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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).

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Universidad Central de Nicaragua Programas Internacionales

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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 & Wels

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

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UNIVERSIDAD CENTRAL DE NICARAGUA (UCN)

Universidad Central de Nicaragua UCN was founded in 1997 as a private, non-profit and authorized by the National University Council in session CNU No. 10-98 of 18. November 1998 and approved by the Assembly of the Republic Decree No. 2822 according to the Constitution of Nicaragua and the Law No. 89 on the Autonomy of Institutions of Higher Education. Universidad Central de Nicaragua UCN is a fully recognised and autonomous university with central campus in Managua City. It was also internationally accredited in 2013 by ASIC (UK).

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.

ACCREDITING AGENCIES - LEGAL FRAMEWORK - MEMBERSHIPS:

- General Education Law, Law No.582 (system of higher education)
- National Council of Universities CNU for institutional authorisation of universities before they achieve autonomy by Act of Law No. 89 Law on Autonomy of Institutions of Higher Education: UCN is a fully autonomous university with full and recognised degree awarding authority
- National Council for Evaluation and Accreditation of the National System for Quality Assurance in Education CNEA, Law No. 704 (UCN participates in the Quality Assurance programme with the CNEA)
- Federal Ministry of Science and Research (BMWF, 2012), Vienna, Austria, for approval and registration of UCN programmes provided in Austria by UCN European Programmes in compliance with Austrian federal Law on Quality Assurance in Higher Education
- ASIC Accreditation Service for International Colleges (ENQA and CHEA listed), a UK government Home Office approved and recognised Accreditation Body: systems accreditation of UCN covering the range of educational establishments and courses as **Premier University** (2013-2017).
- Accrediting & Assessment Bureau for Post-Secondary Schools AABPS, a UK awarding organisation.
- Quality Assurance Commission QAC, UK: Accreditation of UCN national and international programmes as aligned in credits to the United Kingdom Qualifications and Credit Framework by the Quality Assurance Commission (QAC-2013-19) , and Certificate of Quality Accreditation certifying the implementation and continuous improvement of an effective QMS.
- Education for Business Managers and Administrators EBMA, UK.
- UCN is a member of ODAEE the Organisation of the Americas for Excellence in Education and the IAU International Association of Universities.



Screenshot of UCN website¹



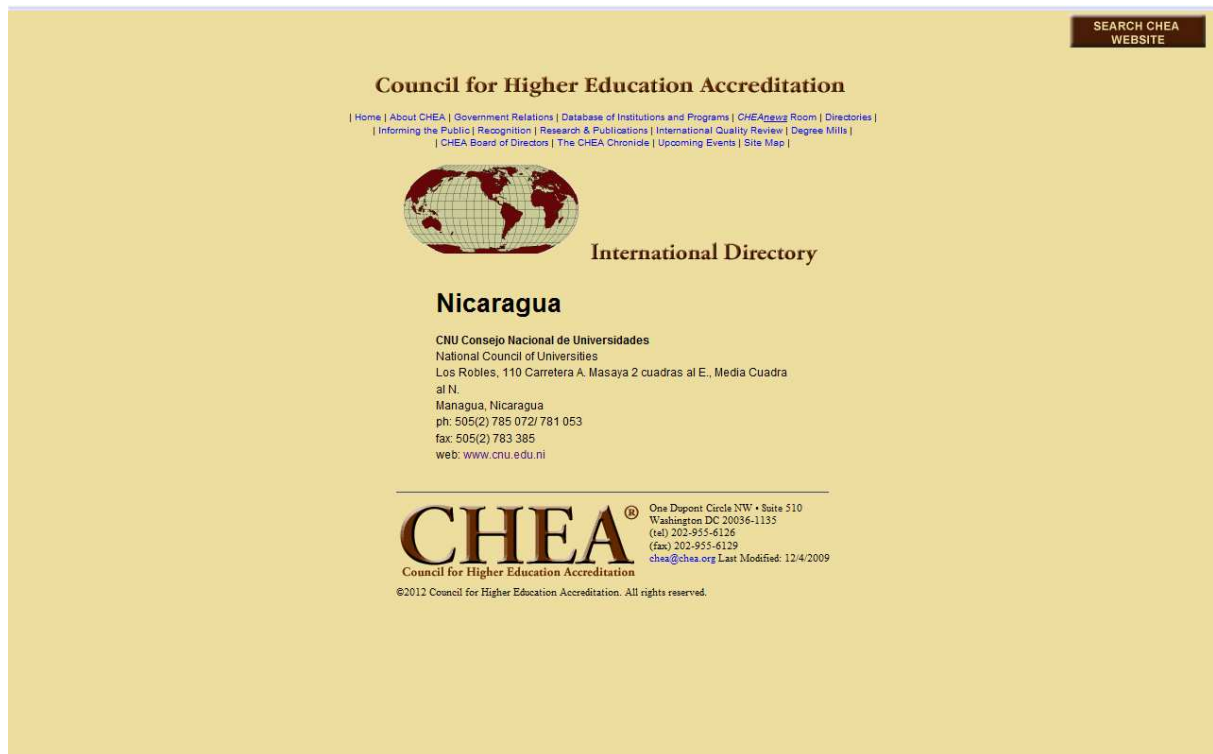
Screenshot of UCN website on collaboration with Universidad Azteca²

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

Approved 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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Taken from the CNU list of officially recognised Universities³

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



Screenshot CNU⁴ website



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

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 degree awarding 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 EDUCACION 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 la 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
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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

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

can only enter them with written authorization from the competent university authorities.
5. Approve their statutes and regulations.

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.

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

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, 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.

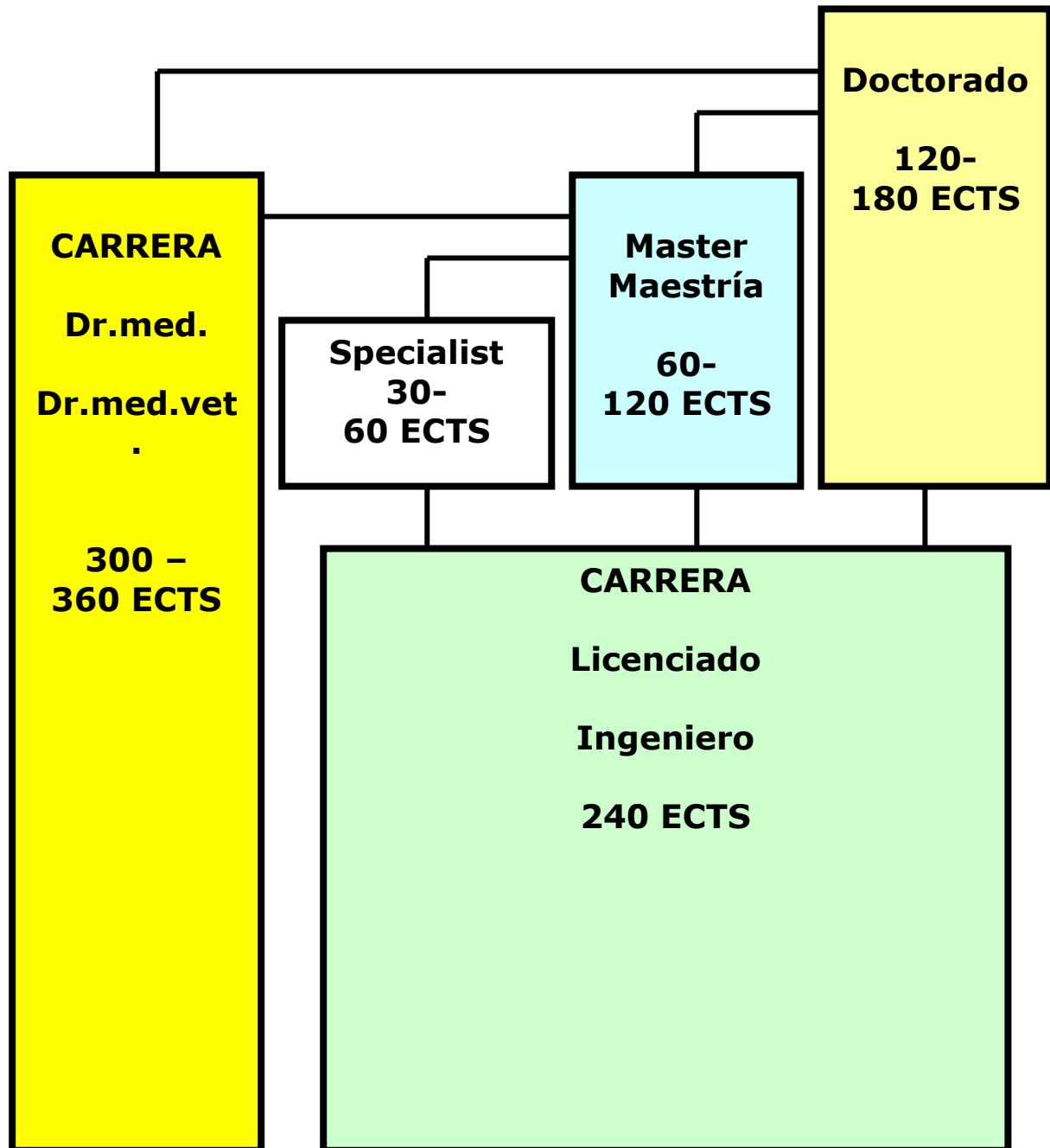
For the purposes of this Act the following definitions: (...)

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, doctor 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

ASIC ACCREDITATION



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CERTIFICATE OF ACCREDITATION

This is to certify that

UNIVERSIDAD CENTRAL DE NICARAGUA
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is accredited by
Accreditation Service for International Colleges (ASIC) as a

PREMIER UNIVERSITY

Period of Accreditation: 16th September 2013 – 15th September 2017
Accreditation No: AS11157/0911

Universidad Central de Nicaragua has been awarded commendable grades in the following areas:

A. Premises and Health & Safety	B. Management and Staff Resources
C. Learning and Teaching; Course Delivery	D. Quality Assurance and Enhancement
G. Marketing and Recruitment	


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QUALITY ASSURANCE PROGRAMME





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 o internacionales
 - 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.)



Programmes offered in English study language internationally

Universidad Central de Nicaragua UCN Universidad Central de Nicaragua offers 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



Master Programme

Entry requirements:

Bachelors degree or equivalent first degree or admission evaluation

Programme duration: Official study time for the short Master programme is one year (60 ECTS), and two years (120 ECTS) for the regular Master programme.

Short programme:

Taught Masters: 60 ECTS in coursework

Research Masters MBA: 48 ECTS in coursework plus 12 ECTS for Masters Thesis

Top-up Master (for Postgraduate Diploma and Master graduates): 30 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 awarded:

UCN Universidad Central de Nicaragua Master degree

Programme modality:

Online Master programme.

The Master curriculum consists of at least **60 ECTS credits** of postgraduate study, offered as modular fashion. Master-candidates in the short programme complete required modules/courses (48 ECTS credits), plus a final Thesis/Dissertation (12 ECTS credits) **or** additional modules (12 ECTS credits) all of these focused on a specific field or discipline.

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

Level:

Postgraduate

Objectives of the Programme

The modular Master programme 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 Master 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

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 the chosen award

Doctor of Business Administration DBA Programme

Entry requirements:

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

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.

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 awarded:

UCN DBA (Dr.)

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

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.

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.

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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.

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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 Option

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

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. Psychology. Environmental Science and Environmental Management. Health Sciences. Public Health. Public Administration. Social and Political Sciences. Education. Information Technology.



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Doctoral Research Programmes

Entry requirements:

Masters degree or equivalent degree and admission evaluation (240 ECTS credits). The entry requirements are a graduate degree of at least 240 ECTS credits in total. Doctorate candidates may specialize in areas such as

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

Programme features:

60 ECTS in coursework plus 120 ECTS for Doctor Thesis

Modules: 60 ECTS in coursework, scientific conferences or publications

Research Thesis for Dr (PhD): 120 ECTS for PhD-level Thesis

Degree awarded:

UCN Doctor (Dr. / PhD)

Programme modality:

Online programme.

Level:

Postgraduate

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 University 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.

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. The University can accept a prior dissertation and doctorate only for the purpose of revalidation of the degree in order to award the equivalent degree.

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. Two hardcopy editions of the thesis must be sent to the University.

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 via video conference.
- 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 University.
- 3) The committee is appointed by the University, 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. An external evaluator is appointed.
- 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 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 UCN Universidad Central de Nicaragua:

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

- 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).



§ 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 at the University in Nicaragua, and that no elements of the study programme are conducted in third countries.



Tuitions

Tuitions vary by the duration of programme (short or regular), the mode of provision, and the single or dual degree options.

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 degree regulations for the particular Master programme of Universidad Central de Nicaragua UCN 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 international programme is conducted in English. English proficiency is required for the programme.

Student Support

The programme is administered and provided by UCN European Programmes of the university. Students are eligible for UCN International Programmes student support regarding tutoring and assistance in the programme.

Distance education programmes of Universidad Central de Nicaragua UCN European Programmes

I. Programmes at "Carrera" level offered nationally 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		
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