The Universidad Iberoamericana (Ibero) is an institution entrusted to the Society of Jesus, whose mission is to contribute to the achievement of a more free, solidary, just, inclusive, productive and peaceful society. The attention and defense of migrant persons is a way to contribute to the fulfillment of this mission. Our Master’s in Migration Studies Program seeks to train professionals addressing assistance and management of immigrant populations in North and Central America, refining the traditional paradigms of Migration Studies. This will be achieved by developing novel methodologies that allow the identification of new routes, motivations of immigration and emigration, new categories of analysis and other poorly addressed expressions of migratory changes. Professionalization will allow an orderly management of migration (regulation and administration), critical to reduce the vulnerable situation and insecurity that accompanies human displacement, exacerbated by current public policies.
OBJECTIVES

General

To train researchers with a sound theoretical and methodological base, interdisciplinary approach and ethical humanist attitude to generate changes in the paradigm of the study and management of migration through the design, implementation, and evaluation of policies, programs and/or intervention projects in this field.

Specific

1. To develop new methodologies and interpretation strategies to analyze this mobility phenomenon and discover new profiles, routes, modalities, causes and other factors related with migration, expanding the explanatory horizon and complementing it with new categories of analysis. Developed methodologies will have the migrant person as the central actor.

2. To explain, based on this novel methodologies, the cultural, institutional, security and governance correlations caused by the migration phenomena. Theories to analyze, interpret, and compare the migration phenomena and its ramifications in the cultural, institutional, governance, and security spheres.

3. To update practices and conceptions of migration management, through the analysis, evaluation, and proposal of programs, projects, and policies, and to introduce strategies to promote and strengthen the State-Diaspora relationships.

APPLICANTS PROFILE

Candidates for this program have a B.A. in Social Sciences or related fields; experience working with migrant communities, in advocacy, and/or implementing projects targeting this population is an asset.

Knowledge

- Global History and History of Mexico
- Mexican Political System
- Basic Statistics
- Geography, Economics and Politics of Mexico
- English as established by the EXANI III
- Basic knowledge on social research quantitative and qualitative methodologies
- National and international institutional context of migratory flows

Skills

- Search for and systematize information
- Team working
- Problem-solving
- Formulate protocols for scientific research

Attitudes and values

- Cooperation and solidarity
- Social commitment
- Responsibility and attitude of service
- Tolerance towards cultural diversity
- Respect for human rights

Competencies

- Descriptive abilities
- Descriptive abilities of social phenomena related to migration

GRADUATES’ PROFILE

Knowledge

- Theories to analyze, interpret, and compare the migration phenomena and its ramifications in the cultural, institutional, governance, and security spheres
- Measurement mechanisms of migratory mobility

Skills to:

- Develop methodologies applied to the migratory context of North and Central America
- Link government, organizations and civil society actors to implement policies and projects
- Develop academic and migratory management projects.
- Work with the population, especially those in a vulnerable situation

Attitudes and values:

- Creativity and innovation in social research and immigration processing services
- Ethical attitude working with vulnerable populations
- Acknowledgment and respect for diversity

Competencies:

- Critical capacity
- Ability to argument and analyze social phenomena
- Ability to correlate different social phenomena influenced by migration
- Ability to develop novel methodologies allowing ethical data collection

FIELD OF WORK

- Academic
- Governmental sector: evaluation, development and implementation of public policies.
- Civil society sector: evaluation, development, and implementation of public policies.
- Consultancy and project management.
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IDEAL PLAN

First semester
Research methods
Introduction to migration studies
Project formulation methodologies
Migration research seminar I

Second semester
Migratory governance
Migratory mobility
Migration and human rights
Migration research seminar II

Third semester
Public policy and social implications of migration
Identities and cultural manifestations
Elective 1 of four credits
Migration research seminar III

Fourth semester
Practices in social intervention
Elective 2 of four credits
Migration and development
Migration research seminar IV

ELECTIVE SUBJECTS

• Citizens security and human rights
• Rights of the child
• Rights of indigenous peoples
• Women’s rights
• Skilled migration
• Global justice
• International migration regime
• Multiculturalism and migration

LINES OF RESEARCH

1. Migratory Mobility. Novel Analysis Methodologies- GENERATION LINE
   Development of novel quantitative and qualitative methodology to carry out research leading to the construction of new data and inputs, which will be integrated into databases to carry out comparative analysis aiming to discover new profiles, modalities, causes and other factors related to migration, expanding our explanation horizon and complementing it with new analysis categories.

   Mexico, the United States and Central America are the areas of study because they are one of the most important in the world and students have greater facilities to undertake field work and offer more job opportunities.

2. Multidimensional Impact of Migration- APPLICATION LINE
   Correlation of the different areas receiving the impact of migration, both in the countries of origin and of destiny: cultural, institutional, governance, and security. We study the causes and the effects in each of these areas and their impact on each other, to further integrate understanding the consequences and changes of human mobility.

3. Management, Normativity, and Governance Schemes- APPLICATION LINE
   Analysis, evaluation and proposals for the implementation of programs, projects and policies. This line studies the traditional fields of migratory management, i.e., protection and defense of migrants, incorporating specific analysis for highly vulnerable migratory profiles (such as women, children and indigenous people) and introducing strategies to promote and strengthen the State-Diaspora relations.

ADMISSION PROCEDURES

• Original birth certificate
• Simple photocopies of university degree and professional license, or evidence of graduating from B.A. or M.A. Copies will be verified against original documents
• Course subjects request form
• Application form (provided by School Service Directorate along with new admission instructional materials)
• Letter of acceptance to the Graduate Program
• Letter of commitment and Addendum duly completed and signed (also provided by School Service Directorate)
• Application process payment receipt

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