

My exchange program was for 5 months in Mexico at the Universidad de las Américas, Puebla (UDLAP). I was there from Jan-May 2019. I am an Interactive Arts and Technology student at SFU, but while I was in Mexico I only took electives: Radio Production, Advertising, Photography, and Motion Graphics.

Preparation

Apart from the documents that I needed to submit to SFU, I made sure I read all the emails that

no guests after certain hours). There are a lot of off-campus accommodation options, but you have to start looking early as they fill up quickly.

Classes are smaller than at SFU (about 10-20 students). All the classes are taught by the professor and the format feels more like high school (the lesson, discussion, and assignments are all done in the same class instead of being separated into lectures and labs/tutorials). The grading is on a scale of 1-10, and 7.5 is a pass. It seems high, but the classes are way easier than at home so if you do all your assignments and go to class you should pass no problem.

You'll likely have lots of free time for travelling. If you don't want to plan your own trips, there are tons of travel agencies near the school that plan trips basically every single weekend, and it is an affordable way to get to know a lot of different places in a short amount of time. The travel agency I liked most was called Viajes MH (you can find them on Facebook), hosted by a guy named Mario, but there are tons of other companies that do the same thing and I've gone with various different ones.

Getting around within the city is super easy with Uber. It was what I did most of the time. Other options include taking public transit (much cheaper) or ordering taxis (just order them by phone to the school, never hail down taxis on the streets), but personally I only used Uber. There are also some stores or markets in Cholula if you are willing to walk.

The weather was cool in January/February then started to get hot March onwards. If you go during these months, bring some warm clothes, especially since it gets a bit chilly at night. But bring more summer clothes.

The UDLAP offers workshops called "talleres" for music, sports, fitness, and more. I signed up for a volleyball workshop and I loved it. Just outside the university is a street called Calle 14,

