

University of California – UNAM

Joint Call: Collaborative Online International Learning (COIL) courses

About the University of California Alianza MX

As a UC-based Initiative, Alianza MX is uniquely positioned to foster collaborations between the UC and Mexican partners in order to solve problems and seize opportunities in the California-Mexico agenda. Alianza MX does so by supporting a bilateral approach to basic and applied research as well as the two-way mobility of students and professors between California and Mexico.

About UNAM

The National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM), through the General Directorate of Cooperation and Internationalization, develops strategies to strengthen academic cooperation and the internationalization of UNAM. Mobility and virtual academic exchange allow greater collaboration between higher education institutions (HEIs), and aim at the internationalization of the curriculum and the generation of global skills in its students and alumni.

About COIL Courses

Alianza MX and UNAM launch this joint call for faculty interested in developing collaborative online courses at the undergraduate or graduate level, between peers from UNAM and the University of California (UC).

The objective of this call is to facilitate classrooms without borders for UC and UNAM faculty, where they have the opportunity to jointly design collaborative online international learning (COIL) courses, seeking to promote meaningful, sustainable and accessible international experiences for students of both institutions. Professors from both HEIs will teach courses developed collaboratively with their student groups and promote academic exchange between them. These courses may be a full semester or shorter modules or units within a subject course. In some cases, the courses may also be hybrid, that is, online with the possibility of having an in-person component, as a complement.

Program Objectives

Promote the COIL modality at both institutions

Benefits for students

- Creates interactions between UC and UNAM peers and provides access to an extended binational network.
- Develops intercultural competencies in multicultural learning environments.

- Allows access to an internationalization experience without interrupting their academic program.

Benefits for faculty

- Enables virtual collaboration between UC and UNAM faculty.
- Provides an opportunity to expand topics and incorporate international and multidisciplinary perspectives within traditional courses.
- Supports and develops activities for the construction of networks and associations.

Eligibility

Full-time professors from any of the 10 UC campuses, as well as professors from UNAM academic entities, are invited to participate.

The proposed courses can be in any academic discipline, as long as they have the approval of the academic entity of their respective institution: in the case of the UC, approval of the Academic Senate; in the case of UNAM, approval of the academic instance that applies for each academic entity. The participating professors are expected to jointly develop a module or unit for the proposed course, which must have a minimum duration of 20 total hours. Content implementation will be the responsibility of the professors of both institutions.

Interested professors at UC must identify a facilitating office at their campus, and contact a staff member who can assist them. In the case of UNAM, professors may contact their academic entity's Internationalization Representative (see: <https://www.unaminternacional.unam.mx/es/ruri>).

Participation

If you wish to develop COIL courses within this framework of inter-institutional collaboration, send your request with the following information: name, academic department and course subject name, semester/quarter in which the course will be taught.

If you collaborate or have collaborated on a project with professors from the other institution with whom you would like to develop the online course, or if you are interested in identifying a partner for this project, please indicate this in your application.

Submission of requests and questions may be directed to:

- At UC: Veronica Sandoval, Academic Exchange and Continuing Education Coordinator (veronica.sandoval@ucr.edu);
- At UNAM: Carlos Maza, Coordinator for the Promotion of Internationalization (cmaza@global.unam.mx).



Deadlines

There will be two application periods:

- The deadline for a first period will be **November 30, 2022** for courses to be developed in the first semester of 2023.
- The second period deadline will be **March 31, 2023** for courses to be developed in the second semester of 2023.