



International Affairs office ENPEG "La Esmeralda"

FACT SHEET AND APPLICATION PROCESS FOR THE 2025-2026 ACADEMIC YEAR

Institution website:

<https://www.esmeralda.edu.mx/>

Exchange program website:

<https://www.esmeralda.edu.mx/intercambiosyresidencias>

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LOCATION AND FACILITIES

The ENPEG "La Esmeralda" is located at the National Center for the Arts (Centro Nacional de las Artes) in Mexico city. The school has different workshops that are shared among students from different semesters, there are no private studio spaces. Exchange students have access to the libraries from "La Esmeralda" and CENART.

SEMESTER DATES

A mandatory meeting a week prior to the beginning of the classes is scheduled. Fall semester classes begin in late August and end in middle December. Spring semester classes begin in February and end in July. Details will be posted here when available:

You can find more information about the school calendar here:

<https://www.esmeralda.edu.mx/calendarioescolar>



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DURATION

The duration of the exchange is for one semester only. Mobility students from Cooper Union cannot apply to become regular students at the ENPEG “La Esmeralda”.

COURSE OFFERINGS

Exchange students have access to the classes from the fifth or the sixth semester. For the main core subjects such as “Taller de producción”, each class is taught in different workshops depending on the focus of interest of each professor which ranges from painting, sculpture, printmaking, ceramics, video and animation, photography and new media.

The students may also have theory and history seminars with specific topics of interest, which vary each semester. The information of each course will be uploaded at the beginning of each semester in this section :

<https://www.esmeralda.edu.mx/horariosyplanesdetrabajo>

VISA

Each student is responsible for the VISA procedure at the Mexican Embassy. Once the student is accepted, he/she will receive an acceptance letter by “La Esmeralda” that includes the dates of beginning and end of the courses.

<https://embamex.sre.gob.mx/eua/index.php/en/2016-05-11-14-29-59/cooperation-and-education/education>

HOUSING

Exchange students are responsible for securing and paying for their own accommodation. A room for rental at Mexico city may vary from \$4500 Mexican pesos up to \$10,000 Mexican pesos, depending on the location. (\$225 US - \$500 US)

MEDICAL INSURANCE

Exchange students must purchase an international medical insurance with a wide coverage of the mobility period (accident, illness and repatriation). Insurance arrangements must be made before participants leave their home institution to execute the mobility program and they must present the policy.



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CREDIT SYSTEM AND FULL TIME WORKLOAD

The courses that the exchange students may take are the following:

- Taller de producción A (12,5 credits) 2 weekly classes of 4 hours each.
- Taller de producción B (12,5 credits) 2 weekly classes of 4 hours each.
- History seminar (5 credits) 1 weekly class of 3 hours each.
- Theory seminar (5 credits) 1 weekly class of 3 hours each.
- Introduction to teaching, curatorial practice or cultural management (5 credits) 1 weekly class of 3 hours each.
- Visiting artist workshop (2,5 credits) 20 hours, the schedule may vary depending on the professors availability.
- Optional (5 credits) 1 weekly class of 4 hours each.

<https://www.esmeralda.edu.mx/mapacurricular>

LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY REQUIREMENT

Spanish is the language of instruction at the ENPEG “La Esmeralda”, and exchange applicants must demonstrate proficiency when they apply to our open call.

APPLICATION PROCESS

1. The home institution sends its nomination by email to enpeg.extensionacademica@inba.gob.mx
2. The Cooper Union emails the nominated student the open call with all the requirements and a link to the application form.
3. The student applies using the application forms and submitting all the required documents listed on the open call.
4. The Exchange Committee of ENPEG “La Esmeralda” will decide if the student is eligible according to the school profile and the student will be notified by email.
5. The Accepted student must confirm by email that they will attend.



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REQUIRED APPLICATION MATERIALS

These are the usually requested documents, but it is important to take in account that each open call may vary and the student must wait until the official launching to see the full procedure.

- Letter explaining your interest in studying at La Esmeralda (one page)
- Artistic project to develop in Mexico with objectives and work schedule.
- Portfolio with 10-15 images of their artistic work.
- Personal statement summarizing academic and work experience and Spanish language competency (one page).
- Transcript.
- Recommendation letter from a professor.
- Spanish language proficiency score report.

	FOR FALL	FOR SPRING
Nomination deadline	March 15	September 15
Application period	March 15-30	September 15-30
Notification of acceptance or rejection	April 15	October 15
Accepted applicants must confirm that they will attend	April 30	October 30

