Fall 2016 – Mexico Entry Requirements

Information provided here is meant to serve as a guideline, but final authority on all immigration matters rests with the government and consulates of Mexico.

U.S. Citizens: You only need to fill out an FMM (FORMATO MIGRATORIO MULTIPLE) on the airplane when you arrive. You will need to show your Acceptance Letter issued by the Mexican University, Institution or College and your passport. It is important to check that you mark “VISITANTE ACTIVIDAD NO REMUNERADA”.

VERY IMPORTANT NOTE: If you enter via Tijuana, please ask for the FMM at the Immigration Office. If you do not receive and complete an FMM this will cause issues.

Mexican Citizens or Dual U.S./Mexican Citizens: You do not need a visa or tourist card to study in Mexico. You can enter Mexico using either a Mexican passport, or a “matrícula consular” (proof of Mexican citizenship issued by the consulate). Either of these documents may be obtained from a Mexican consulate; contact the consulate nearest your present address immediately for information on requirements to obtain a passport or a matricula. Note: if you are eligible for dual citizenship, do not be surprised if consulate staff ask you to apply for dual citizenship.

- Male Students with Mexican or Dual Citizenship: Contact the Mexican Consulate immediately, and before applying for a visa, matricula, or Mexican passport, to ask about your Mexican military service registration requirements.

Other non-U.S. Citizens: Immediately contact the Mexican Consulate for special entry instructions. The entry process for non-U.S. citizens may have different requirements. Undocumented students who qualify as AB540 students should consult with an immigration attorney immediately to evaluate any risks of potentially being unable to re-enter the United States upon completion of the program and any impact that participation in UCEAP might have on any deferred action applications that the student may be pursuing.

Multiple Migratory Form (FMM)

**IMPORTANT:** You will need to take your Acceptance Letter with you to Mexico because you may need to show it to the Customs Officials when you request the FMM for 180 days.

**How do I obtain the FMM?** You are not required to go to the Mexican Consulate before your arrival in Mexico. The FMM can be obtained at the port of entry in Mexico. If you are flying into Mexico, you will fill out the FMM on the airplane as you arrive. When you go through Customs, an official will ask you how long you plan to stay. You should ask for a card valid for 180 days.

**When do I need to apply?** You do not need to apply before departure. You will fill out the FMM on the airplane. Please be sure your passport is valid through the entirety of your program.

**How much does the FMM cost?** The FMM usually has no additional cost, but in Tijuana they charge approximately 350 pesos to get the FMM.

**What documents do I need to apply for the FMM?** You must have a U.S. passport valid for the entire length of your stay in Mexico and your Acceptance Letter.

**Reminder:** DO NOT lose your FMM! You will be asked to present it at Immigrations upon leaving Mexico. If you have lost it, you may be subject to replacement fees, and you may need to file a report with INM (Immigrations) in order to document that it has been lost/stolen.

**What if I am considering extending?** If you think you might want to extend your UCEAP studies in Mexico for more than six months, but are not completely sure, you will need to leave the country at the end of the Fall semester and reenter for the Spring semester.