

U.S. POLITICAL INSTITUTIONS AND U.S.-MEXICO RELATIONS
July 15- Aug. 18, 2022

DESCRIPTION



UC San Diego, founded in 1960 as a forward-thinking research institution for graduate and undergraduate study, encompasses six undergraduate residential colleges, five academic divisions, three graduate schools, a medical school, and a school of pharmacy. UC San Diego is ranked 2nd best public university for positive impact on social mobility, research productivity, and civic engagement by Washington Monthly; top 10 best

public university in the nation for more than a decade by U.S. News & World Report; and 15th best university in the world by Academic Ranking of World Universities. Foreign Policy Magazine's 2015 rankings named UC San Diego's undergraduate international relations program and master's program for policy careers in international relations 13th best in the world.

As the University of California's only professional school of international affairs, the School of Global Policy and Strategy (GPS), addresses the crucial societal challenges of the 21st century. Its faculty, internationally recognized for their expertise, consists of leaders in international business and economics, public policy, global politics, international security, and environmental sustainability.

GPS's Center for U.S.-Mexico Studies (USMEX) was founded in 1980 to study Mexico and the full range of issues affecting economic, social, and political relations between the U.S. and Mexico. USMEX leads the University's engagement with Mexico and is recognized for its rigorous academic research that can be applied to the creation, implementation, and evaluation of public policy.



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The U.S. Political Institutions and U.S.-Mexico Relations Program is led by GPS professor Dr. Rafael Fernández de Castro, director of USMEX and former foreign policy adviser to President Felipe Calderón. He is an expert on bilateral relations between Mexico and the U.S. and is currently working on a book on leadership and decision making in Mexican foreign policy, as well as participating as a lead researcher on projects related to violence and security.

PROGRAM

The six-week, hybrid summer program is designed for early career Mexican policy makers, as well as young professionals from universities, the private sector, and civil society.

Over the course of five-week online sessions and one-week of classes and site visits on campus, participants will gain a better understanding of U.S. domestic and foreign policy, including the complexity of the policy-making process as it relates



to the U.S. and its effects in Mexico. Specifically, the program focuses on the following subjects: 1) U.S.-Mexico Relations, 2) U.S. Politics, 3) U.S. Policymaking, 4) Migration, 5) Security, 6) Energy and Sustainable Development, and 7) Trade, Economics and Border Affairs, among others.

Lectures will be given by internationally recognized professors and government experts. Classes will meet on Fridays for three and a half hours from 3:00 PM - 6:30 PM CST (5:00 PM - 8:30 PM PST) and on Saturdays for five and a half hours from 9:00 AM to 2:30 PM CST (7:00 AM to 12:30 PM PST).

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U.S. Political Institutions Summer Seminar 2022

	Date	Start (CT)	End (CT)	Lecture
I. U.S.-Mexico Relations	Friday, July 15, 2022	04:30 p. m.	05:45 p. m.	Course Introduction and Inauguration
	Friday, July 15, 2022	05:45 p. m.	06:30 p. m.	Conversation with U.S. and Mexican Ambassadors
	Friday, July 15, 2022	06:30 p. m.	07:30 p. m.	U.S.-Mexico Cooperation
	Friday, July 15, 2022	07:30 p. m.	07:45 p. m.	Break
	Friday, July 15, 2022	07:45 p. m.	08:30 p. m.	Discussion Session
	Saturday, July 16, 2022	10:00 a. m.	11:00 a. m.	Regional Cooperation: Calibaja
	Saturday, July 16, 2022	11:00 a. m.	12:00 p. m.	The Future of U.S.-Mexico Economic Integration
	Saturday, July 16, 2022	12:00 p. m.	12:15 p. m.	Break
	Saturday, July 16, 2022	12:15 p. m.	01:15 p. m.	The State of U.S.-Mexico Relations
	Saturday, July 16, 2022	01:15 p. m.	02:00 p. m.	Weekly Closure and Feedback
		Wednesday July 20, 2022	07:00 p. m.	09:00 p. m.
II. U.S. Political Institutions	Friday, July 22, 2022	05:00 p. m.	06:00 p. m.	The Supreme Court
	Friday, July 22, 2022	06:00 p. m.	07:00 p. m.	The Supreme Court and Current Reform Debates
	Friday, July 22, 2022	07:00 p. m.	07:15 p. m.	Break
	Friday, July 22, 2022	07:15 p. m.	08:00 p. m.	Discussion Session on the Supreme Court
	Saturday, July 23, 2022	10:00 a. m.	11:00 a. m.	The Evolution of the Presidency and Congress
	Saturday, July 23, 2022	11:00 a. m.	11:45 a. m.	Mechanics of U.S. policymaking and the U.S. Congress
	Saturday, July 23, 2022	11:45 a. m.	12:00 p. m.	Break
	Saturday, July 23, 2022	12:00 p. m.	01:15 p. m.	Electoral process
	Saturday, July 23, 2022	01:15 p. m.	02:30 p. m.	Census, redistricting, local elections
		Wednesday, July 27, 2022	07:00 p. m.	09:00 p. m.
III. U.S. Elections and Politics Conversation	Friday, July 29, 2022	05:00 p. m.	06:00 p. m.	Impact of state and local politics on U.S.-MX Relations
	Friday, July 29, 2022	06:00 p. m.	07:00 p. m.	The Local Government: San Diego
	Friday, July 29, 2022	07:00 p. m.	07:15 p. m.	Break
	Friday, July 29, 2022	07:15 p. m.	08:30 p. m.	Mexico and Its Diaspora in the U.S.
	Saturday, July 20, 2022	10:00 a. m.	11:00 a. m.	The Latino Vote

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	Saturday, July 20, 2022	11:00 a. m.	11:15 a. m.	Break
	Saturday, July 20, 2022	11:15 a. m.	12:15 p. m.	The fragility of US Democracy
	Saturday, July 20, 2022	12:00 p. m.	01:00 p. m.	Outlook on U.S. -Mexican Relations towards 2024
	Wednesday, August 3, 2022	07:00 p. m.	09:00 p. m.	U.S. Elections and Politics Conversation
IV. Immigration	Friday, August 5, 2022	05:00 p. m.	06:30 p. m.	Contemporary U.S. Immigration Policy
	Friday, August 5, 2022	06:30 p. m.	06:45 p. m.	Break
	Friday, August 5, 2022	06:45 p. m.	07:45 p. m.	Migration from Central America and other regions
	Friday, August 5, 2022	07:45 p. m.	08:30 p. m.	Populations of concern and mixed flows
	Saturday, August 6, 2022	10:00 a. m.	11:00 a. m.	Migration from the perspective of civil society
	Saturday, August 6, 2022	11:00 a. m.	12:00 p. m.	Migration and Development
	Saturday, August 6, 2022	12:00 p. m.	12:15 p. m.	Break
	Saturday, August 6, 2022	12:15 p. m.	01:45 p. m.	U.S. National Security
	Saturday, August 6, 2022	01:45 p. m.	02:30 p. m.	Mexico's Legal Strategy against Firearms Trafficking
	Wednesday, August 10, 2022	07:00 p. m.	09:00 p. m.	Immigration Conversation
	V. Security and Commerce	Friday, August 12, 2022	05:00 p. m.	06:30 p. m.
Friday, August 12, 2022		06:30 p. m.	06:45 p. m.	Break
Friday, August 12, 2022		06:45 p. m.	07:45 p. m.	From NAFTA to USMCA
Friday, August 12, 2022		07:45 p. m.	08:30 p. m.	U.S.-Mexico Border Economic Challenges
Saturday, August 13, 2022		10:00 a. m.	11:00 a. m.	The Future of US Trade Policy
Saturday, August 13, 2022		11:00 a. m.	12:00 p. m.	Trade and Economics
Saturday, August 13, 2022		12:00 p. m.	12:15 p. m.	Break
Saturday, August 13, 2022		12:15 p. m.	01:45 p. m.	Analysis of Energy Systems and Global Trends
Saturday, August 13, 2022		01:45 p. m.	02:30 p. m.	Closing Remarks