The UPAEP Liberal Arts program has been designed for international students to understand the social problems in Mexico and Latin America through internships that provide first-hand experiences in these contexts.
Liberal Arts Program 
For International Students

How does it work

Students will attend lectures and seminars regarding relevant issues, as well as completing social service in shelters, NGOs, and underprivileged communities. Students will participate in reflection sessions which will help them enrich their learning experiences. Participants will also be able to take other content courses during the semester. However, they must participate in all activities.

One of the main objectives of the program is to give international students a complete overview of Mexican and Latin cultures. Participants will be able to better comprehend relevant aspects of Mexican society, such as the role of traditions, family, religion, poverty, and gender issues.

Courses
Participants will be enrolled in regular liberal arts courses. These courses are related to the service-learning experience that students will be carrying out in their different NGOs.

Practicum
The main component of the liberal arts program is the internship that students complete in shelters, NGOs, or underprivileged communities. Participants will actively participate in daily life activities of their chosen community/NGO, such as taking care of children or people with special needs or working in a day care or nursing home.

Reflection Sessions
Participants will be assigned an academic advisor and will attend reflection sessions in which they will be able to share their experiences with other participants. An academic advisor will moderate the session and will also answer any questions that students might have after each practicum experience.

Culminating Project
At the end of the program the students are required to create a culminating project in which they present and explain the experience gained from the program and propose how to improve their community or NGO. This will be presented before the NGO and academic advisors at the end of the course.

Grading System and Transcripts
Students will receive 3 to 6 credit hours for the internship. Credit hours awarded depend on the number of hours completed in the program.

Program Cost
In order to quote a price for the program, please contact the Service Learning coordination at UPAEP (veronica.contreras@upaepe.mx) and specify your needs regarding the number of credits required, housing preferences, number of participants, and duration of the program. A Spanish language component can be added upon request at an additional cost.