Venue

Primary Venues:

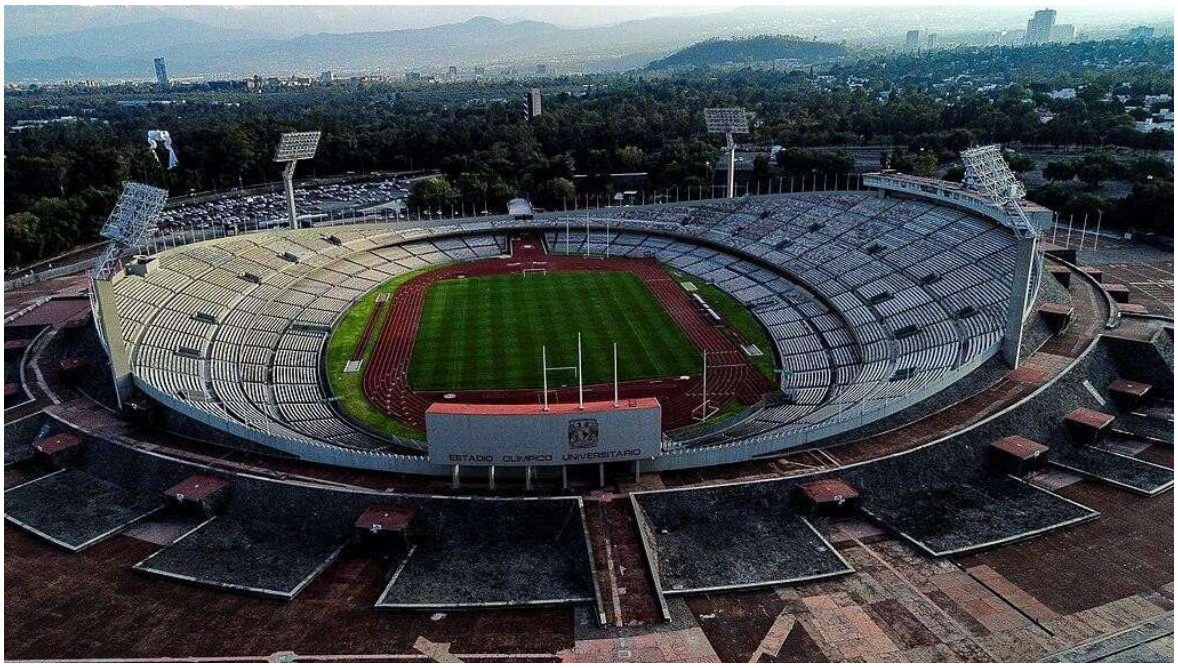
- The Faculty of Sciences (https://www.fciencias.unam.mx/) at the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM). Circuito Exterior, Ciudad Universitaria (CU) Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM).

- Address: Av. Universidad 3000, Coyoacán, 04510 Mexico City, Mexico.

The Faculty of Sciences (https://www.fciencias.unam.mx/) at the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM) is the division responsible for teaching and research in actuarial science, biology, physics, biomedical physics, mathematics, applied mathematics, and computer science. It is a participating entity in UNAM's graduate programs in biological sciences, physical sciences, mathematical sciences, computer science and engineering, astronomical sciences, marine sciences and limnology, philosophy of science, and earth sciences.

UNAM Historical & Cultural Significance

Ciudad Universitaria is not just a campus; it is a **UNESCO World Heritage Site** (inscribed in 2007) and a masterpiece of 20th-century urban planning, architecture, and landscape design. Built in the 1950s, it integrates the work of Mexico's greatest artists (like Diego Rivera, David Alfaro Siqueiros, and Juan O'Gorman) into its very fabric. Examples of these are the iconic **Central Library** with its stunning mosaic-covered façade (Juan O'Gorman) and the **Olympic Stadium** (main venue of the 1968 Olympic games, and second largest stadium in the country) that features a mural by Diego Rivera.



The energy of over 300,000 students and staff creates a dynamic, intellectual, and youthful atmosphere. Attendees can enjoy book fairs, cafes, museums, and cultural events happening daily.

Central Location and Accessibility

Ciudad Universitaria (CU) is in the Mexico City's southern borough of Coyoacán, CU is a well-known landmark easily accessible by major avenues (Insurgentes, Universidad, Periférico).

CU is at approximately 30-45 minutes by car from Benito Juárez International Airport (MEX) and 20-30 minutes from key areas like Polanco, Condesa, and the Historic Center.

Main Public Transport:

Metrobus Line 1 Is a bus with a dedicated lane and multiple bus routes. The closest stop to CU is "Ciudad Universitaria" (https://metrobus.cdmx.gob.mx/mapas-de-sistema/mapa-linea-1)

Metro (subway) Line 3 has its station "Copilco" at a walking distance to CU and its station "Universidad" at the main entrance (https://metro.cdmx.gob.mx/mapa-micdmx).

Other:

* Taxi service (advised to take it at an official site taxi),

* Uber,

* Didi,

* Indrive, and

* Cabify.

CU functions as a **city within a city**. It is one of the largest academic complexes in the world, with a total area of approximately 730 to 733 hectares (about 7.3 km²).

The Precise location of the Primary Venues (Torre de Ingeniería & IIMAS Building) is **Circuito Interior** (Inner Circuit), the main ring road of CU's central campus. The area is very well-connected via **Pumabús** (the free internal shuttle bus), with stops along Circuito Interior (https://www.dgsgm.unam.mx/pumabus.html, https://sua.psicologia.unam.mx/ingreso2026/pdf/rutas_pumabus.pdf).

The Metrobus stop "Ciudad Universitaria " and Metro station “Copilco” are a 15–20-minute walk.

Weather

Early December in Mexico City is generally **mild and dry** (however, brief afternoon showers are possible), with daytime temperatures around 18-22°C (64-72°F) and cooler evenings (so bring a light jacket even if the morning is warm). Ideal for walking between venues.

Facilities and Infrastructure

Ciudad Universitaria offers an unparalleled combination of cultural profundity, functional versatility, and vibrant academic energy.

* Auditoriums & Theaters: World-class venues like the **Nezahualcóyotl Concert Hall** (acoustically renowned), and the **Juan Ruiz de Alarcón Theater**.

* Modern Convention Spaces and Academic Buildings: Such as the **Unidad de Posgrado** complex, **Torre de Ingenieria** and **IIMASS.**

* Unique Spaces, such as the **Espacio Escultórico, Jardín Botánico**, **Museo Universitario Arte Contemporáneo** (MUAC), and **Museo Universum**.

* Support Services: Wi-Fi network (eduroam), Robust IT infrastructure, high-speed internet across campus, and professional on-site technical support for AV needs.

Nearby Amenities and Logistics

* Food & Coffee: The Engineering zone has several cafeterias and food courts (like "El Cacharrito") offering affordable, casual meals. There are also common coffee shops and convenience stores nearby.

* Parking: On-campus parking is available but can be limited.

* Security: The area is secure with UNAM's own security personnel. Access to certain labs or floors may require prior arrangements.

How to arrive:

From the Benito Juárez International Airport (MEX).

This is the primary airport serving Mexico City.

Option 1: Private Transportation (Most Convenient & Recommended):

A) Ride-Hailing Apps (Uber/Didi). Advantage: Door-to-door service, fixed price via app, no cash needed if you use app payment.

1. Download Uber or Didi before your trip. Connect to airport Wi-Fi upon arrival.

2. Follow signs to the designated ride-hailing pickup zones (clearly marked). Do not accept offers from drivers inside the terminal.

3. Destination: Enter your specific venue within CU (e.g., "Torre de Ingeniería, UNAM" or "IIMAS, Circuito Interior"). Using the building name is more precise than just "Ciudad Universitaria."

4. Cost & Time: ~MXN $250-$400 ($15-$25 USD) | 30-45 minutes, depending on traffic.

B) Official Airport Taxis.

* Process: Purchase a pre-paid ticket at the official taxi kiosks (Autorizado / Sitio) inside the terminals before exiting.

* Safety: Only use this official service. Do not take taxis from solicitors.

* Cost: Fixed rate based on zone. Similar price to ride-hailing.

Option 2: Metro (Fastest & Cheapest – For the Adventurous). Not recommended with large luggage or during peak rush hours (7-9:30 AM, 6-8 PM) as it can be very crowded.

1. At Terminal 1, take the Aerotrén (free shuttle train) to Terminal 2.

2. At Terminal 2, follow signs to Metro Hangares (Line 4, color cyan).

3. Take Metro Line 4 north to Terminal Aérea station.

4. Transfer to **Metro Line 5** (color yellow) towards “Politécnico”.

5. Ride to the end of the line (Metro Politécnico).

6. From Politécnico, take a 10-minute taxi or connect to a Metrobús to reach CU's interior.

* Cost: ~MXN $5 ($0.30 USD) per ticket.

* Time: 60-75 minutes total.

Option 3: Metrobús + Walking / Internal Transport (Good Balance)

1. From either terminal, take an authorized taxi or Uber to the "Benito Juárez" Metrobús station (this avoids navigating with luggage on local buses).

2. Take **Metrobús Line 4** (color green) "San Lázaro – Ciudad Universitaria".

3. Ride it to the final southbound stop: "Estación Ciudad Universitaria".

4. From this station, you are at CU's southern edge. Use the free internal Pumabús.

* Cost: Metrobús ticket ~MXN $6 ($0.35 USD) + initial taxi fare.

* Time: ~60 minutes total.

From the Felipe Angeles International Airport (NLU)

Option 1: Private Transportation (Most Convenient & Recommended):

Additionally to the official Airport Taxis and Ride-Hailing Apps, it is available the booked in advance such as AirportTransfer.com.

Option 2: Public transport that combines Bus & Metro. This involves a shuttle bus to the “Indios Verdes” metro station, followed by a trip on Line 3 to Ciudad Universitaria (about 1 hour and 40 minutes). It's reliable but takes longer and requires navigating a transfer.

Key Recommendations for International Attendees:

1. First-Time / Arriving Tired / With Luggage: Use Uber/Didi or an official airport taxi. The convenience, security, and door-to-door service are worth the cost after a long flight.

2. SIM Card / Connectivity: Purchase a local SIM card or eSIM (like Telcel's Amigo Sin Límite) at the airport to use ride-hailing apps and maps effortlessly.

3. Specific Address for Drivers: Always have the full name and address of your exact building to show your driver.

4. The official currency in Mexico is the Mexican Peso (MXN or $, this symbol is the same symbol used for USD, so always check the currency code "MXN" or "USD"). Mexico, especially CDMX, uses a hybrid system. You need both cash and cards. Check current rates before travel. Now, MXN $100 ≈ $5.90 USD / €5.50 / £4.65.

* It is advisable to get a small amount of Mexican pesos in cash. You can do so using

* ATMs (“Cajeros Automáticos”). Use those in the airport or inside bank branches for better security. DECLINE the "Dynamic Currency Conversion" (DCC) if prompted. Always choose to be charged in MXN. This gives you your bank's exchange rate, not the ATM's unfavorable rate.

* Currency Exchange (Casas de Cambio). Exchange a small amount (e.g., $50-100 USD) at the airport for immediate expenses (taxi, tips). Rates are less favorable here. For better rates, go to reputable “casas de cambio” in areas like “Centro Histórico” or “Polanco”.

* Visa and Mastercard are accepted almost everywhere. American Express is accepted in many mid-to-high-end establishments. Contactless (tapping) and chip-and-PIN are the norms. In the engineering zone near your venue, casual eateries may prefer cash. Always ask: "¿Aceptan tarjeta?" ("Do you accept cards?").

* Apple Pay / Google Pay are gaining acceptance in malls, chain stores, and some restaurants, but **not universal**. Don't rely on it as your sole method.

* Tipping: In restaurants, a 10-15% tip is standard. It's often not automatically added to the bill. Leave the tip in cash on the table, even if you pay the bill by card.

The site must also include a section for Accommodation.

While CU itself does not have hotels, there are numerous options in nearby neighborhoods like Coyoacán, San Ángel, and Pedregal, or in the central hotel districts connected by Metrobus.