El Colegio de México is one of the Hispanic World’s most prestigious, self-governed, public institutes specializing in research and higher education in social sciences and humanities. Founded in 1938 by Spanish Republican exiles as La Casa de España in México, it became a refuge for Spanish intellectuals. Two years later, in 1940, the institution was renamed El Colegio de México and attracted national and international researchers. Ever since, the institution has become primarily known for its excellence in research and teaching.

Each Center follows rigorous enrollment procedures for students from Mexico and abroad to guarantee academic excellence. The low student-to-faculty ratio ensures individualized attention for students, all of whom are full-time.

The mission of the institution is to educate topflight professionals, to produce high-quality research, and to disseminate knowledge as a contribution toward finding solutions to national, regional and global problems. Colmecas alumni have been at the forefront of research and education in governmental and non-governmental national and international agencies and institutions.

With an active calendar of academic events, El Colegio de México is constantly engaged in analyzing and debating local and international issues, with the participation of academics of all nationalities and areas of knowledge. Its conferences, seminars, workshops, book launchings and some courses are generally open to the public, free of charge and accessible online.

Since its establishment in 1940, El Colegio de México has specialized in research and higher education in social sciences and humanities.
STUDY CENTERS
CEH Centro de Estudios Históricos
Established in 1941

Academic program
- PhD in History

The Center for Historical Studies (CEH) has produced individual and collective works that have become benchmarks in their respective fields of study, such as Nueva historia general de México and the book collection "Historia Minima", written for a non-specialized readership.

The CEH has nine research seminars, including one on Economic History and one on Daily Life. Its research projects range from online resources on the Mexican oil industry ("Fuentes para la historia del petróleo en México y América Latina, siglos xix y xx") to a database of historical archives in San Cristóbal de las Casas ("Catálogo del Archivo Histórico Diocesano de San Cristóbal de las Casas").

Visit the CEH website and consult the journal Historia Mexicana

CELL Centro de Estudios Lingüísticos y Literarios
Established in 1948

Academic programs
- MA in Translation
- PhD in Linguistics
- PhD in Hispanic Literature

The Center for Linguistics and Literary Studies (CELL) specializes in Hispanic Literature and Linguistics, with a focus on Spanish and indigenous languages spoken in Mexico, as well as on translation studies.

The CELL has published works of collective and individual authorship on the study of the Spanish language in Mexico, such as Diccionario del español de México, Atlas lingüístico de México, and Cancionero folklórico de México. Its research also includes the Laboratory of Phonic Studies, the Seminar of Popular Traditions, the Lingmex database on Mexico’s linguistics bibliography since 1970, and the book collections "Biblioteca Novohispana" and "Literatura del Exilio Español".

Visit the CELL website and consult the journal Nueva Revista de Filología Hispánica
Academic programs

• BA in International Relations
• BA in Politics and Public Administration
• MA in Political Science
• PhD in Political Science

The Center for International Studies (CEI) specializes in international relations and Mexican foreign policy, political science as well as federal and local public policies, regional studies on Latin America, North America, Europe and the Middle East.

Outstanding publications by CEI include its series on Mexico’s foreign relations “México y el mundo. Historia de sus relaciones exteriores” and research on the country’s political institutions and public policies. It also runs the Mexico-USA-Canada Study program (PROMEC).

Visit the CEI website and consult the journal Foro Internacional

CEI

Centro de Estudios de Asia y África

Established in 1964

Academic program

• MA in Asian and African Studies

The Center for Asian and African Studies (CEAA) was established in 1964 as part of the UNESCO “East-West Major Project” to develop bridges between these two worlds. Nowadays is one of the scarce centers in Latin America dedicated to the study of Asia and Africa.

The CEAA has published abundant works on the history, politics, culture, religions, and literary expressions of China, Japan, India, Southeast Asia, the Middle East, and Africa, among others. Its master’s program is of international excellence, concentrated mainly on the study of the history and languages aspects of these six areas.

Visit the CEAA website and consult the journal Estudios de Asia y África

CEAA

Visit the CEI website and consult the journal Foro Internacional

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Visit the CEAA website and consult the journal Estudios de Asia y África

Estudios de Asia y África Journal
El Colegio de México was the first higher education institution in Mexico to offer a graduate program in Economics, in 1964.

The Center for Economic Studies (CEE) is oriented to frontier research in applied and theoretical economic science. Its research is supported by the extensive catalog of national and international publications carried out by its academic staff. The CEE awards the highly prestigious Víctor L. Urquidi Prize in the field of economics.

In 1973, the Center for Sociological Studies (CES) was established by the initiative of Víctor L. Urquidi and Rodolfo Stavenhagen.

The CES specializes in research on sociological theory, economic sociology, and labor; social movements, civil and social organizations; culture, gender, and family; political parties and elections; education, labor markets, and migrations; reproductive health, religion, and culture.
Academic programs

- MA in Demography
- MA in Urban Studies
- MA in Comparative Urban Governance (with Sciences Po)
- PhD in Population Studies
- PhD in Urban and Environmental Studies

The Center for Demographic, Urban and Environmental Studies (CEDUA) is an interdisciplinary center that conducts research from diverse theoretical and methodological perspectives on demographic dynamics and its explanatory factors; urban and territorial processes, practices, and policies: as well as the problems of the urban environment.

Publications and research projects from CEDUA researchers attest to their high academic productivity. Their extensive collaboration with public and private institutions in Mexico and abroad shows their vital insertion in current public debates.

Alumni work mainly in academic institutions, technical areas of the government, international development agencies and NGOs.

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Academic program

- MA in Gender Studies

It was 35 years after the establishment of the Interdisciplinary Program for Women’s Studies (PIEM) and after three years of consolidation of the Interdisciplinary Program for Gender Studies (PIEG), that the Center for Gender Studies (CEG) was created on July 30, 2021.

The creation of the CEG constitutes a turning point in this evolutionary history. It represents the institutional and social recognition of the inescapable need to promote and expand studies with gender perspective in the most diverse topics and fields of knowledge, to expose the role and problems faced by women such as the struggles on sexual dissidence, including the utopia of the disappearance of gender as a system of oppression and social inequality.

In 2003, the specialization course became the Master’s program and in 2015 the Revista Interdisciplinaria de Estudios de Género de El Colegio de México was founded as a virtual space where diverse research articles on gender are published.
ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

Undergraduate Degrees
- International Relations*
- Politics and Public Administration*
- Economics
*The Higher Education Accreditation Council (COAPES) gives its highest distinction to the Center of International Studies (CEI) undergraduate degrees programs.

Master’s Degrees
- Political Science
- Social Sciences, specialization in Sociology
- Demography
- Economics
- Asian and African Studies
- Gender Studies
- Urban Studies
- Translation
- Comparative Urban Governance (with Sciences Po)

PhDs
- Political Science
- Social Sciences, specialization in Sociology
- Economics
- Population Studies
- Urban and Environmental Studies
- History
- Linguistics
- Hispanic Literature
*All the graduate programs offered by El Colegio de México are registered in the Graduate National System (SNP, formerly known as PNPC) from Conacyt.

At El Colegio, academic life is very active. On a regular basis, events are organized to analyze and to discuss local and global issues.

Diplomas, Courses, Chairs, Seminars and Research Programs

Institutional Awards
- Prince of Asturias Prize for Social Sciences 2001
- National Publishing Industry Chamber of Commerce Prize 2013
- Citizen’s Medal of Merit 2016
- Bologna Ragazzi Award
- Antonio García Cubas Prize (INAH)
- National Science and Arts Prizes
- National Demographics Prizes
- UN-Habitat Prize
- Distinctions from the National System of Researchers, Conacyt (22)

Diplomas
- Diploma on Analysis and Control of Corruption at the Subnational Level
- Diploma on International Trade Negotiations
  Guillermo Aguilar Álvarez

Summer Courses
- Summer Course of the Center for International Studies (CEI)
- Summer Courses on Statistical and Computational Methods (CEDUA)
- Summer School on Conceptual History (CEH)
- International Summer Program
- Summer Course on Gender Studies (CEG)

Seminars and Research Programs
- Mexico-USA-Canada Study program, PROMEC (CEI)
- Research Network on Inequalities
  - Seminar on Territorial Inequalities
  - Seminar on Migration, Inequality and Public Policy
  - Permanent Seminar on Socioeconomic Inequality
  - Seminar on Work and Inequalities
- Seminar on Linguistic and Education (CELI)
- Permanent seminar: Dialogues and Reflections on Population, Cities and Environment (CEDUA)
- Permanent Seminar on Social History (CEH)
- Permanent Research Seminar: Gender and Teenage Pregnancy (CEG)
- Seminar: Seven Mistaken Theses about Latin America (CEG)
- Seminar on Violence and Peace

Among others, El Colegio holds the following Chairs
- François Chevalier / Silvio Zavala
  Franco-Mexican Chair
- Jean Bourgeois-Pichat Chair (CEDUA)
- Mexico-Spain Chair (CEH)
- Humboldt Chair
ACADEMIC SUPPORT
An editorial vocation has accompanied El Colegio de México since its foundation as La Casa de España in 1938, the year in which the first title of its bookish history was published: *El payaso de las bofetadas* by León Felipe Camino. Ever since, the Publications department of El Colegio has had as one of its main tasks the publication of the research work of its study centers. In the same way, it has dedicated itself to the dissemination of outstanding authors from other national and foreign institutions. With a catalog that totals more than 2,400 titles, each year around 100 books are published in print and electronic versions, in addition to its seven printed journals and two electronic ones.

Seven of the academic journals are listed in the Conacyt Journals of Excellence Index:

- Historia Mexicana
- Foro Internacional
- Estudios de Asia y África
- Estudios Económicos
- Estudios Sociológicos
- Estudios Demográficos y Urbanos
- Nueva Revista de Filología Hispánica

Two digital and refereed journals are published along with the digital journal Otros Diálogos:

- Revista Interdisciplinaria de Estudios de Género de El Colegio de México
- Cuadernos de Lingüística de El Colegio de México

The book collections, the high-quality bibliographic process and the range of services for the academic community make the Biblioteca Daniel Cosío Villegas (BDCV) one of the leading libraries in Mexico and Latin America. Specializing in social sciences and humanities, the library is open to the general public. Its collection sums more than 700,000 volumes as well as many electronic/digital resources and specialized databases on the fields of study of El Colegio de México: political science, economics, gender studies, international studies, Asian and African studies, demography, urban development, history, linguistics, hispanic literature, public policy, sociology, translation and the social impact of science and technology.

The library has a collection of more than 700,000 volumes. In 2016, the Mario Ojeda extension building was inaugurated, creating room for the collection to grow over the next 20 years.

The institutional catalog has over 2,400 titles. Around 100 new titles are published on average every year.
The primary responsibility of the Computer Service Coordination (CSC) is to support teaching and research through the development and updating of digital and computing resources. For this purpose, the CSC has a team of engineers that provides technological support service, as computer rooms, videoconference rooms, loans of technological equipment and geographic information systems. It is also in charge of the cyber security and since 2004 follows strict international quality standards to match the level of the research, teaching and dissemination activities of El Colegio.

Created with the aim of disseminating knowledge, the Digital Education Coordination (COED) offers to the general public and the national and international academic community digital and interactive products of the research carried out at El Colegio de México. It was established in 2013 and offers massive open online courses (MOOCS), thematic videos, book reviews, talks and seminars, most of them freely available.

The CSC guarantees that the technological services are up-to-date to satisfy the academic and institutional needs.

The COED provides access to El Colegio de México digital and interactive research.
OFICINA DE INTERCAMBIO ACADÉMICO

The Academic Exchange Office’s (OIA) mission is to structure and oversee the internationalization of El Colegio de México through academic cooperation agreements, as well as to facilitate undergraduate and graduate students’ mobility.

El Colegio has signed more than 200 agreements with universities and research institutes across Latin America, North America, Asia, Europe and the Middle East. Notable examples include Harvard University, the Free University of Berlin, the University of Paris, the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies in Geneva, the University of São Paulo, the University of Buenos Aires, the University of Beijing and the University of Tokyo. These agreements involve activities such as student exchange programs, scholarships and financial support, among others. These are lively and dynamic agreements that enrich our students and professors with academic experiences.

Visit the OIA website

COORDINACIÓN DE IDIOMAS

The Foreign Languages Office is in charge of the English, French and German language courses offered to regular student of El Colegio de México. Courses are free and classes do not interfere with the schedules of any study program. Placement exams are carried out so students can begin at any level.

Critical thinking and the ability to analyze and structure high-level academic texts are developed in English classes; therefore, the components of reading comprehension and written production are privileged. As for the French and German courses, they are taught by professors from the French Institute of Latin America (IFAL) and the Goethe Institute (Gi), respectively. Students in French and German courses follow the programs of these institutions.
Extracurricular activities and services

- Sport activities
- Cultural activities
- Choir, guided tours

Foreign language courses

- Taught in the Foreign Languages Office: English, German and French.
- Taught in CEEA: Arabic, Chinese, Hindi, Indonesian, Japanese, Sanskrit and Swahili.

Víctor L. Urquidi on-site bookstore by Fondo de Cultura Económica