus in Managua City. It was accredited in 1998 by the Consejo Nacional de Universidades (the institutional accreditation agency in Nicaragua) and afterwards awarded the status of autonomy by Act of Parliament and Presidential Decree.

UCN is among the best Central American Universities and was awarded "Exemplary Central American University 2010" in the United States of America in 2011.

Internationally, UCN operates as a partner of CONIES, the International Association of Higher Education, established in 2012 in Managua with several signatories of recognised universities worldwide.

Within Europe UCN offers specific programmes in the Management, Education and Psychology study areas, mainly as inter-university dual degree programmes.

The European Representative of UCN is Dean Prof. Gerhard Berchtold at the Deanship in Innsbruck, Austria. The German Faculty of Psychology of European Programmes is located in Berlin.

In partnership with Universidad Central de Nicaragua UCN International Programs (Universidad Central de Nicaragua Programas Internacionales) graduates of either CONIES institution can pursue a dual degree programme, awarded by the partner institution.



Screenshot of UCN website¹



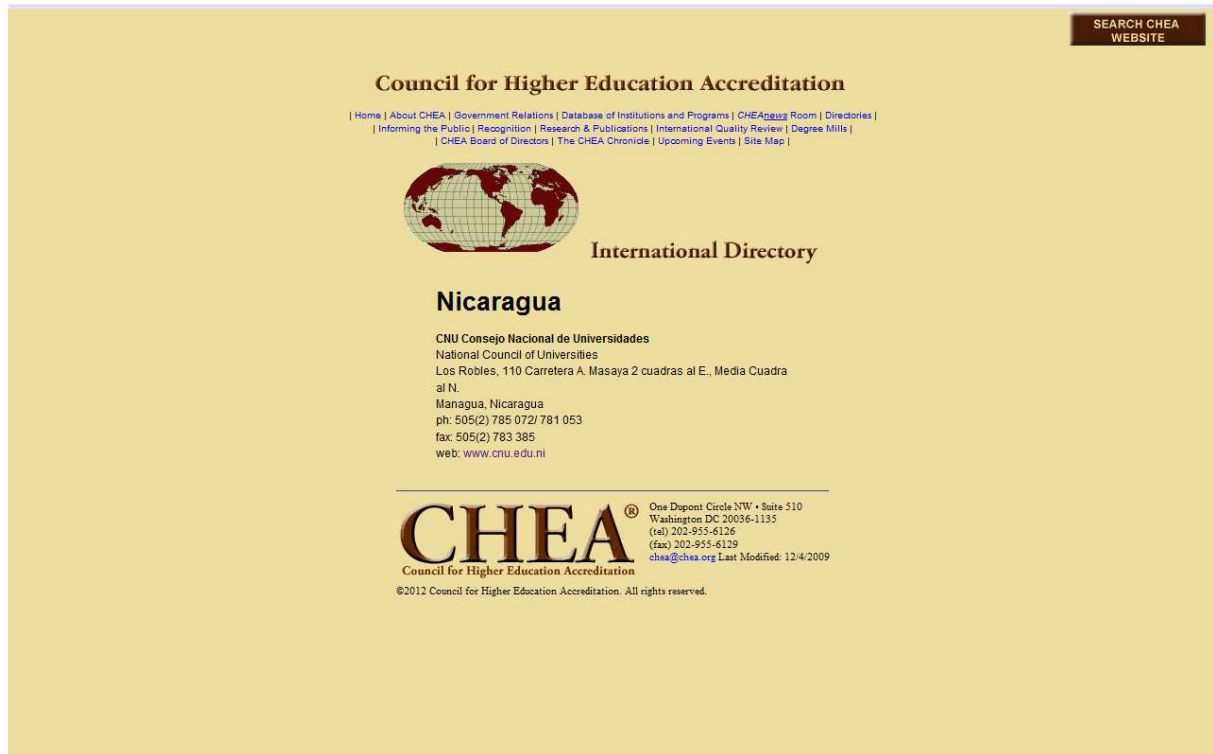
Screenshot of UCN website on collaboration with Universidad Azteca²

¹ <http://www.ucn.edu.ni/ans/> Abfragedatum: 30.05.2012, 17:23

² <http://www.ucn.edu.ni/ans/universidad/convenio-azteca.html>

NATIONAL RECOGNITION OF UNIVERSIDAD CENTRAL DE NICARAGUA

Accredited by CNU Consejo Nacional de Universidades



Screenshot of Council for Higher Education Accreditation CHEA Accreditation Agencies

The Universidad Central de Nicaragua is listed by CNU as according to Law 89 recognised universities (**Instituciones de educación superior legalmente reconocidas por el CNU**):

II.- Otras universidades y centros de educación técnica superior privados, legalmente establecidas.

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Abb. 4: Auszug aus der Liste der offiziell vom CNU anerkannten Universitäten³

³ <http://cnu.edu.ni> Abfragedatum 21.01.2012, 14:38



Screenshot CNU⁴ website



Abb. 6: Screenshot CNU⁵ website „Universidades“ with UCN-Listung

⁴ <http://www.cnu.edu.ni/> Abfragedatum 30.05.2012, 13:45

⁵ http://www.cnu.edu.ni/index.php?option=com_sobi2&catid=3&Itemid=3 Abfragedatum 30.05.2012, 13:46



CONSTANCIA

El suscrito Secretario Técnico del Consejo Nacional de Universidades (CNU), hace constar que la **Universidad Central de Nicaragua (UCN)**, ha sido autorizada por el CNU, en sesión No. 10-98, el 18 de Noviembre de 1998. Por lo tanto, según la Ley 89, es una Institución de Educación Superior legalmente establecida en el país que goza de personalidad jurídica propia, y que está regida por la Constitución Política de la República, Leyes y Reglamentos que se refieren al Subsistema de Educación Superior del País.

Dado en la ciudad de Managua, Nicaragua a los veintiséis días del mes de enero del dos mil once.

Atentamente

Arturo Collado Maldonado

Secretario Técnico

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CNU confirmation of 26. January 2011 on status of UCN

Statement⁶ by CNU 3. February 2012 about PhD (Dr.) degree programmes:



CNU confirmation of 03. February 2012 on award rights of UCN⁷

⁶ Bestätigung des Nationalen Universitätsrates CNU über die Akkreditierung der UCN als Universität, Verleihungsrechte für akademische Grade, internationale Kooperationen und Validierungen vom 03.02.2012

⁷ Beglaubigung durch das nicaraguanische Außenministerium liegt vor

UCN⁸ Rectorate statement on Nicaraguan study law⁹:



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Por lo tanto la Universidad Central de Nicaragua (UCN) tiene la facultad de expedir Documentos Académicos y realizar equivalencias de estudio del mismo nivel realizados en instituciones de educación superior nacional o en el extranjero. De igual forma como institución de Educación Superior y Centro de Estudio e Investigación la Universidad Central de Nicaragua tiene la facultad de expedir títulos o diplomas propios en estudios de actualización, postgrados, especialización, maestrías o doctorados con pleno reconocimiento legal nacional e internacional.

A continuación se plasman los Artículos de la Ley 89, LEY DE AUTONOMÍA DE LAS INSTITUCIONES DE EDUCACIÓN SUPERIOR y de la Ley. 582 LEY GENERAL DE EDUCACIÓN que dan las facultades mencionadas anteriormente a la Universidad Central de Nicaragua (UCN) y a los demás Instituciones de Educación Superior (Universidades) en la República:

1. Ley 89, LEY DE AUTONOMÍA DE LAS INSTITUCIONES DE EDUCACIÓN SUPERIOR:

- Capítulo II, Constitución y régimen de las instituciones de educación superior

Artículo 9.- La Autonomía confiere, además, la potestad de:

Inciso No.2

Expedir certificados de estudio; cartas de egresados; constancias, Diplomas, títulos y grados académicos y equivalencias de estudios del mismo nivel realizados en otras universidades y centros de Educación Superior, nacional o extranjeros. Las universidades estatales tendrán la facultad de reconocer los grados académicos y los títulos y diplomas universitarios otorgados en el extranjero.

Autorizado por el CNU en sesión No. 10-98, del 18 de Noviembre de 1998

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Statement of UCN Vice-Rector p.1

⁸ Vizerektor Dr. López Pérez, UCN, 11.04.2011

⁹ Ley No. 89 Ley de Autonomía de las Instituciones de Educación Superior, published in the Official Journal on April 20, 1990: La Constitución Política de la República de Nicaragua, en su artículo 125 establece la autonomía financiera, orgánica y administrativa de la Educación Superior, así como la libertad de cátedra y obliga al Estado a promover la libre creación, investigación y difusión de las ciencias, las artes y las letras; la autonomía universitaria, por la que se ha luchado en Nicaragua desde hace años, implica la capacidad de la Universidad para formular su propia legislación interna, designar sus autoridades, autogobernarse y planificar su actividad académica, así como disponer de sus fondos con entera libertad



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Artículo 10.- Las universidades y centros de Educación Técnica Superior podrán mantener y promover relaciones con entidades académicas, científicas y culturales con sede dentro o fuera del país.

Artículo 11.- La libertad de Cátedra es principio fundamental de la enseñanza superior nicaragüense.

Artículo 12.- Las universidades y centros de Educación Técnica Superior privadas gozarán de todas estas potestades y designarán a sus autoridades, según lo dispongan sus propios estatutos y reglamentos.

2. Ley. 582 LEY GENERAL DE EDUCACIÓN:

- Capítulo IV, De los Centros e Institutos de Estudio e Investigación

Arto. 82.- Los Centros o Instituto de Estudios e Investigación, responderán a las necesidades profesionales, científicas, sociales y económicas de interés general para la nación, sin pretender sustituir en ningún caso aquellas instituciones de educación superior o universidades que conforme a la normativa vigente también tienen la facultad de extender título propios, los estudios de los Centros o Institutos de Estudios e Investigación consistirán en estudios de actualización, postgrados, especialización, maestrías o doctorados, cuyo certificados, diplomas, títulos de especialista, maestría y doctorado, gozarán del pleno reconocimiento legal nacional e internacional.

Arto. 83.- Los Centros o Institutos de Estudios e Investigación, serán creados por la Asamblea Nacional, a través de Ley. Esta Ley determinará su régimen académico, científico, administrativos, patrimonial, estructura y funcionamiento; todo ello sin perjuicio de adscripción o creación de Centros o Institutos conforme a la Ley 89, Ley de Autonomía de las Instituciones de Educación Superior.

Adjunto Constancia del Consejo Nacional de Universidades (CNU)

Dado en la ciudad de Managua, Nicaragua, a los once días del mes de abril de 2011.


Dr. Francisco López Pérez
Vicerrector General
Universidad Central de Nicaragua
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Quotation from Political Constitution of Nicaragua:

Constitución Política de NICARAGUA

El Artículo 125, después de la Reforma Constitucional de 1996 a la letra dice:

"Las Universidades y Centros de Educación Técnica Superior gozan de autonomía académica, financiera, orgánica y administrativa, de acuerdo con la Ley.

Estarán exentos de toda clase de impuestos y contribuciones fiscales, regionales y municipales. Sus bienes y rentas no podrán ser objeto de intervención, expropiación ni embargo, excepto cuando la obligación que se haga valer, tenga su origen en contratos civiles, mercantiles o laborales.

Los profesores, estudiantes y trabajadores administrativos participarán en la gestión universitaria.

Las Universidades y Centros de Educación Técnica Superior que según la ley deben ser financiados por el Estado, recibirán una aportación anual del 6% del Presupuesto General de la República, la cual se distribuirá de acuerdo con la ley.

El Estado podrá otorgar aportaciones adicionales para gastos extraordinarios de dichas universidades y centros de educación técnica superior.

Se garantiza la libertad de cátedra. El Estado promueve y protege la libre creación, investigación y difusión de las ciencias, la tecnología, las artes y las letras, y garantiza y protege la propiedad intelectual."

Article 125, after the constitutional reform of 1996 reads:

"Universities and Higher Technical Education Centers enjoy academic, financial, organizational and administrative autonomy, in accordance with the law.

They shall be exempt from all taxation and tax contributions, regional and municipal. Their assets and income shall not be subject to intervention, expropriation or seizure, unless the obligation is asserted, has its origin in civil contracts, commercial or labor.

Teachers, students and administrative workers are involved in university management.

Universities and Higher Technical Education Centers which by law must be funded by the state, will receive an annual contribution of 6% of the general budget of the Republic, which will be distributed in accordance with the law. The State may grant additional contributions for extraordinary expenses of such universities and centers of higher technical education.

It guarantees academic freedom. The State promotes and protects the free creation, research and dissemination of science, technology, arts and letters, and ensures and protects intellectual property. "

Quotations from the Law No. 89 on the Autonomy of Institutions of Higher Education¹⁰

Arto. 7. Las Universidades y Centros de Educación Técnica Superior legalmente constituidos, tienen personalidad jurídica. En consecuencia, gozan de plena capacidad para adquirir, administrar, poseer y disponer de los bienes y derechos de toda clase; expedir títulos académicos y profesionales, así como contraer obligaciones en relación con sus fines, debiendo regirse por esta Ley y por sus Estatutos y Reglamentos. El Estado financiará todas las Universidades y Centros de Educación Técnica Superior, incluidos en esta Ley.

Arto. 7. Universities and Higher Technical Education Centers legally constituted have legal personality. Consequently, they enjoy full capacity to acquire, manage, hold and dispose of property and rights of every kind; issuing academic and professional qualifications and incur obligations in connection with its purposes and shall be governed by this Act and its own Regulations and Statutes. The state will finance all Universities and Higher Technical Education, included in this Act.

Arto. 8. Las Universidades y Centros de Educación Técnica Superior del país gozarán de autonomía académica, financiera, orgánica y administrativa, entendidas de la siguiente manera: 1. Autonomía docente o académica: implica que pueden por sí mismas nombrar y remover a su personal docente y académico, por medio de los procedimientos y requisitos que ellas mismas señalen; seleccionar a sus alumnos, mediante las pruebas y condiciones necesarias; elaborar y aprobar sus planes y programas de estudios y de investigación, etc. (...)

Arto. 8. The Universities and Higher Technical Education in the country shall enjoy academic, financial, organizational and administrative autonomy understood as follows: 1. Teaching or academic autonomy: it implies that it alone can appoint and dismiss teachers and academic staff, through the procedures and requirements of the laws themselves, select their students, by evidence and necessary conditions to develop and approve plans and programs of study and research, etc. (...)

Arto. 9. La Autonomía confiere, además, la potestad de: 1. Gozar de patrimonio propio. 2. Expedir certificados de estudio; cartas de egresados; constancias, diplomas, títulos y grados académicos y equivalencias de estudios del mismo nivel realizados en otras Universidades y Centros de Educación Superior, nacionales o extranjeros. Las Universidades Estatales tendrán la facultad de reconocer los grados académicos y los títulos y diplomas universitarios otorgados en el extranjero. 3. Autorizar el ejercicio profesional, excepto la abogacía y el notariado, que por Ley compete a la Corte Suprema de Justicia. 4. La inviolabilidad de los recintos y locales universitarios. La fuerza pública sólo podrá entrar en ellos con autorización escrita de la autoridad universitaria competente. 5. Aprobar sus propios Estatutos y Reglamentos.

Arto. 9. Autonomy gives also the power to: 1. Enjoying its own assets. 2. Issue certificates of study, graduate letters, certificates, diplomas, academic degrees and titles and equivalency of studies conducted in other universities and higher education institutions, domestic or foreign. State universities have the authority to recognize academic degrees and diplomas and university diplomas issued abroad. 3. Authorize professional practice except advocacy and notary, that by law is the responsibility of the Supreme Court. 4. The inviolability of the university premises and campuses. The police can only enter them with written authorization from the competent university authorities. 5. Approve their statutes and regulations.

¹⁰ Ley No. 89 Ley de Autonomía de las Instituciones de Educación Superior, published in the Official Journal on April 20, 1990

Arto. 10. Las Universidades y Centros de Educación Técnica Superior podrán mantener y promover relaciones con entidades académicas, científicas y culturales con sede dentro o fuera del país.

Arto. 10. Universities and Higher Technical Education Centers will maintain and develop relationships with academic, scientific and cultural based inside or outside the country.

Arto. 11. La libertad de Cátedra es principio fundamental de la enseñanza superior nicaragüense.

Arto. 11. Academic freedom is a fundamental principle of higher education in Nicaragua.

Arto. 12. Las Universidades y Centros de Educación Técnica Superior privados gozarán de todas estas potestades y designarán a sus autoridades, según lo dispongan sus propios estatutos y reglamentos.

Arto. 12. Universities and private Higher Technical Education Centers shall have all such powers and authorities designate, as provided by its own statutes and regulations.

Quotations from the General Law of Education No. 582¹¹

SUBSISTEMA DE EDUCACIÓN SUPERIOR

Arto.48: El Subsistema de Educación Superior constituye la segunda etapa del sistema educativo que consolida la formación integral de las personas, produce conocimiento, desarrolla la investigación e innovación y forma profesionales en el más alto nivel de especialización y perfeccionamiento en todos los campos del saber, el arte, la cultura, la ciencia y la tecnología a fin de cubrir la demanda de la sociedad, comunidad étnica y contribuir al desarrollo y sostenibilidad del país.

Las instituciones universitarias, se rigen por la Ley 89 de Autonomía de la Educación Superior.

Higher education subsystem

Arto.48: The Higher Education Subsystem is the second stage of the education system that consolidates the integral formation of persons, produces knowledge, develops research and innovation and trains professionals in the highest level of expertise and development in all fields of knowledge, art, culture, science and technology to meet the demands of society, ethnic community and contribute to the development and sustainability of the country.

University institutions are governed by Law 89 of Autonomy of Higher Education.

Arto. 82: Los Centros o Instituto de Estudios e Investigación, responderán a las necesidades profesionales, científicas, sociales y económicas de interés general para la nación, sin pretender sustituir en ningún caso aquellas instituciones de educación superior o universidades que, conforme a la normativa vigente también tienen la facultad de extender título propios, los estudios de los Centros o Institutos de Estudios e Investigación consistirán en estudios de actualización, postgrados, especialización, maestrías o doctorados, cuyo certificados diplomas, títulos de especialista, maestría y doctorado, gozarán del pleno conocimiento legal nacional e internacional.

Arto. 82: The Centers or Institute for Studies and Research, will meet the needs of professional, scientific, social and economic interest of the nation, not intended to substitute in any case those colleges or universities, which according to current regulations also have the right to extend titles themselves, studies of the Centers or Institutes for Studies and Research will include updating studies, postgraduate,

¹¹ Ley General de Educación, Ley 582 de 2006, Nicaragua

specialization, master's or doctoral degrees, certificates whose diplomas, specialist, master's and doctoral enjoy full legal recognition nationally and internationally.

Quotations from the Law No. 704 on Quality Assurance in Education¹²

LEY CREADORA DEL SISTEMA NACIONAL PARA EL ASEGURAMIENTO DE LA CALIDAD DE LA EDUCACIÓN Y REGULADORA DEL CONSEJO NACIONAL DE EVALUACIÓN Y ACREDITACIÓN - Ley No. 704

Art. 6 Definiciones.

Para los efectos de la presente Ley se establecen las siguientes definiciones: (...)

10. Institución de educación superior: Entidad legalmente establecida en el país, que tiene como finalidad generar, difundir y aplicar conocimientos por medio de la docencia, de la investigación, y de la extensión, autorizada para otorgar títulos académicos o profesionales; (...)

13. Programas académicos: Ofertas educativas orientadas al otorgamiento de títulos académicos o profesionales en los niveles de técnico superior, licenciatura o ingeniería, maestría, especialidad, doctorado y otros que habiliten para el ejercicio de una profesión; (...)

LAW ON CREATION OF THE NATIONAL SYSTEM FOR QUALITY ASSURANCE OF EDUCATION AND REGULATING THE COUNCIL OF NATIONAL EVALUATION AND ACCREDITATION - Law No. 704

Section 6 Definitions.

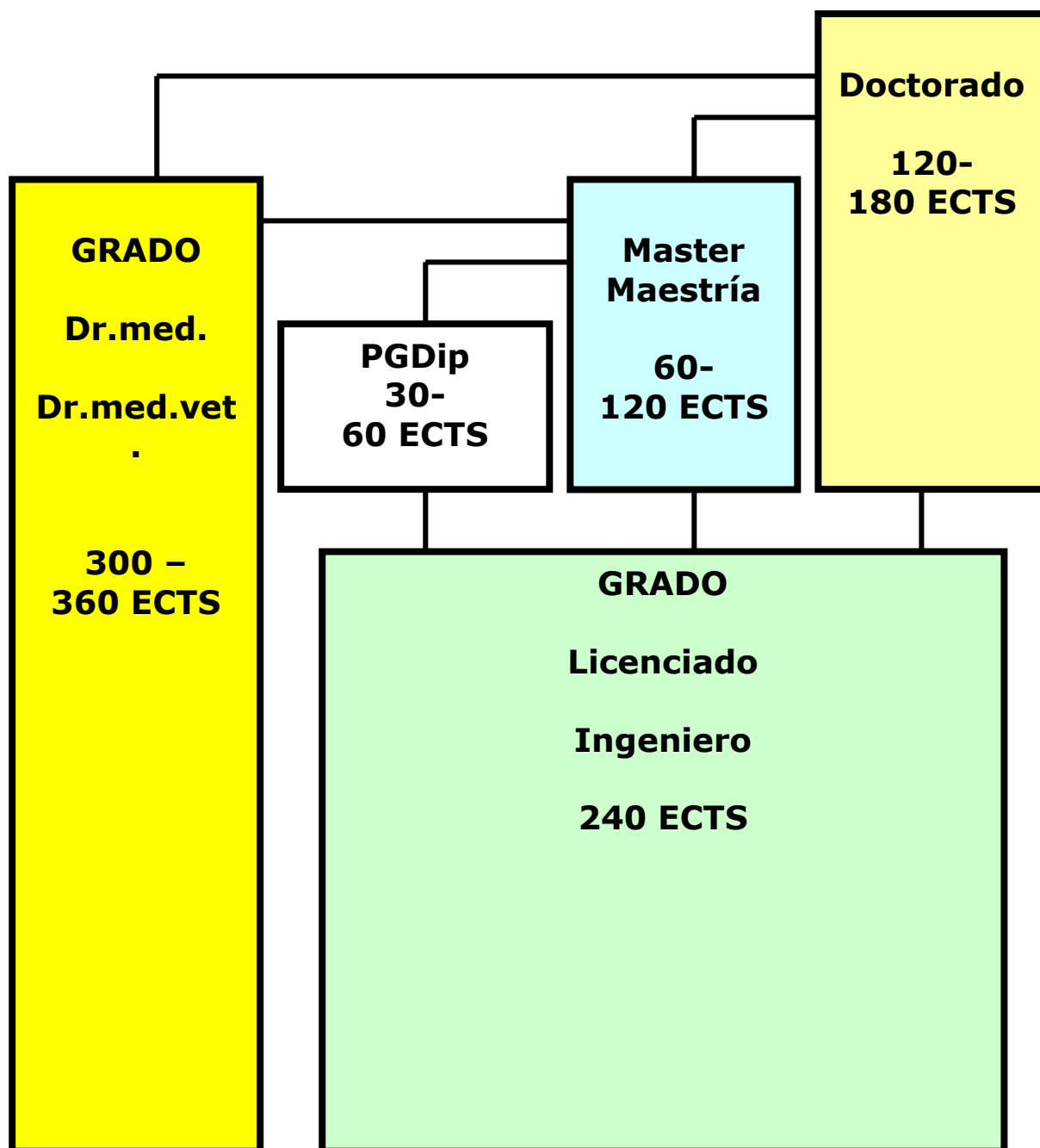
For the purposes of this Act the following definitions: (...)

10. Institution of higher education: Entity legally established in the country, which aims to generate, disseminate and apply knowledge through teaching, research, and extension, authorized to grant academic or professional degrees (...)

13. Academic Programs: Educational offers oriented on granting academic or professional degrees at the levels of higher technical degree, licenciatura or engineer, specialist, PhD and others which qualify for the practice of a profession, (...)

¹² Ley No. 704

Higher Education System of Nicaragua



Higher Education System¹³ applied by UCN

¹³ UCN, Gerhard Berchtold, 27.05.2012

Study offers of UCN Universidad Central de Nicaragua

UCN offers 2012 the following studies and academic degrees¹⁴:

TITULACIONES DE UCN

- Bachillerato Técnico (Br.)
- Licenciaturas (Lic.)
- Doctor en Medicina y Cirugía (Dr.)
- Doctor en Medicina Veterinaria (Dr.)
- Ingeniería. (Ing.)
- Diploma de Postgrado (PGDip)
- Maestrías (MSc, MA, MBA)
- Doctorados (Dr.)

Área DE GRADO (Licenciaturas, Doctorados)

1. Doctorado en Medicina y Cirugía.
2. Ingeniería en Sistemas.
3. Licenciatura en Farmacia.
4. Doctorado en Medicina Veterinaria.
5. Licenciatura en Banca y Finanzas
6. Licenciatura en Mercadeo y Publicidad.
7. Licenciatura en Administración Turística y Hotelera.
8. Licenciatura en Contaduría Pública y Finanzas
9. Licenciatura en Administración de Empresas.
10. Licenciatura en Relaciones Internacionales y Comercio Exterior
11. Licenciatura en Derecho con Mención en Derecho Mercantil
12. Licenciatura en Psicología

¹⁴ Información Institucional UCN 2012

Área de postgrados UCN

Cursos de Postgrados

1. Postgrado en La Defensa Tributaria Empresarial.
2. Postgrado en Gerencia de Comercio Internacional.
3. Postgrado en Derecho y Gerencia Municipal.
4. Postgrado en Gerencia de Recursos Humanos.

Cursos de Maestrías

1. Maestría en Derecho Empresarial y Corporativo.
2. Maestría en Gerencia de Recursos Humanos.
3. Maestría en Dirección Estratégica.
4. Maestría en Ingeniería de Negocios.
5. Maestría en Psicología.
6. Maestría en Clínica y Sanidad Animal.

Cursos de Doctorados (incl. Maestrías)

1. Doctorado (Dr. /PhD) en Ciencias Penales (Doble Titulación).
2. Doctorado (Dr. /PhD) en Derecho Tributario y Derecho Mercantil.
3. Doctorado en Psicología (Dr. / PhD.)
4. Programas de Doctorados (Dr. /PhD) Inter-Universitarios en (Doble Titulación)
 - Administración y Gerencia de Empresas, (Dr.)
 - Comercio Internacional (Dr.)
 - Relaciones Internacionales (Dr.)
 - Derecho, (Varias Especializaciones) (Dr.)
 - Psicología, (Dr.)
 - Ciencia Ambiental y Gestión Ambiental (Dr.)
 - Ciencias de la Salud, (Dr.)
 - Medicina Alternativa, (Dr.)
 - Salud Pública, (Dr.)
 - Administración Pública, (Dr.)
 - Ciencias Políticas y Sociales, (Dr.)
 - Educación (Dr.)

UNIVERSIDAD CENTRAL DE NICARAGUA UCN in Austria

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Deanship Innsbruck (l), Class-Room (Eco-Lounge) (r)



Director of Public and International Relations of UCN, Lic. Doris Saldamando Díaz with the UCN professors Karl Nielsen (right) and Gerhard Berchtold (left) on UCN campus in Managua.

Programmes offered in English study language by European Programmes

MBA Master of Business Administration (available as dual degree programmes with Universidad Azteca)

DBA Doctor of Business Administration (available as dual degree programmes with Universidad Azteca)

MBA + DBA combined enrolment (available as dual degree programmes with Universidad Azteca)

M.Ed. Master of Education Science (available as dual degree programmes with Universidad Azteca)

Ed.D. Doctor of Education (available as dual degree programmes with Universidad Azteca)

Research Doctorates (available as dual degree programmes with Universidad Azteca)



MBA Master of Business Administration

Executive Management

Programme Syllabus

2013

MBA Programme

Entry requirements:

Bachelors degree or equivalent first degree or admission evaluation

Programme duration: Official study time for the short Executive MBA programme is one year (72 ECTS), and two years (120 ECTS) for the regular MBA programme.

Short programme:

Taught Masters MBA: 72 ECTS in coursework

Research Masters MBA: 60 ECTS in coursework plus 12 ECTS for Masters Thesis

Regular duration programme:

Taught Masters MBA: 120 ECTS in coursework

Research Masters MBA: 108 ECTS in coursework plus 12 ECTS for Masters Thesis

Degree options:

UCN Universidad Central de Nicaragua MBA

Dual degree programmes:

Universidad Azteca MBA (Executive MBA) plus
UCN Universidad Central de Nicaragua MBA

Programme modality:

Online MBA programme.

The MBA curriculum consists of at least **72 ECTS credits** of postgraduate study, offered as modular fashion. MBA-candidates in the short programme complete 10 required modules/courses (60 ECTS credits), plus a final Thesis/Dissertation (12 ECTS credits) **or** 2 additional modules (6 ECTS credits each) all of these focused on a specific field or industry of management.

The MBA curriculum consists of **120 ECTS credits** of postgraduate study, offered as modular fashion. MBA-candidates in the regular duration programme complete 18 required modules/courses (108 ECTS credits), plus a final Thesis/Dissertation (12 ECTS credits) **or** 2 additional modules (6 ECTS credits each) all of these focused on a specific field or industry of management.

Level:

Postgraduate

Objectives of the Programme

The modular Master of Business Administration programme in Executive Management has as a general aim of provision of an academically rigorous education designed to develop skills, expertise, knowledge and vision to enable students, whatever their chosen route, to be critical, analytical and creative. The programme aims to provide opportunity for self-development in relation to career enhancement and as life-long learners.

The programme offers students the opportunity to develop their own capabilities, skills and competencies within a supported environment. The philosophy of the programme can be summarized by the following objectives.

Develop a critical approach to the use of contemporary sources as a means of exploring complex concepts, ideas and issues of relevance and value to the chosen area of study.

Develop the power of critical enquiry, logical thought, creative imagination and independent judgment.

Provide a forum of study that allows each student to build on his or her past academic and vocational experience in a relevant and meaningful fashion.

Expose the student to a range of prospective, which may be applicable to both the interests and work situations as appropriate.

Recognize the variety of sources of learning and an appropriate diversity of means for assessing achievement.

This programme intends to allow the individual student to develop their potential through a carefully selected curriculum of study, which includes elements of a variety of methods of study orientated around both the academic and vocational axis.

The primary objectives of the MBA programme are to:

Enable the student to achieve an appropriate level of academic competence

Achieve personal development and to develop critical awareness of benefit to themselves and to their organization

Develop skills of initiation, implementation and analysis in a range of contexts

Develop capability in the analysis and evaluation of complex issues and situations

The specific objectives of the program will vary according to the chosen named award but will include the:

Development of knowledge at an advanced level

Development of skills of analysis, research and policy formulation and implementation

Unification of theoretical analysis and practice through a variety of contexts appropriate to business administration

Issues of organization management and the management of people.

Tuitions

Tuitions vary by the duration of programme (short or regular) and the single or dual degree options. For applicable tuitions, please, see the tuitions sheet of the MBA programmes of Universidad Azteca European Programmes.

Tuitions are due in full with enrolment for the complete programme.

Refund policy

Tuitions are due in full with enrolment. Once the programme has started (tuitions collected) no tuitions will be repaid. Students, who do not pay tuitions after admission are not enrolled.

Degree Regulations

The applicable degree regulations for MBA and dual degree programmes of Universidad Azteca apply.

Duration and workload of a course

Successful completion of a course with a workload of 6 ECTS credits is estimated to be approximately 150 hours. Students should allocate approximately eight hours a week for reading, personal study, completion of reflection activities and submission of assignments. There is one marked assignment per module. Courses are offered on a part-time basis and are designed to be completed within four months. The asynchronic e-learning mode of the programme allows students to proceed at their own pace.

Study language

The programme is conducted in English. English proficiency is required for the DBA programme.

Student Support

The programme is administered and provided by UCN and Universidad Azteca European Programmes on behalf of the universities. Students are eligible for UCN and Universidad Azteca European Programmes student support regarding tutoring and assistance in the programme.

Modules

Mandatory core courses

MBAen705 - Macroeconomics
MBAen710 - Business Administration
MBAen715 - Microeconomics
MBAen725 - Organisation Management
MBAen750 - Corporate Finance
MBAen810 - Marketing
MBAen820 - Human Resource Management
MBAen830 - Innovation & Management
MBAen840 - Management Techniques
MBAen850 - Corporate Governance and International Business

Elective courses

MBAen915 - Human Resource Management 2
MBAen920 - Strategic Management
MBAen925 - Project Management
MBAen935 - Change Management
MBAen940 - Commercial Awareness & CRM
MBAen950 - Leadership
MBAen1015 - Globalization
MBAen1020 - Coaching
MBAen1025 - Conflict Management
MBAen1028 - Business Law
MBAen1030 - Strategic Marketing
MBAen1033 - Communication Skills
MBAen1045 - Risk Management
MBAen1050 - Corporate Social Responsibility

Thesis project

MBAen1080 - Business Research Methods
MBAen1090 - Thesis Presentation & Defence



DBA Doctor of Business Administration

Executive Management

Programme Syllabus

2013

DBA Programme

Entry requirements:

Masters degree or equivalent degree and admission evaluation (240 ECTS credits)

Programme features:

Short Executive DBA programme: 60 ECTS in coursework plus 60 ECTS for DBA Thesis

Executive DBA: 60 ECTS in coursework

Research Thesis for DBA: 60 ECTS for DBA Thesis

Regular taught DBA duration programme: 120 ECTS in coursework plus 60 ECTS for DBA Thesis

Taught DBA: 120 ECTS in coursework

Research Thesis for DBA: 60 ECTS for DBA Thesis

Degree options:

UCN MBA and DBA

Dual degree programmes:

Universidad Azteca MBA (Executive MBA) plus

UCN Universidad Central de Nicaragua DBA

or

Universidad Azteca DBA (Executive DBA) plus

UCN Universidad Central de Nicaragua DBA

Programme modality:

Online DBA programme.

The Executive DBA curriculum consists of **120 ECTS credits** of postgraduate study, offered as modular fashion. DBA-candidates in the short programme complete 10 required modules/courses (60 ECTS credits), plus a final Thesis/Dissertation (60 ECTS credits) focused on a specific field or industry of management.

The DBA curriculum consists of **180 ECTS credits** of postgraduate study, offered as modular fashion. DBA-candidates in the short programme complete 20 required modules/courses (120 ECTS credits), plus a final Thesis/Dissertation (60 ECTS credits) focused on a specific field or industry of management.

Level:

Postgraduate

Objectives of the Programme

The modular Master and Doctor of Business Administration programme in Executive Management has as a general aim of provision of an academically rigorous education designed to develop skills, expertise, knowledge and vision to enable students, whatever their chosen route, to be critical, analytical and creative. The programme aims to provide opportunity for self-development in relation to career enhancement and as life-long learners.

The programme offers students the opportunity to develop their own capabilities, skills and competencies within a supported environment. The philosophy of the programme can be summarized by the following objectives.

Develop a critical approach to the use of contemporary sources as a means of exploring complex concepts, ideas and issues of relevance and value to the chosen area of study.

Develop the power of critical enquiry, logical thought, creative imagination and independent judgment.

Provide a forum of study that allows each student to build on his or her past academic and vocational experience in a relevant and meaningful fashion.

Expose the student to a range of prospective, which may be applicable to both the interests and work situations as appropriate.

Recognize the variety of sources of learning and an appropriate diversity of means for assessing achievement.

This programme intends to allow the individual student to develop their potential through a carefully selected curriculum of study, which includes elements of a variety of methods of study orientated around both the academic and vocational axis.

The primary objectives of the DBA programme are to:

Enable the student to achieve an appropriate level of academic competence

Achieve personal development and to develop critical awareness of benefit to themselves and to their organization

Develop skills of initiation, implementation and analysis in a range of contexts

Develop capability in the analysis and evaluation of complex issues and situations

The specific objectives of the program will vary according to the chosen named award and will include the:

Development of knowledge at an advanced level

Development of skills of analysis, research and policy formulation and implementation

Unification of theoretical analysis and practice through a variety of contexts appropriate to business administration

Issues of organization management and the management of people.

Dual Degree Programme

DBA Doctor of Business Administration programme

Doctor en Administración de Empresas (Dr.)

Dual Degree programme of UCN Universidad Central de Nicaragua and Universidad Azteca

The entry requirements are a graduate degree of at least 240 ECTS credits in total, an MBA, MSc, or similar Masters degree, or equivalent qualifications in general management, or in a functional field by examination awarded by a professional body. We may also ask for significant experience in a managerial or professional supervisory position involving responsibility for strategic issues.

DBA candidates may specialize in areas such as management science, technology management, organizational behaviour, economics, or finance or other practical fields.

Both, the DBA and PhD in Business Administration are terminal degrees. The degree of Doctor of Business Administration, abbreviated DBA and equivalent to a PhD in Business Administration, is a research doctorate in business administration. The DBA requires coursework and research beyond the Masters degree requiring a dissertation or journal publication that contributes to business practice. The portion of the programme, consisting of coursework and examination, is equivalent to that of a PhD. The part of the programme, consisting of independent research and the writing of a thesis, is geared towards more applied research in DBA programmes, with the research making a direct contribution to business practice. The DBA requires a significant thesis, dissertation or final comprehensive project including a formal defence and approval by nominated examiners or an officially sanctioned and qualified doctoral review committee. The PhD aims at the creation of new theory, while DBA aims at applying theory to business problems; thereby, the DBA programme has two purposes: (1) to contribute to both theory and practice in relation to business and management; and (2) to develop professional practice and to contribute to professional knowledge. The degree is conferred when all coursework, testing, and written research are completed and reviewed and approved by the jurors of the examination commission.

DBA Doctor of Business Administration programme / Doctorado en Administración de Empresas (Dr.)

Dual Degree programme structure:

Period of coursework: 120 ECTS credits (2 study years) - degree awarded: MBA Master of Business Administration (intermediate degree) - transfer of credits from the MBA programme to the DBA programme is possible in the extent of 120 ECTS credits

Doctoral Thesis: 60 ECTS credits (1 study year) - degree awarded: DBA Doctor of Business Administration / Doctor en Administración de Empresas

Official study time for the short Executive DBA programme is two years (120 ECTS), and three years (180 ECTS) for the regular DBA programme.

Tuitions

Tuitions vary by the duration of programme (short or regular) and the single or dual degree options. For applicable tuitions, please, see the tuitions sheet of the DBA programmes of European Programmes.

Tuitions are due in full with enrolment for the complete programme.

Refund policy

Tuitions are due in full with enrolment. Once the programme has started (tuitions collected) no tuitions will be repaid. Students, who do not pay tuitions after admission are not enrolled.

Degree Regulations

The applicable degree regulations for DBA and dual degree programmes of Universidad Azteca apply.

Duration and workload of a course

Successful completion of a course with a workload of 6 ECTS credits is estimated to be approximately 150 hours. Students should allocate approximately eight hours a week for reading, personal study, completion of reflection activities and submission of assignments. There is one marked assignment per module. Courses are offered on a part-time basis and are designed to be completed within four months. The asynchronic e-learning mode of the programme allows students to proceed at their own pace. Official study time for the short Executive DBA programme is two years (120 ECTS), and three years (180 ECTS) for the regular DBA programme.

Study language

The programme is conducted in English. English proficiency is required for the DBA programme.

Student Support

The programme is administered and provided by European Programmes on behalf of both universities. Students are eligible for International Programmes student support regarding tutoring and assistance in the programme.

Applicable Thesis Regulations

§ 13 Dissertation Thesis

1) The range of themes for theses, their extent and particulars, as well as the requirements for theses are announced by the Universities based on the proposals examining committee for the thesis examination.

2) A doctoral thesis is a monothematic work which brings about new findings, it is not a compilation of literature, as a rule it presents personal original research pursued by the Applicant.

3) In general, the thesis is written in Spanish language. An Applicant of different nationality or a foreign Applicant shall ask the admission commission for a possibility to write the thesis in a foreign language. In case of available language capacity the admission commission shall approve the request. A thesis written in a language other than Spanish or English shall include a summary written in Spanish or English language in extent of up to 10 pages.

According to available enrolments and tutoring capacities particularly the following study languages are approved: Spanish, English, German, French, Italian, Greek.

4) The use of Master-theses or doctoral theses having already been used for the award of an academic degree is not allowed. The Applicant cannot submit as a rigorous thesis his/her diploma thesis or any other qualification thesis, neither the work of a compilation character.

5) The Applicant submits to the examining committee the thesis. The thesis has to be written in text editor, printed and bound in hard cover. Upon request of the Applicant or order recommendation of the examination committee the submission of an electronic version is permitted.

6) To evaluate a thesis the examining committee nominates at least one staff member possessing the "assistant professor" or "professor" title or the academic title PhD., Dr. or an equivalent degree at doctoral level. The evaluator/s are appointed by the examining committee.

7) The evaluator first evaluates the methodological aspect of the thesis. In the event of the positive evaluation, the thesis shall be evaluated from a specialized, subject-specific perspective. Positive evaluations of the thesis are necessary preconditions for the invitation of the Applicant to the thesis defence and examination.

8) The nominated evaluator shall submit to the examining committee within 60 days from the delivery of the thesis to the evaluator the evaluation of the thesis in which s/he shall state if the thesis does or does not meet the requirements determined by the examining committee and this given study plan. In the evaluation the evaluator shall also present comments on the content of the thesis and, in conclusion of the evaluation, state if s/he does or does not recommend the thesis for the oral defence, or if s/he recommends to rewrite the thesis.

9) In the event that the evaluator does not recommend the thesis for the defence, the Applicant can rewrite the thesis and resubmit it for evaluation on the next deadline for theses submission as determined by the examining committee. If s/he fails to submit the thesis on the given deadline s/he shall be excluded from the registration of Applicants for examinations and thesis defences. The Applicant can ask the examining committee in writing for the extension of the thesis submission deadline not more than twice.

10) Within the six months from the thesis submission before the thesis examination the examining committee shall notify the Applicant in writing of the place, date and time of the online-examination and at the same time notify him/her the result of the evaluation of the thesis.

11) Precondition of the invitation to the thesis defence and examination is the positive evaluator evaluation.

§ 14 Examining Committee

1) The examination and thesis defence take place in front of the examining committee.

2) The right to act as examiners is granted only to university teachers occupying the posts of professors or assistant professors or other experts possessing at least the academic title PhD., Dr. or comparable qualification at doctoral level, approved by the Universities.

- 3) The committee is appointed by the Universities, the nominees are selected from the eligible staff members as stated in Paragraph 2.
- 4) The committee consists of a chairman and a minimum of two other members.
- 5) As a general rule, the committee is appointed for a period until dismissal.

§ 15 Examination and Defence of Thesis

- 1) The examination can take place only when a chairman and a minimum of two other members are present online. The procedure of the examination is delivered by means of electronic telecommunications media (video-conference).
- 2) The examination is generally conducted in the language of the thesis.
- 3) The examination consists of two parts. It starts with the thesis presentation and defence and continues immediately by the oral examination by the examining committee. In defence of thesis the Applicant responds to the comments and answers the questions of the committee members.
- 4) The committee members vote upon the result of the examination in the non public part of the session on the day of the doctoral examination. The examination result is expressed in words as "passed" or "failed".
- 5) The examination procedure is recorded in writing. All documents including the notation and the evaluation are kept in the Archive in compliance with the valid regulations.

§ 16 Retaking Examinations

- 1) In the event the Applicant cannot take the online-examination on the given date and gives a written apology for his/her absence within seven days thereafter, the examining committee shall provide on the basis of Applicant's request and consultation with the committee chairman a substitute date for taking the examination.
- 2) In the event the Applicant fails to appear in the stipulated time for the online-examination without giving a written apology within seven days thereafter, s/he shall be evaluated as if s/he had "failed" in the examination.
- 3) In the event the Applicant failed in the defence of the thesis or in the oral examination, the examination can be repeated on the next date announced for the examinations; the examining committee shall determine the date of the repeated examination. The examining committee can permit two further repetitions of the examination.

§ 17 Academic Degree

- 1) In compliance with the provisions of the Ley General de Educación, applicable to Universidad Azteca in Mexico, as well as in compliance with the Ley de Autonomía de las Instituciones de Educación Superior, applicable to UCN in Nicaragua, after passing the examination of the thesis the following academic degrees are conferred:

By Universidad Azteca:

Licenciado en Administración de Empresas (English diploma: MBA Master of Business Administration)

By UCN Universidad Central de Nicaragua:

- Professional Doctorate: **Doctor en Administración de Empresas**, abbreviated „Dr.“ (English diploma: DBA Doctorate in Business Administration)

- Research Doctorate: **Doctor en Filosofía**, abbreviated „Dr.“ or „PhD.“

- 2) The Licenciado degree of Universidad Azteca is legally awarded university academic degree in accordance with Article 59 or a degree awarded with RVOE according to Article 60 of the law. Universidad Azteca has RVOE (programme recognition) in Mexico for the Licenciado en Administración de Empresas by the Federal Secretary of Public Education. The degrees are validated and accredited by UCN in accordance with Article 9 Paragraph 2 of the Nicaraguan Law on the Autonomy of Institutions of Higher Education and constitute the intermediate degree (MPhil level) of the doctoral programme.

- 3) The doctoral degree of the fully autonomous UCN Universidad Central de Nicaragua, validating and accrediting the programme, is a fully recognised doctoral degree in the sense of Article 82 of the

Ley General de Educación (Nicaragua) and legally awarded in compliance with Articles 7 and 9 of the Law on Autonomy of the Institutions of Higher Education (Nicaragua).

4) The Universities exclude any responsibility for the lawful use of the academic degrees or recognition of the studies acc. to Paragraphs 2 and 3 outside of Mexico and Nicaragua, being regulated by national provisions in third countries, however, the Universities generally expect the application of multilateral and bilateral agreements and recommendations of UNESCO.

§ 18 Distance Learning Mode

1) Notification: the International Doctoral Programme – Double Degree Programme is a distance education programme only to be completed by means of electronic media of tele-communications and e-learning directly on the Universities in Mexico and Nicaragua, and that no elements of the study programme are conducted in third countries.

2) The Applicants are enrolled simultaneously with both Universities in Mexico and Nicaragua and not in a third country.

3) As far as professors and evaluators are applied outside of Mexico or Nicaragua, they are operating via e-learning and tele-communications directly from the autonomous territories of the Universities and their internet-platforms and not in or from a third country.

4) Mexican study law applies to Universidad Azteca. Place of delivery and court jurisdiction is Mexico City, Mexico.

5) Nicaraguan study law applies to UCN Universidad Central de Nicaragua. Place of delivery and court jurisdiction is Managua, Nicaragua.

Programme Structure and Module Syllaba

DBA MODULES

Mandatory core courses (60 ECTS)

DBAen1105 - Macroeconomics
DBAen1110 - Business Administration
DBAen1115 - Microeconomics
DBAen1125 - Organisation Management
DBAen1210 - Marketing
DBAen1215 - Corporate Finance
DBAen1220 - Human Resource Management
DBAen1230 - Innovation & Management
DBAen1240 - Management Techniques
DBAen1250 - Corporate Governance and International Business

Elective courses (42 ECTS)

DBAen1315 - Human Resource Management 2
DBAen1320 - Strategic Management
DBAen1325 - Project Management
DBAen1335 - Change Management
DBAen1340 - Commercial Awareness & CRM
DBAen1350 - Leadership
DBAen1415 - Globalization
DBAen1420 - Coaching
DBAen1425 - Conflict Management
DBAen1428 - Business Law
DBAen1430 - Strategic Marketing
DBAen1433 - Communication Skills
DBAen1445 - Risk Management
DBAen1450 - Corporate Social Responsibility

Thesis project

Elective courses (12 ECTS)

DBAen1480 - Business Research Methods
DBAen1490 - Thesis Presentation & Defence
DBAen1510 - Thesis Seminar 1
DBAen1520 - Thesis Seminar 2
DBAen1530 - Publication

Mandatory Thesis project (66 ECTS)

DBAen1650 - Thesis Project
DBAen1655 - Defence & Examination



Master of Education Sciences

Online Master

Programme Syllabus

2013

M.Ed. Master of Education Sciences

Entry requirements:

Bachelors degree or equivalent first degree in Education or Pedagogy

Programme duration: Official study time for the Master programme is two years (120 ECTS) for the regular Master programme.

Regular duration programme:

Taught Masters M.Ed.: 120 ECTS in coursework

Research Masters M.Ed.: 96 ECTS in coursework plus 24 ECTS for Masters Thesis

Degree options:

Universidad Azteca Maestría en Ciencias de Educación (no escolarizada) Título oficial con RVOE

Dual degree programme option:

Universidad Azteca M.Ed. plus
UCN Universidad Central de Nicaragua M.Ed.

Programme modality:

Online Master programme.

The M.Ed. curriculum consists of **120 ECTS credits** of postgraduate study, offered as modular fashion. M.Ed.-candidates in the programme complete the required modules/courses (96 ECTS credits), plus a final Thesis/Dissertation (24 ECTS credits) **or** 4 additional modules (6 ECTS credits each) all of these focused on a specific field of education.

Official Recognition of Validity (Programme Accreditation) (RVOE) by S.E.P:

Agreement No. 20091224 dated November 24, 2009 (on campus)

Acuerdo No. 20110619 dated July 29, 2011 (online)

Level:

Postgraduate

Objectives of the Programme

- Promote purposeful reflection on educational issues through theoretical and practical approaches to analyze the new educational paradigms.
- Analyze various schools of thought about the importance of educational processes in the articulation and development of society and the qualitative transformation of teaching learning processes, curriculum development and their relationship with new technologies that connect education as subject and object of study.
- change processes in the formation of the graduates urging them to investigate educational phenomena regional, national and international, by consolidating a quality project that meets the changing challenges of the education system.
- Develop educational research lines to guide the training process of teachers in higher education and training processes of educational administration.
- Characterize the theoretical and methodological tools necessary to analyze each of its elements to improve the quality of teaching - learning process in higher education, and the quality of the administrative process in academic governance.
- Assess educational institutions identifying their bodies, structures and procedures in order to build skills that improve the practices of planning, organizing, conducting and evaluating integration in higher education.

Graduate Profile

The graduate of the Master of Science in Education will acquire and demonstrate:

KNOWLEDGE OF:

- Domain of theoretical, methodological disciplinary approaches underpinning the field of education.
- Construction of interdisciplinary knowledge that account for problematic fields of study and research processes.
- Understanding contextual foundations and national and international education policy that allow the explanation and interpretation of the processes, phenomena and educational problems.
- Proper handling of methods, techniques and development of tools for the development of research projects and educational intervention.
- Analysis for the establishment and operation of national and state educational system, as well as, some education systems in the world.

SKILLS:

- Understanding, Recovery and interrelation of core assumptions in reviewing and theories of education.
- Apply appropriate methods and research techniques, and the production of methodological tools to enrich the teaching-learning process.
- Clear, orderly and logical sequence of ideas.
- Teamwork and professional relationship with agents, institutions and organizations promoting educational research projects regionally, nationally and internationally.
- Participation in programs, projects and professional activities in multi-agency teams.
- Discernment and selection of sources.

ATTITUDES:

- lifelong personal and professional.
- Commitment to the profession and society.
- Ethical practice of the profession.
- Initiative, consistency and perseverance in professional performance.
- Review thoughtful and purposeful in the professional field.

Tuitions

Tuitions vary by the single or dual degree options. For applicable tuitions, please, see the tuitions sheet of the study programmes of Universidad Azteca European Programmes.

Tuitions are due in full with enrolment for the complete programme.

Refund policy

Tuitions are due in full with enrolment. Once the programme has started (tuitions collected) no tuitions will be repaid. Students, who do not pay tuitions after admission are not enrolled.

Degree Regulations

The applicable degree regulations for postgraduate and dual degree programmes of Universidad Azteca apply.

Duration and workload of a course

Successful completion of a course with a workload of 6 ECTS credits is estimated to be approximately 150 hours. Students should allocate approximately eight hours a week for reading, personal study, completion of reflection activities and submission of assignments. There is one marked assignment per module. Courses are offered on a part-time basis and are designed to be completed within four months. The asynchronic e-learning mode of the programme allows students to proceed at their own pace.

Study language

The online programme is conducted in Spanish, German and English.

Student Support

The programme is administered and provided by Universidad Azteca. Students are eligible for Universidad Azteca International Programmes student support regarding tutoring and assistance in the programme.

Modules

CYCLE I (30 ECTS)

- Philosophy and Education
- Dynamics and Group Leadership in the Classroom
- Educational Research I
- Paradigms of classroom learning

CYCLE II (30 ECTS)

- Sociology and Education
- General systems theory in education
- Current approaches for academic excellence in higher education
- Organization Theory in School Administration
- Educational Research II

CYCLE III (30 ECTS)

- Curriculum Development Models
- Resource Management in Educational Institutions
- Institutional Assessment Models
- Planning Models in Educational Institutions
- Educational Research III



CYCLE IV (30 ECTS)

- Case studies in Higher Education Management (optional for taught Master)
- Educational Legislation (optional for taught Master)
- Teaching Practice in Higher Education (optional for taught Master)
- Methods and techniques of research in the Educational Administration

ECTS

Degree requirements: 120

Programme Accreditation (RVOE) of Universidad Azteca

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Nombre	UNIVERSIDAD AZTECA
Dirección	PALMA NO. 61 Y CALLE 3 DE MAYO S/N
Entidad	MÉXICO
Municipio o Ciudad	CHALCO
Localidad o Colonia	BARRIO DE SAN ANTONIO
Persona Moral	UNIVERSIDAD AZTECA DE CHALCO, SOCIEDAD CIVIL
Programa	EN CIENCIAS DE LA EDUCACION (PLAN CUATRIMESTRAL)
Area	EDUCACIÓN Y HUMANIDADES
Nivel	MAESTRIA
Modalidad	ESCOLARIZADA
Estatus	RVOE
No. Acuerdo	20091224
Fecha Ini.	2009-02-10
Fecha Acuerdo	2009-11-24
Tipo Reconocimiento	FEDERAL
Programa	EN CIENCIAS DE LA EDUCACION (PLAN CUATRIMESTRAL)
Area	EDUCACIÓN Y HUMANIDADES
Nivel	MAESTRIA
Modalidad	NO ESCOLARIZADA
Estatus	RVOE
No. Acuerdo	20110619
Fecha Ini.	2010-07-12
Fecha Acuerdo	2011-07-29
Tipo Reconocimiento	FEDERAL



Doctor of Education

Online Doctorate

Programme Syllabus

2013

D.Ed. Doctor of Education (Dr.)

Entry requirements:

Masters degree or equivalent degree in Education or Pedagogy or Psychology

Programme duration: Official study time for the Doctor programme is three years (180 ECTS) for the online Doctor programme.

Regular duration programme:

Period of coursework: 60 ECTS in coursework.

Transfer: Master M.Ed.: – 60 ECTS transfer to Doctor curriculum possible.

Research Period: 120 ECTS for Doctor Thesis

Degree options:

Universidad Azteca Doctor en Educación (no escolarizada) official degree with RVOE (SEP) in Mexico.

Dual degree programme option:

Universidad Azteca D.Ed. plus
UCN Universidad Central de Nicaragua PhD in Education

Programme modality:

Online Doctor programme.

The D.Ed. curriculum consists of **180 ECTS credits** of postgraduate study, offered as modular fashion. D.Ed.-candidates in the programme complete the required modules/courses (60 ECTS credits), plus a final Thesis/Dissertation (120 ECTS credits) all of these focused on a specific field of education.

Official Recognition of Validity (Programme Accreditation) (RVOE) by S.E.P:

Acuerdo No. 20123081 dated December 14, 2012 (online)

Level:

Postgraduate / Doctorate

Objectives of the Programme

The Alumnus of the Doctorate in Education will apply the methodology and the principles of education research and contemporary pedagogy and didactics in the solution of the most actual problems in the field of education, taking into account the intrinsic and dynamic interaction between the experiences of everyday practice and the different advances educational theories and approaches, with the objective to contribute to the professional conduct by means of scientific research activity.

Graduate Profile

The graduate of the Doctor in Education will be prepared for the new education paradigm challenges, based in the fact that one of the major criteria for solution of the problems in education in the actuality of its scientific research. He/she is a professional performing in the field of education with responsibility, assuming the commitment to educate as a decision on its own form of life. Possess full knowledge of the fundamental principles of pedagogy as a science, and of the methodology of education research, focusing on design and instrumentation of a process of student-centered learning. An innovator, convinced of the necessity of developing competence in the learner, enabling him/her to develop in the world around them with a high sense of ethics and humanism to preserve the major cultural values that mankind has accumulated.

Tuitions

Tuitions vary by the single or dual degree options. For applicable tuitions, please, see the tuitions sheet of the study programmes of Universidad Azteca European Programmes.

Tuitions are due in full with enrolment for the complete programme.

Refund policy

Tuitions are due in full with enrolment. Once the programme has started (tuitions collected) no tuitions will be repaid. Students, who do not pay tuitions after admission are not enrolled.

Degree Regulations

The applicable degree regulations for postgraduate and dual degree programmes of Universidad Azteca apply.

Duration and workload of a course

Successful completion of a course with a workload of 7,5 ECTS credits is estimated to be approximately 180 hours. Students should allocate approximately ten hours a week for reading, personal study, completion of reflection activities and submission of assignments. There is one marked assignment per module. Courses are offered on a part-time basis and are designed to be completed within four months. The asynchronic e-learning mode of the programme allows students to proceed at their own pace.

Study language

The online programme is conducted in Spanish, German and English.

Student Support

The programme is administered and provided by Universidad Azteca. Students are eligible for Universidad Azteca International Programmes student support regarding tutoring and assistance in the programme.

Modules

Module	Modality	ECTS
1. Semester		
Theory & Methodology Basics of Scientific Research	Exam	7,5
Didactics: Theory & Practice	Exam	7,5
2. Semester		
Applied Statistics in Education Research	Exam	7,5
Advanced Technologies in Education Research	Exam	7,5
3. Semester		
Seminar: Pedagogy & Didactics I	Exam	7,5
Development of Research Process in Education Science	Exam	7,5
4. Semester		
Seminar: Pedagogy & Didactics II	Exam	7,5
Seminar: Methods & Techniques of Research in Education	Exam	7,5
3. – 6. Semester		
Dissertation – Thesis	Presentation & Defence	120
Degree requirements in ECTS points		180

Programme Accreditation (RVOE) of Universidad Azteca

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Nombre	UNIVERSIDAD AZTECA
Dirección	PALMA NO. 61 Y CALLE 3 DE MAYO S/N
Entidad	MÉXICO
Municipio o Ciudad	CHALCO
Localidad o Colonia	BARRIO DE SAN ANTONIO
Persona Moral	UNIVERSIDAD AZTECA DE CHALCO, SOCIEDAD CIVIL
Programa	EN EDUCACION
Área	EDUCACIÓN Y HUMANIDADES
Nivel	DOCTORADO
Modalidad	NO ESCOLARIZADA
Estatus	RVOE
No. Acuerdo	20123180
Fecha Inicio	2012-06-29
Fecha Acuerdo	2012-12-14
Tipo Reconocimiento	FEDERAL



Doctoral Research Programmes

Universidad Azteca and UCN Universidad Central de Nicaragua have signed an agreement on academic and scientific collaboration - This agreement with fully autonomous Universidad Central de Nicaragua enables students to enrol in any of the double degree programmes at postgraduate level (Master, Doctor) in the following study areas:

Business Administration and Management

International Commerce

International Relations

Law (various specialisations)

Psychology

Environmental Science and Environmental Management

Health Sciences

Public Health

Public Administration

Social and Political Sciences

Education

Information Technology



Thesis Regulations for Dissertation Doctorates

**Within the Joint
International Double-Degree-Programme**

MBA & DBA / PhD

in Administration

**Universidad Atzeca
and
UCN Universidad Central de Nicaragua**

February 2012

Professional Doctorate "Doctor" **PhD Research Doctorate "Doctor en Filosofía"**

International University programme of Universidad Azteca and UCN Universidad Central de Nicaragua provided as joint Double-Degree-Programme

§ 1 Objective – Qualification

- 1) Universidad Azteca (Chalco, Mexico) and UCN Universidad Central de Nicaragua (Managua, Nicaragua) – called „Universities“ – conduct, according to an academic collaboration agreement between both Universities, joint postgraduate and doctoral programmes for international students in distance learning mode equally shared by means of a joint admission-commission and an examining committee.
- 2) The examinations and defences of dissertations (theses) before the joint examining committee are conducted in compliance with the provisions of applicable Mexican and Nicaraguan study laws and with the study and examination regulations of the universities.
- 3) The examination and defence of the thesis are to prove, on the basis of his/her independent study and research in the given field of study, that the Applicant has gained a deeper insight in the wider basis of the discipline and is capable of acquiring latest theoretical and practical knowledge, s/he is also capable of creative and independent application of the gained knowledge and experiences in practice.
- 4) The examination and thesis defence are proceeded in the subject field for which the admission has been approved by the Universities subject to the double degree programme of the Universities in order to conduct examination and thesis defence.
- 5) The doctoral study programme is available to graduates of Master and postgraduate studies.
- 6) The distance learning study programme has asynchronic design aiming at the transfer and acquisition of knowledge at a high level of independent self-study and research. The opportunity of networking collaboration via the e-learning platform of the Universities provides practical integration for the participants of the programme, resulting in high-end theses.
- 7) The research findings gained in this programme qualify the alumni as specialists in their given study area.

§ 2 Universidad Azteca

Universidad Azteca is a recognised Mexican private university, entitled due to its accreditation and study programmes to use the legally protected name „Universidad“, enjoys the right to offer state recognised as well as university own study programmes in distance learning mode and to award the respective academic degrees and titles in accordance with Articles 59 and 60 of the General Law of Education¹⁵ (federal). Universidad Azteca offers numerous recognised study areas and is reputed for its approach to international co-operations with universities abroad and for its international study offers as one of the most innovative universities in Mexico.

¹⁵ **LEY GENERAL DE EDUCACIÓN** CÁMARA DE DIPUTADOS DEL H. CONGRESO DE LA UNIÓN
Secretaría General Secretaría de Servicios Parlamentarios Centro de Documentación, Información y Análisis / Última Reforma DOF 22-06-2009

§ 3 UCN Universidad Central de Nicaragua

Nicaraguan higher education law is embedded in the principle of freedom of instruction, guaranteeing in Article 125 of the Nicaraguan Political Constitution full autonomy being implemented by Law no. 89 about the Autonomy of the Institutions of Higher Education (No. 89¹⁶). The law 89¹⁷ determines in Articles 7 and 9 that the institutions of higher education can award academic degrees. UCN is a fully autonomous accredited university with the unrestricted right to award certificates, diplomas, academic degrees and titles and to issue certificates of recognition and validation of studies on equivalent level, completed at other universities or centres of higher education, domestic or abroad, entitled to recognise academic degrees, titles and diplomas awarded by foreign universities, entitled to award professional rights, except for lawyers and notaries for whom, by law, the Supreme Court is in charge. Furthermore, UCN is entitled to establish relations with academic, scientific and cultural establishments located domestically or abroad. According to Article 82 of the Ley General de Educacion 2006¹⁸ the explicitly mentioned „Doctorates“ count – literally quoted – to the „nationally and internationally fully recognised academic degrees“ in Nicaragua.

§ 4 Joint Examining Committee

The Universities establish a joint examining committee for the evaluation and examination of doctoral candidates (theses). Detailed provisions are given in § 14.

§ 5 Study Areas

The study areas include:

- Administration (Business Administration, Public Administration)
- Economic and Social Sciences

§ 6 Master degree and Doctorates

The MBA Master degree is the last (fifth) study year of the Licenciado en Administración de Empresas and intermediate degree to the doctoral research programme.

The doctorates are differentiated as

- Professional Doctorates with the academic degree „Doctor en...“, abbreviated „Dr.“; and
- Research Doctorates with the academic degree „Doctor en Filosofía en...“, abbreviated „Dr.“ or „PhD“ in English.

§ 7 Workload and Structure of the Study Programme

1) The volume of the study programme is determined by the workload, given in credits (in brackets: ECTS points).

2) The MBA / Licenciado degree requires a workload of 75 credits (60 ECTS points) with an admission level of 300 credits (240 ECTS points). The Licenciado en Administración de Empresas (MBA) comprises a total of 10 semesters and a workload of 375 credits (300 ECTS points).

3) The professional doctorate requires as thesis doctorate a workload of 150 credits (120 ECTS points), to be achieved in the event of Applicants with 375 credits (300 ECTS) on admission by thesis only; in the event of Applicants with

¹⁶ Ley de Autonomia de las Instituciones de Educación Superior, 89/1990, Kapitel II, Art. 7-9

¹⁷ Ley de Autonomia de las Instituciones de Educación Superior, 89/1990

¹⁸ Ley General de Educación, 382/2006, Art. 82

300 credits (240 ECTS) on admission to be achieved by thesis of 75 credits (60 ECTS points) and by transfer of credits from positively completed postgraduate courses in the extent of 75 credits (60 ECTS points). This corresponds with a duration of 4 semesters. The accumulated minimum requirement for the professional doctorate is 450 credits (360 ECTS points).

4) The research doctorate requires a workload of 225 credits (180 ECTS points), to be achieved by thesis of 150 credits (120 ECTS points) and by transfer of credits from positively completed postgraduate courses in the extent of 75 credits (60 ECTS points). This corresponds with a duration of 6 semesters. The accumulated minimum requirement for the research doctorate is 600 credits (480 ECTS points).

§ 8 Admission

1) Applicants can be admitted to the asynchronic distance education programme throughout the year.

2) Admission Requirements:

a) Persons meeting the following requirements can be admitted to the Professional Doctorate: Completed university or college study programme of at least 8 semesters with no less than 300 credits (240 ECTS points) from a diploma programme with a recognised university or college at level 2 (Licenciado, Magister, Master, Diplom) and entitling for admission to doctoral programmes in the country of origin of the awarding institution; and a postgraduate specialisation or master degree of at least 75 credits (60 ECTS points).

b) Persons meeting the following requirements can be admitted to the Research Doctorate: Completed university or college study programme of at least 10 semesters with no less than 375 credits (300 ECTS points) from a diploma programme with a recognised university or college at level 2 (Licenciado, Magister, Master, Diplom) and entitling for admission to doctoral programmes in the country of origin of the awarding institution; and a postgraduate specialisation or master degree of at least 75 credits (60 ECTS points).

3) The joint admission-commission of both universities rules on the grounds of the formal requirements and the application per single case and upon request of the Applicant according to available enrolments and tutoring capacities, as well as of the submitted research proposal for the thesis. The admission-commission can require an admission-test.

4) Application procedure and admission: Applications for admission to the respective doctoral programme must be submitted with the required documents (application form, curriculum vitae, proof of degrees earned and professional experiences gained, passport copy, passport photo). The admission-commission may require the submission of "original transcripts" directly from the awarding tertiary education institutions.

5) Persons who have been admitted to the programme and who have paid the programme tuitions and fees, will be admitted by the study department of both universities as international students.

§ 9 Application

1) The Applicant submits his/her application to the admission-commission.

2) The application for the admission has to be submitted in a written form and the Applicant shall state in addition to his/her personal data the following:

a) the subject field in which s/he has obtained a university degree,

b) the subject field chosen for the thesis examination in line with these regulations,

- c) the topic of the thesis,
- d) the research project of the thesis.
- 3) The Applicant can choose the subject field in which s/he has completed university study or a related subject field.
- 4) The Applicant can suggest his/her own topic of the thesis.
- 5) The application for the thesis examination has to include the following enclosures:
 - a) the completely filled and signed application form,
 - b) copy of the Diploma and Diploma Supplement (transcript),
 - c) the graduate of a foreign university has to include the proof that the awarding institution is a recognised institution of higher education in the country of its origin, this requirement can be waived, however, if this fact is evident,
 - d) Curriculum Vitae of the Applicant,
 - e) copy of passport or identification document of the Applicant,
 - f) passport photo in colour.
- 6) The admission commission shall examine the application for the thesis examination and within 30 days from its delivery shall announce the decision to the Applicant in writing.
- 7) In the event the application complies with the requirements as stated in the Paragraphs 2, 3 and 5, the admission commission shall, according to available enrolments and tutoring capacities, confirm its acceptance in writing. The admission commission shall simultaneously notify the Applicant of the subjects which shall become part of the postgraduate specialisation as the wider basis of the discipline in the chosen subject field.
- 8) In the event the application does not comply with the requirements as stated in the Paragraphs 2, 3 and 5, the admission commission shall ask the Applicant to complete the missing data before the stated deadline.

§ 10 Transfer Credits

- 1) The evaluation of degrees and transfer-credits Universidad Azteca is subject to the provisions of Article 61 of the General Law of Education¹⁹. In the international evaluation of credits Universidad Azteca applies the recommendations of the „*Sistema de Asignación y Transferencia de Créditos Académicos (SATCA)*“²⁰ and its transfer-factors on the credits of Universidad Azteca according to the ministerial decree in force²¹.
- 2) Total autonomous UCN Universidad Central de Nicaragua validates the joint doctoral programme with Universidad Azteca according to Nicaraguan study law. In evaluating degrees and transfer-credits UCN applies the standards of Universidad Azteca in compliance with Article 9 Paragraph 2 of the Law no. 89 on the Autonomy of the Institutions of Higher Education²².
- 3) 75 credits (60 ECTS points) earned in postgraduate specialisations or Master programmes must be transferred by Applicants with 300 credits (240 ECTS) on admission into the curriculum of the Professional Doctorate, as far as they match the research topic of the chosen specialisation.

¹⁹ **LEY GENERAL DE EDUCACIÓN** CÁMARA DE DIPUTADOS DEL H. CONGRESO DE LA UNIÓN Secretaría General Secretaría de Servicios Parlamentarios Centro de Documentación, Información y Análisis / Última Reforma DOF 22-06-2009

²⁰ SISTEMA DE ASIGNACIÓN Y TRANSFERENCIA DE CRÉDITOS ACADÉMICOS DOCUMENTO APROBADO EN LO GENERAL POR LA XXXVIII SESIÓN ORDINARIA DE LA ASAMBLEA GENERAL DE LA ANUIES, 30 de Octubre de 2007. (SATCA 2007) ANUIES & SEP

²¹ DIARIO OFICIAL Lunes 10 de julio de 2000 SECRETARIA DE EDUCACION PUBLICA ACUERDO número 279 por el que se establecen los trámites y procedimientos relacionados con el reconocimiento de validez oficial de estudios del tipo superior.

²² Ley de Autonomía de las Instituciones de Educación Superior, 89/1990

4) 75 credits (60 ECTS points) earned in postgraduate specialisations or Master programmes must be transferred into the curriculum of the Research Doctorate, as far as they match the research topic of the chosen specialisation.

5) Credits can be accepted from coursework taken with recognised institutions of higher education, recognised degree programmes, or programmes validated by the Universities, or from course-work taken with either of the Universities at the postgraduate level, according to a study plan matching the chosen specialisation.

§ 11 Doctorate by Publication

A doctorate for scientific publications is possible in compliance with the exclusion clause of § 13 Paragraph 4, as far as this procedure is provided in the particular plans and programmes of study and the conditions thereof are regulated by these plans and programmes.

§ 12 Duration of Programme

1) The thesis examination programme starts with the confirmed acceptance of the application form by the admission-commission of the Universities and is becoming effective upon the payment of the non-refundable study-tuitions by the Applicant with the receipt of the payment by the Universities.

2) The thesis examination programme ends:

- a) by the act of granting and awarding the academic title by the universities,
- b) by the decision of the examining committee that the Applicant did not meet the requirements including the retake options,
- c) by delivering the written request to the examining committee to terminate the thesis examination,
- d) by failing to complete thesis examination programme within the allowed retake options in compliance with the Letter b.

§ 13 Dissertation Thesis

1) The range of themes for theses, their extent and particulars, as well as the requirements for theses are announced by the Universities based on the proposals examining committee for the thesis examination.

2) A doctoral thesis is a monothematic work which brings about new findings, it is not a compilation of literature, as a rule it presents personal original research pursued by the Applicant.

3) In general, the thesis is written in Spanish language. An Applicant of different nationality or a foreign Applicant shall ask the admission commission for a possibility to write the thesis in a foreign language. In case of available language capacity the admission commission shall approve the request. A thesis written in a language other than Spanish or English shall include a summary written in Spanish or English language in extent of up to 10 pages.

According to available enrolments and tutoring capacities particularly the following study languages are approved: Spanish, English, German, French, Italian, Greek.

4) The use of Master-theses or doctoral theses having already been used for the award of an academic degree is not allowed. The Applicant cannot submit as a rigorous thesis his/her diploma thesis or any other qualification thesis, neither the work of a compilation character.

5) The Applicant submits to the examining committee the thesis. The thesis has to be written in text editor, printed and bound in hard cover. Upon request of the Applicant or order recommendation of the examination committee the submission of an electronic version is permitted.

6) To evaluate a thesis the examining committee nominates at least one staff member possessing the "assistant professor" or "professor" title or the academic title PhD., Dr. or an equivalent degree at doctoral level. The evaluator/s are appointed by the examining committee.

7) The evaluator first evaluates the methodological aspect of the thesis. In the event of the positive evaluation, the thesis shall be evaluated from a specialized, subject-specific perspective. Positive evaluations of the thesis are necessary preconditions for the invitation of the Applicant to the thesis defence and examination.

8) The nominated evaluator shall submit to the examining committee within 60 days from the delivery of the thesis to the evaluator the evaluation of the thesis in which s/he shall state if the thesis does or does not meet the requirements determined by the examining committee and this given study plan. In the evaluation the evaluator shall also present comments on the content of the thesis and, in conclusion of the evaluation, state if s/he does or does not recommend the thesis for the oral defence, or if s/he recommends to rewrite the thesis.

9) In the event that the evaluator does not recommend the thesis for the defence, the Applicant can rewrite the thesis and resubmit it for evaluation on the next deadline for theses submission as determined by the examining committee. If s/he fails to submit the thesis on the given deadline s/he shall be excluded from the registration of Applicants for examinations and thesis defences. The Applicant can ask the examining committee in writing for the extension of the thesis submission deadline not more than twice.

10) Within the six months from the thesis submission before the thesis examination the examining committee shall notify the Applicant in writing of the place, date and time of the online-examination and at the same time notify him/her the result of the evaluation of the thesis.

11) Precondition of the invitation to the thesis defence and examination is the positive evaluator evaluation.

§ 14 Examining Committee

1) The examination and thesis defence take place in front of the examining committee.

2) The right to act as examiners is granted only to university teachers occupying the posts of professors or assistant professors or other experts possessing at least the academic title PhD., Dr. or comparable qualification at doctoral level, approved by the Universities.

3) The committee is appointed by the Universities, the nominees are selected from the eligible staff members as stated in Paragraph 2.

4) The committee consists of a chairman and a minimum of two other members.

5) As a general rule, the committee is appointed for a period until dismissal.

§ 15 Examination and Defence of Thesis

1) The examination can take place only when a chairman and a minimum of two other members are present online. The procedure of the examination is delivered by means of electronic tele-communications media (video-conference).

2) The examination is generally conducted in the language of the thesis.

3) The examination consists of two parts. It starts with the thesis presentation and defence and continues immediately by the oral examination by the examining committee. In defence of thesis the Applicant responds to the comments and answers the questions of the committee members.

- 4) The committee members vote upon the result of the examination in the non public part of the session on the day of the doctoral examination. The examination result is expressed in words as "passed" or "failed".
- 5) The examination procedure is recorded in writing. All documents including the notation and the evaluation are kept in the Archive in compliance with the valid regulations.

§ 16 Retaking Examinations

- 1) In the event the Applicant cannot take the online-examination on the given date and gives a written apology for his/her absence within seven days thereafter, the examining committee shall provide on the basis of Applicant's request and consultation with the committee chairman a substitute date for taking the examination.
- 2) In the event the Applicant fails to appear in the stipulated time for the online-examination without giving a written apology within seven days thereafter, s/he shall be evaluated as if s/he had "failed" in the examination.
- 3) In the event the Applicant failed in the defence of the thesis or in the oral examination, the examination can be repeated on the next date announced for the examinations; the examining committee shall determine the date of the repeated examination. The examining committee can permit two further repetitions of the examination.

§ 17 Academic Degree

- 1) In compliance with the provisions of the Ley General de Educación, applicable to Universidad Azteca in Mexico, as well as in compliance with the Ley de Autonomía de las Instituciones de Educación Superior, applicable to UCN in Nicaragua, after passing the examination of the thesis the following academic degrees are conferred:

By Universidad Azteca:

Licenciado en Administración de Empresas (English diploma: MBA Master of Business Administration)

By UCN Universidad Central de Nicaragua:

- Professional Doctorate: **Doctor en Administración de Empresas**, abbreviated „Dr.“ (English diploma: DBA Doctorate in Business Administration)
- Research Doctorate: **Doctor en Filosofía**, abbreviated „Dr.“ or „PhD.“

- 2) The Licenciado degree of Universidad Azteca is legally awarded university academic degree in accordance with Article 59 or a degree awarded with RVOE according to Article 60 of the law. Universidad Azteca has RVOE (programme recognition) in Mexico for the Licenciado en Administración de Empresas by the Federal Secretary of Public Education. The degrees are validated and accredited by UCN in accordance with Article 9 Paragraph 2 of the Nicaraguan Law on the Autonomy of Institutions of Higher Education and constitute the intermediate degree (MPhil level) of the doctoral programme.

- 3) The doctoral degree of the fully autonomous UCN Universidad Central de Nicaragua, validating and accrediting the programme, is a fully recognised doctoral degree in the sense of Article 82 of the Ley General de Educación (Nicaragua) and legally awarded in compliance with Articles 7 and 9 of the Law on Autonomy of the Institutions of Higher Education (Nicaragua).

- 4) The Universities exclude any responsibility for the lawful use of the academic degrees or recognition of the studies acc. to Paragraphs 2 and 3 outside of Mexico and Nicaragua, being regulated by national provisions in third countries, however, the Universities generally expect the application of multilateral and bilateral agreements and recommendations of UNESCO.

§ 18 Distance Learning Mode

- 1) Notification: the International Doctoral Programme – Double Degree Programme is a distance education programme only to be completed by means of electronic media of tele-communications and e-learning directly on the Universities in Mexico and Nicaragua, and that no elements of the study programme are conducted in third countries.
- 2) The Applicants are enrolled simultaneously with both Universities in Mexico and Nicaragua and not in a third country.
- 3) As far as professors and evaluators are applied outside of Mexico or Nicaragua, they are operating via e-learning and tele-communications directly from the autonomous territories of the Universities and their internet-platforms and not in or from a third country.
- 4) Mexican study law applies to Universidad Azteca. Place of delivery and court jurisdiction is Mexico City, Mexico.
- 5) Nicaraguan study law applies to UCN Universidad Central de Nicaragua. Place of delivery and court jurisdiction is Managua, Nicaragua.

§ 19 Quality Assurance

- 1) Universidad Azteca is a member of ANUIES and subject to supervision and control of national programmes of study by the federal Secretary of Public Education – Subsecretary of Higher Education (SEP/SES). Universidad Azteca periodically conducts an auto-evaluation of international distance study programmes according to the standards of ODLQC (British) Open and Distance Learning Quality Council. Additionally Universidad Azteca aims to pursue a certification according to ISO 19796-1 and ISO 29990. Universidad Azteca is an accredited member of EQAC.
- 2) Universidad Central de Nicaragua is a fully autonomous university participating in the deliberate programme of auto-evaluation of the association of Nicaraguan universities. All professional titles and academic degrees are recognised by the professional associations and public services; UCN in 2010 is again among the best universities in Central America and has been awarded by the Central American Coalition USA as „Exemplary Central American University 2010“ in the United States of America.
- 3) Written Assignments will be checked with a plagiarism-analysis-programme for authenticity.
- 4) Online-examinations are standardised „Computer-Marked-Assignments“.
- 5) Written assignments and course-papers are „Tutor Marked Assignments“.
- 6) Scientific articles and publications are subject to a „peer-review“.

§ 20 Administration, Accreditation, Validation

- 1) The administration of the programme is conducted by Universidad Azteca on behalf of the Universities.
- 2) The Licenciado (MBA) awarded by Universidad Azteca is registered with the RVOE information system of accredited programmes of the Mexican government Secretary of Public Education (SEP).
- 3) The professional and research doctorates subject to these thesis guidelines are validated and accredited as distance-education programmes of study by UCN Universidad Central de Nicaragua, and, therefore, all academic degrees and titles awarded by UCN are fully recognised in compliance with Articles 7 and 9 of the Nicaraguan Law 89 on the Autonomy of Institutions of Higher Education in the sense of Article 82 of the Nicaraguan General Law of Education.

§ 21 Structure of the Programmes

Professional Doctorate

<p>Award of Professional Doctorate Dr. Thesis 60 Course work 60 360 ECTS A6 450 credits</p>	<p>Award of Professional Doctorate Dr. Thesis 120 420 ECTS A7 525 credits</p>
	<p>Admission with A5 Master Licenciado 300 ECTS</p>
	<p>Admission with A4 Master /PGDip Diploma A4 240 ECTS</p>
<p>Admission with A4 Level 2 Diploma Licenciado A4 240 ECTS</p>	<p>A3 Bachelor 180 ECTS</p>

Research Doctorate

<p>Award of Research Doctorate PhD. Thesis 120 480 ECTS A8 600 credits</p>	<p>Award of Research Doctorate PhD. Thesis 120 480 ECTS A8 600 credits</p>
<p>Admission with A6 360 ECTS Specialisation Postgraduate</p>	<p>Admission with A6 360 ECTS Specialisation Postgraduate</p>
<p>Completion of A5 Diploma studies Licenciado A5 300 ECTS</p>	<p>Completion of A5 Master studies 300 ECTS</p>
<p>Completion of A4 Diploma studies Licenciado A4 240 ECTS</p>	<p>Completion of A4 Diploma studies Licenciado A4 240 ECTS</p>
	<p>A3 Bachelor 180 ECTS</p>

Distance education programmes of Universidad Central de Nicaragua UCN European Programmes

I. Programmes at "Carrera" level nationally recognised by the fully autonomous UCN and listed with the CNU Consejo Nacional de Universidades, offered internationally by UCN:

Qualification	Years	ECTS
Licenciado en		
Farmacia	4	240
Banca y Finanzas	4	240
Administración Turístico y Hoteles	4	240
Mercadotecnia	4	240
Administración de Empresas	4	240
Relaciones Internacionales (comercio internacional)	4	240
Derecho	5	300
Psicología	5	300
Ingeniería en		
Sistemas	4	240
Doctor en		
Medicina (general)	6	360
Medicina Veterenaria	5	300
Bachelor		
BA Bachelor of Arts (Psychology, various specialis.)	3	180

II. Postgraduate programmes offered in Nicaragua and internationally as fully autonomous and recognised programmes according to Nicaraguan higher education laws:

Qualification	Years	ECTS
Postgrados en		
Defensa Tributaria Empresarial	1	60
Administración de Recursos Humanos	1	60
Derecho y Gerencia Municipal	1	60
Gerencia de Comercio Internacional	1	60
Master / Maestria		
Maestria en Gerencia de Recursos Humanos	2	120
Maestria en Derecho Empresarial y Corporativo	2	120
MA in Psychology	2	120
Maestria en Relaciones Internacionales	2	120
Doctor in		
International Education	2	120
Derecho Tributario y Derecho Mercantil		
PhD Doctor of Philosophy (Research Doctorate) in	3	180
Psychology (various specialisations)		
Health Sciences		
Environmental Sciences		
Business Administration		
Public Administration		
International Commerce		
International Relations		
Health Sciences		
Public Health		
Alternative Medicine		
Political and Social Sciences		
Pegagoy and Education		

III. Programmes validated by fully autonomous Universidad Central de Nicaragua UCN and offered internationally as dual degree programmes of Universidad Azteca and UCN European Programmes:

Qualification	Years	ECTS
Master		
MBA Master of Business Administration (Executive)	1	60
MBA Master of Business Administration	2	120
MSc in Psychology	2	120
Master of Education Sciences	2	120
MA in Child Development	2	120
MSc in Complementary Health Sciences	2	120
MSc in Psycho-Social Health Sciences	2	120
MSc in Mediation and Conflict Management	2	120
MSc in OHS and Emergency Management	2	120
MSc in Environmental Sciences and Management	2	120
Doctor		
Doctor of Education	3	180
Doctor of Business Administration	3	180
Doctor of Psychology	3	180
Doctor of Health Sciences	3	180
Doctor of Environmental Sciences	3	180
PhD Doctor of Philosophy (Research Doctorate)	3	180

Registration in Austria

Registration of study programmes conducted legally in Austria and registered in accordance with the Law on Quality Assurance in Higher Education with the Federal Ministry of Science and Research of the Austrian government.



Herrn
Prof. Dr. Dr. Gerhard Berchtold

Sehr geehrter Herr Prof. Dr. Dr. Berchtold!

Das Bundesministerium für Wissenschaft und Forschung gibt bekannt, dass die Registrierung nachstehender Einrichtungen mit folgenden Studienprogrammen nach § 27 Hochschul-Qualitätssicherungsgesetz (HS-QSG), BGBl. I Nr. 74/2011, erfolgt:

Universidad Azteca

Studiengang Betriebswirtschaft:

„Licenciado en Administracion de Empresas“ (Studienprogramm nach Art. 59 des mexikanischen Bildungsgesetzes ohne offizielle Anerkennung)

Universidad Catolica San Antonio de Murcia (UCAM)

Universidad Azteca (UA)

- Doppeldiplomprogramm Betriebswirtschaft:

Licenciado en Administracion de Empresas (UA) (Studienprogramm nach Art. 59 des mexikanischen Bildungsgesetzes ohne offizielle Anerkennung)

Magister in Business Administration (UCAM)

- Doppeldiplomprogramm Psychologie und Coaching:

Licenciado en Psicologia (UA) (Studienprogramm nach Art. 59 des mexikanischen Bildungsgesetzes ohne offizielle Anerkennung)

Magister in Coaching (UCAM)

Universidad Azteca (UA)

Universidad Central den Nicaragua (UCN)

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Derecho	5	300	LLM	7
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Sistemas	4	240	MSc	7
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Medicina (general)	6	360	M.D.	8
Medicina Veterenaria	5	300	M.D.vet.	8
Bachelor				
BA Bachelor of Arts (Psychology, various specialis.)	3	180	BA Hons	6

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Postgrados en				
Defensa Tributaria Empresarial	1	60	PGDip	7
Administración de Recursos Humanos	1	60	PGDip	7
Derecho y Gerencia Municipal	1	60	PGDip	7
Gerencia de Comercio Internacional	1	60	PGDip	7
Master / Maestría				
Maestría en Gerencia de Recursos Humanos	2	120	MBA, MSc	7
Maestría en Derecho Empresarial y Corporativo	2	120	LLM	7
MA in Psychology	2	120	MA	7
Maestría en Relaciones Internacionales	2	120	MSc	7
Doctor in			Doctor	
International Education	2	120	Ed.D.	8
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International Relations				
Health Sciences				
Public Health				
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MBA Master of Business Administration	2	120	MBA	7
MSc in Psychology	2	120	MA	7
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MSc in Psycho-Social Health Sciences	2	120	MSc	7
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MSc in OHS and Emergency Management	2	120	MSc	7
MSc in Environmental Sciences and Management	2	120	MSc	7
Doctor			Doctor	
Doctor of Education	3	180	Ed.D.	8
Doctor of Business Administration	3	180	DBA	8
Doctor of Psychology	3	180	PhD	8
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Doctor of Environmental Sciences	3	180	PhD	8
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