**University of the Philippines - Los Banos**

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| About partner | About partner | The University of the Philippines (UP) is the country’s national university established in 1908 as a premier institution of higher learning. It is now a system comprised of 7 universities spread throughout 15 campuses in the archipelago. The UP System’s student population is around 57,000 altogether.  One of those universities is the University of the Philippines - Los Banos (UPLB), which offers more than 100 programs in various disciplines through its 9 colleges and 2 schools and has a student population of over 14,000. |
|  | About Los Banos | Los Banos has a population of around 100,000 and is located in the province of Laguna in the Philippines, 63 kilometres southeast of Manilla.  Los Banos lies on the northern slopes of the long dormant volcano Mount Makiling and is famous for its hot springs and tasty cuisine.  Numerous foreign, local and international research centres can be found in the town, and the high profile presence of these centres attracts many international students and academics to the area. |
|  | Did you know? | UPLB alumni have been recognised in a wide range of fields. Thirteen alumni were awarded the title National Scientist of the Philippines, some were members of the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), and one was even the winner of the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize. |
| Academic information | Main areas of study | * Agriculture * Biological Sciences * Development Communication * Economics and Management * Engineering * Environmental Science * Forestry * Human Ecology * Physical Sciences * Sociology * Veterinary Medicine   **Note:**   * The listed areas of study are not necessarily exhaustive and other fields of study might also be available at the partner institution. Moreover, names for fields of study may be different overseas. * A discipline being listed does not in indicate the suitability of the program, nor does it indicate that the discipline is taught in English. * Approval to study particular subjects at any institution is always at the discretion of the departmental/discipline and faculty advisors at RMIT University and subject to available places at the host institution. |
|  | Language requirements | Programs are taught in English. |
|  | Full time load [Equivalent to 96 RMIT Credit Points] | 15 – 18 units is considered the full-time load per semester. A course is usually worth 3 units. |
|  | Link to courses | <http://uplb.edu.ph/index.php/academics/courses> |
| Living | Accommodation | Exchange students can stay in the following housing: SEARCA Hostel and CEC.  For more information go to: <http://uho.uplb.edu.ph/> |
|  | Health insurance | Health insurance is optional, but highly recommended.  Please note that travel insurance is compulsory. |
|  | Living cost | A number of external services provide comprehensive overviews of global living costs, for example:   * [www.expatistan.com](http://www.expatistan.com) * [www.numbeo.com](http://www.numbeo.com)   **Note**  RMIT University is not affiliated with any of these pages. |
| Funding Opportunities | OS-HELP information | [OS-HELP Information page](http://www.rmit.edu.au/scholarships/os-help)  <http://www.rmit.edu.au/scholarships/os-help> |
|  | Link to scholarships page? | [All travel scholarships](http://www.rmit.edu.au/scholarships/travel)  <<http://www.rmit.edu.au/scholarships/travel>> |
| Useful information | Link to partner exchange page | [www.uplb.edu.ph](http://www.uplb.edu.ph) |
|  | Visa | Exchange students may arrive in the Philippines without a visa for the first 21 days. Upon arrival, they will be assisted by the University to apply for a 47a(2) visa, which is a special non-immigrant visa.  For the 47a(2) visa, students need to ensure they have the following:   1. Photocopy of passport 2. Proof of financial support/bank certificate 3. Admission letter 4. Eight 2x2 photos 5. Visa fees   Please note that immigration requirements are subject to change. Please visit <http://www.immigration.gov.ph/> for the most updated information. |