

UNIVERSIDAD CENTRAL DE NICARAGUA UCN INFORMATION BROCHURE

A. LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION:

1. NAME OF INSTITUTION IN LANGUAGE OF COUNTRY: **Universidad Central de Nicaragua UCN**

2. ENGLISH TRANSLATION: **Central University of Nicaragua**

3. ALTERNATIVE NAME (eg. in another language): **UCN**

4. ACRONYM: **U.C.N.**

5. FULL MAILING ADDRESSES:

Managua Nicaragua, Semáforos del Zumen 3C. abajo, 1C. al lago

City: **Managua**

Province: **Managua**

Post Code: **12079**

Tel: **+ (505) 2279-1160 – + (505) 2269-3301 - + (505) 2279-112**

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Telex:

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Email: dirrepub@ucn.edu.ni

WWW: <http://www.ucn.edu.ni>

Nearest large city:

1) Head of Institution (e.g. Rector, Vice Chancellor, etc.):

Given name: **Gilberto** Family name: **Cuadra Solórzano** Sex (m/f): **M**

Job Title: **Chancellor (Rector)**

Years of Office (from/to): **since 1997 to 2014....**

Tel: **+ (505) 2279- 1160 + (505) 2279- 1283** Fax:

Email: sria.vicerrectoria@ucn.edu.ni

2) Senior Administrative Officer (e.g. Secretary-General, director, etc.):

Given name: **Francisco** Family name: **López Pérez** Sex (m/f): **M**

Job Title: **Vice-chancellor (Vicerrector)**

Tel: **+ (505) 2279- 1283 + (505) 2279- 1160** Fax:

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3) International Relations Officer:

Given name: **Doris** Family name: **Saldamando Díaz** Sex (m/f): **F**

Job title: **Director of Public and International Affairs DPIA**

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6. CLASSIFICATION OF INSTITUTION:

6.1 Is the institution of university status? (y/n): **Yes**

6.2 Type of institution in country to which the institution belongs: **Higher Education**

6.3 Institution status (National/private/public): **Private**

6.4 Institution Member of the International Association of Universities? (y/n): **yes**

6.5 Institution Member of the Association of African Universities? (y/n): **No**

7. FOUNDATION:

7.1 Year: **1997**

7.2 Year acquired present status: **1998**

8. ACADEMIC DIVISIONS (Correct or add Division types where relevant: Faculty, College, Division, Centre, Institute, Department, etc):

Division Type: Health Science

Division Name: Faculty of Health Science

Fields of Study descriptors: Medicine and Surgeon, Pharmacy, Psychology, Health Sciences, Environmental Sciences

More details (eg specific name of division, or city if different from the main site):

Central Campus Managua, UCN precinct Portezuelo paso a desnivel Portezuelo Carretera Norte, Jinotepe, Carazo precinct Jinotepe, del Hospital Regional ½ c este.

Division Type: Business Administration

Division Name: Faculty of Economic and Administrative Sciences

Fields of Study descriptors (see Annex): Accountancy and Auditing, Business Administration, Marketing, Banking, Tourism and Hotel Management

More details (eg specific name of division, or city if different from the main site):

UCN precinct Portezuelo paso a desnivel Portezuelo Carretera Norte, Jinotepe, Carazo precinct Jinotepe, del Hospital Regional ½ c Este

Division Type: Engineering

Division Name: Faculty of Engineering

Fields of Study descriptors (see Annex): Systems Engineering

More details (eg specific name of division, or city if different from the main site):

UCN precinct Portezuelo paso a desnivel Portezuelo Carretera Norte, Jinotepe, Carazo precinct Jinotepe, del Hospital Regional ½ c este

Division Type: Law and Social Sciences

Division Name: Faculty of Law and Social Sciences

Fields of Study descriptors (see Annex): Law, International Relations and foreign trade, International Commerce.

More details (eg specific name of division, or city if different from the main site):

UCN precinct Portezuelo paso a desnivel Portezuelo Carretera Norte, Jinotepe, Carazo precinct Jinotepe, del Hospital Regional ½ c Este

Division Type: Veterinary Medicine

Division Name: Faculty Veterinary Medicine

Fields of Study descriptors (see Annex): Veterinary Medicine

More details (eg specific name of division, or city if different from the main site):

UCN precinct Portezuelo paso a desnivel Portezuelo Carretera Norte, Jinotepe, Carazo precinct Jinotepe, del Hospital Regional ½ c este

Division Type: Institute

Division Name: Instituto Tecnológico Central ITC (Central Technological Institute CTI)

Fields of Study descriptors (see Annex): Technical Secondary (High School) Education with emphasis in Accounting and Secretarial (Advanced Diploma), various specialization courses

More details (eg specific name of division, or city if different from the main site): Managua Central precinct El Carmen.

Division Type: Department

Division Name: International School of Psychology

Fields of Study descriptors (see Annex): Psychology (Bachelor, Master and Doctorate Programmes) Clinical Psychology, Coaching Psychology, Business Psychology, Neuro Linguistic Psychology NLP, Health and Psychotherapy

More details (eg specific name of division, or city if different from the main site): Managua Campus Central, International School of Psychology @ UCN, Berlin, Germany

Division Type: Department

Division Name: Division of International and Inter-University Programmes

Fields of Study descriptors (see Annex): (Master and Doctorate Programmes) Management, Business Administration, Psychology, Education, Social and Political Sciences, Environmental Sciences, Health Sciences, Law.

More details (eg specific name of division, or city if different from the main site): Managua Campus Central, UCN European Programmes, Innsbruck, Austria

9. COMPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

B. FURTHER DETAILS:

10. BRIEF HISTORY/DESCRIPTION:

Central University of Nicaragua - UCN was founded in 1997. Is a private, non-profit and authorized by the National University Council in session CNU 10-98 No of November 18, 1998 and approved by the Assembly of the Republic Decree No. 2822 according to the Constitution of the Republic and the Law on the Autonomy of Institutions of Higher Education and enjoys full academic, financial, organizational and administrative autonomy.

The idea came from a group of businessmen and academics with extensive practical experience in the educational field who decide to found the UCN returning to the path of the former Central University in the 40's opened their classrooms to receive students who later became leading figures in the political, academic and social development.

The Board of the UCN and the Chancellor Gilberto Cuadra Solórzano and academic staff have developed modern curricula for each of the career that this university teaches, and give young people a full preparation in the human, intellectual and professional.

Mission

The Central University of Nicaragua inspired by values and ethical principles exists for the purpose of training comprehensive professional and entrepreneurs, able to successfully face the challenges imposed by the globalized world, through innovative learning teaching process, focusing on the student as subject active in their own education.

Vision

The vision of the Central University of Nicaragua is to be a recognized higher education institution for having a consolidated multidisciplinary educational project through the implementation of projects that allow comprehensive institutional development, academically competitive and committed to a quality education incorporating research and extension in their educational processes.

Values:

Respect for human dignity
Academic excellence and service requirement
Respect for the fundamental rights of people
Social service
Full respect for the laws of the country

11. GOVERNING BODIES (ie Senate, Rectorat, University Council or other): Rectorat and University Academic Council

12. ACADEMIC YEAR (ie breakdown of year, ex Sep-Dec; Jan-Mar; Apr-June): Semesters and Quarters (Cuatrimestres)

Semesters: January-June July-December

Quarters: March-June July-October November-February

13. ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS: (Required school certificate (in language of country) and other minimum requirements for first year entry):

- 1 - A passport photo. (Foto Tamaño Carnet)
- 2 - high school diploma or proof of pending. (Diploma de bachiller o constancia de trámite)
- 3 - Copy of identity card. (Copia de cédula de identidad)
- 4 - Fill out application form. (Llenar formulario de admission)

Requirements for foreigners (Requisitos para extranjeros):

- 1 - Have the academic documentation authenticated in the country of origin (Tener autenticado la documentación académica en el país de procedencia), if applicable.
- 2 - Authentication of the Embassy of Nicaragua or Apostille (Autenticación de la Embajada de Nicaragua o Apostilla), if applicable.
- 3 - Have a passport and valid residence card (Tener el pasaporte y cédula de residencia vigente)
- 4 - Fill out application form. (Llenar formulario de admission)

14. FEES (in local currency if possible and indicate if per year or semester or term):

US-Dollar 160.00 per quarter (Four Month)

US-Dollar 900.00 per semester (Six Month)

US-Dollar 2,000.00 per semester (Six Months) for international students in postgraduate programmes

15. MAIN LANGUAGE(S) OF INSTRUCTION: Spanish, (for International Program, English and German)

16. COOPERATION PROGRAMMES (principal COUNTRIES in which you have exchanges with institutions or programmes such as ERASMUS): Mexico, Spain, Colombia, India and Guyana

17. ACCREDITING AGENCY (IES):

- 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: Law No. 89 Law of 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 (Currently UCN is in the Institutional Self-Assessment process to the CNEA)
- Federal Ministry of Science and Research (BMWF), 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, a UK government Visa and Immigrations approved Accreditation Body: institutional (systems) accreditation of UCN in the best category as "Premier University" covering the range of educational establishments and courses. Period of accreditation: 2013-2017
- 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
- Accrediting & Assessment Bureau for Post-Secondary Schools AABPS
- Education for Business Managers and Administrators EBMA.

18. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION(S) (if relevant): No Religious Affiliation Lay

19. STUDENT BODY (all male; all female; co-educational): co – educational, mix (male and female)

20. PRINCIPAL DEGREES AND DIPLOMAS (preferably in language of country): see ANNEX (system of higher education and legal framework)

Degree type: Licenciatura (Bachelors BA/BSc)	Acronym Lic.	Areas of study in which it is awarded: Accountancy and Auditing, Business Administration, Marketing, Banking, Tourism and Hotel Management, Pharmacy, Psychology, International Relations and foreign trade, Law with emphasis in Trade Law
Years of study: 4 or 5		

Degree type: Ingeniería (Engineering Sys.E.)	Acronym Ing.	Areas of study in which it is awarded: Engineering System (Computer Science, Informatics)
Years of study: 4 or 5		

Degree type: Doctor en Medicina y Cirugía (MD)	Acronym Dr.	Areas of study in which it is awarded: Health Sciences (Medicine)
Years of study: 4 or 6		

Degree type: Doctor en Medicina Veterinaria (D.V.M.)	Acronym Dr.	Areas of study in which it is awarded: Veterinary health Sciences (Veterinary Medicine)
Years of study: 5		

Degree type: Maestría (Master MSc, MA, MBA)	Acronym MSc, MA, MBA.	Areas of study in which it is awarded: Economic and Administrative Sciences, Law and Social Sciences, Health Sciences, Veterinary Health Sciences, Complementary Psycho-Social and Integrated Health Sciences, Child Development, Engineering (Computer Sciences, Informatics), Psychology, Neuro Linguistic Psychology NLP, Coaching Psychology, Business Psychology (I/O), Psychotherapy, Pharmacy, Business Administration, Marketing, Environmental Sciences, Business Corporative Law, Human Resource Management, Education, International Relations: Hemispheric Security, Masters in Natural Medicine and Complementary Therapies, Master in Epistemology, Learning and Pedagogical Mediation.
Years of study: 1, 2 or 3		

Degree type: Doctorado (PhD, DBA)	Acronym Dr. (PhD, DBA)	Areas of study in which it is awarded: Economic and Administrative Sciences, Law and Social Sciences, Health Sciences, Veterinary Health Sciences, Complementary Psycho-Social and Integrated Health Sciences, Engineering (Computer Sciences, Informatics), Psychology, Neuro Linguistic Psychology NLP, Coaching Psychology, Business Psychology (I/O), Psychotherapy, Health Psychology, Clinical Psychology, Pharmacy, Business Administration, Marketing, Environmental Sciences, Education (general) and Education with mentions in Peace and Human Rights, Spirituality and Culture, Social Learning and Sustainability. International Commerce, Law, Health Sciences.
Years of study: 3		

Note (other specific degrees and diplomas):

*Cursos/Diplomas de Postgrado (PGDip) All Areas of Study offered by UCN, Years of Study: 6months to 1 year

*Inter-University Masters and Doctorates Programmes (MSc/MA - Dr. /PhD) with Universidad Azteca

Acronym: Dr. Dr. (PhD, DBA) Years of Study: 3. All Areas of Study that offer UCN and Universidad Azteca.

*Academic Programmes of Cooperation in Masters and Doctorates Programmes in Health Sciences (Human Medicine), with Texila American University TAU

21. LIBRARY FACILITIES: Yes, Physical on campus and online library available to students

- Number of volumes: 1200 volumes in library facilities, and more than 60,000 volumes in electronic E-Library
- Number of periodical subscriptions: all students active has access to both libraries
- Access to electronic networks (please specify):
<http://www.ucn.edu.ni/estudiantes/biblioteca-virtual.html>
<http://rpa.ebrary.com/login?url=http://rpa.ebrary.com/ebRARY/ucnicaraguasp/Unauthorized>
<http://www.ucn.edu.ni/estudiantes/biblioteca.html>

22. SPECIAL FACILITIES (museum, art gallery, observatory, movie studio etc.): Cybercafé, Dance, Culture and Sports facilities

23. RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES: No

24. STUDENT SERVICES (y/n):

Academic Counselling:	yes	Nursery Care:	no	Handicapped Facilities	yes
Social Counselling:	yes	Cultural Centre:	yes	Health Services:	yes
Employment Services:	yes	Sports Facilities:	yes	Canteen(s):	yes
Foreign Student Adviser	yes	Language Programmes:	yes	Foreign Student Centre:	yes

25. PRINCIPAL RESEARCH PERIODICAL PUBLICATION(S) OF THE INSTITUTION:

Periodical name: _____ Frequency: _____
 Description: _____
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 Description: _____

(Please continue on separate sheet if necessary)

26. MAIN UNIVERSITY PRESS: Quarterly Bulletin UCN

27. STAFF AND STUDENT NUMBERS:

STAFF: Academic year: 2014

	Male:	Female:	Total:	approx.:
Full time :	9	3	12	
Part time :	97	150	247	
			259	

Staff with doctorate:

	Male:	Female:	Total:
Full time:	12	3	15
Part time:		3	3
			18

STUDENTS: Academic year: 2014

	Male:	Female:	Total:	approx.:
All (including Foreign students):			4000	
Foreign only:			100	
Part time Student:				
Evening Student:				
Distance Student:			500	

ANNEX

Higher Education System in Nicaragua

Stages of Study:

Grados (graduate degrees) and Postgrados (Specialist, Master and Doctor)

University level first stage: Licenciatura

The Licenciatura is awarded after four to six years' study, depending on the Career. A professional qualification is awarded after studies lasting five years in Engineering (Ingeniero) and Architecture (Arquitecto) and six years in Medicine (Doctor).

University level second stage: Maestría, Especialización (Master Degree MSc, MA...)

A Maestría (Master Degree MSc, MA...) is conferred after studies lasting for one to two years after the Licenciatura. Students must present a thesis.

There are also postgraduate courses in various specialities in, Health Sciences, Veterinary Medicine, Law, Psychology, Education, Economics and Social Sciences.

University level third stage: Doctorado (Dr./PhD)

A Doctorado (Dr./PhD) is conferred after studies lasting for two to three years after the Maestría (Master Degree MSc, MA...) or graduate degree. Students must present a thesis. There are also doctoral research courses in various specialities including Business Administration, Education, Law, Psychology and Health Sciences and others.

Nicaraguan Higher Education Legal Framework

*** All quotes are textual.**

*** Quotation from Political Constitution of Nicaragua:**

Article 125

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

Universities and Higher Technical Education Centres 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 centres 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 Education [1]**

Article 7 Universities and Higher Technical Education Centres 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.

Article 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. (...)

Article 9 Autonomy gives also the power to: 1. Enjoy 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, which 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.

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

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

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

***Quotations from the General Law of Education No. 582 [2]**

Higher education subsystem

Article 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 on Autonomy of Institutions of Higher Education.

Article 82: The Centres 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 award titles themselves, studies of the Centres 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 Education [3]**

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, (...)

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

[2] Ley General de Educación, Ley 582 de 2006

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

