


UNIVERSITY PROFILE

	<p style="text-align: center;">University of the Philippines Quezon Hall, University of the Philippines Diliman, Quezon City www.up.edu.ph</p>
Background of the Institution	<p>The University of the Philippines (UP) is the national university of the Philippines. UP was established on June 18, 1908 and presently has eight constituent units: UP Diliman, UP Manila, UP Los Baños, UP Visayas, UP Mindanao, UP Open University, UP Baguio and UP Cebu. It takes pride in being the pioneer and leader in higher education in the country through academic excellence, outstanding research, and public service.</p>
Mission / Vision	<p>As the country's national university, UP is dedicated to the development of future leaders and mandated to perform a leadership role in higher education and national development. For this purpose, UP serves as a graduate university, a research university, a public service university, and a regional and global university.</p>
International Linkages	<p>The University of the Philippines has 351 academic and research partners worldwide. The university is also a member of the following networks: ASEAN University Network (AUN), ASEAN-European Academic University Network (ASEA-UNINET), Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organization–Regional Institute of Higher Education and Development (SEAMEO-RIHED) ASEAN International Mobility for Students (AIMS), Southeast South Asia and Taiwan Universities (SATU) and European Union Support to Higher Education in the ASEAN Region (EU SHARE).</p>
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Additional Information

1. Institutional Mission/Vision/Goal/s on Internationalization of Higher Education (if any)

The Office of International Linkages is a unit under the Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs. It is mandated to identify and explore areas of cooperation and linkages with foreign and local institutions. It promotes academic collaboration with local and foreign universities in the form of student and faculty and student exchange, joint research, exchange of publication, sponsorship of conference and other academic activities. The office is engaged in the initiation, planning, implementation and monitoring of linkage activities.

2. Profile of faculty involved in Internationalization activities of the institution

Rhodora V. Azanza, Ph.D., the Assistant Vice-President for Academic Affairs of the University of the Philippines, is the Director of the Office of International Linkages UP. Professor Azanza, Professor of the Marine Science Institute UP Diliman, and Academician, National Academy of Science and Technology is internationally recognized for her outstanding and relevant research, publication and extension services in marine science.

3. Function of Office-in-Charge of Internationalization in your institution

The UP Office of International Linkages 1) acts as the central administrative support and front office for the University's (ONE UP) international collaborations; 2) provides strategic advice on matters where the University seeks to assess University-level collaborations and partnerships; 3) deals with University-wide strategic partnerships, monitoring and implementation of agreed international strategies and engagement with international agencies; and 4) coordinates activities arising from the University's membership of international consortia and networks (including conferences and meetings that need to be hosted).

4. Existing institutional policies/strategies related to Internationalization

UP's Internationalization Strategies are as follows: 1) improve understanding by the UP community of the value of internationalization (internalization), 2) increase UP's visibility/interaction with the international community, and 3) develop internationalization program/infrastructure.

5. Different programs/practices/activities/projects of your institution on internationalization

University of the Philippines Mobility for Vigor and Excellence (MOVE UP)

For undergraduate students with high scholastic average, with full or partial support for one semester enrolment in a foreign university as exchange student.

Continuous Operational and Outcomes-based Partnership for Excellence in Research and Academic Training Enhancement (COOPERATE)

For graduate students at early thesis or dissertation or proposal stage, needing to undertake research/creative work at a foreign university; UP research adviser may undertake a short-term visit to foreign potential research/creative work co-adviser/group; for continuing research/creative work collaboration and publication/productivity.

Research/Creative Work Presentation in International Conferences

Support for researchers and graduate students for paper presentation at international conferences.

Hosting of International Conferences, Meetings, Workshops

Hosting of UP CUs of international conferences, meetings, and workshops in line with the University's vision and mission.

World Experts Lecture Series

Support for air travel, accommodations and per diem for one week, arrangements for the

convocations, publicity of the event, social functions for invited imminent world leaders in academe, government, and industry to give special lectures in UP.

6. International research collaboration including research conferences (please state kind of participation)

UP has been involved in several research collaborations with different universities worldwide. The University also hosted/co-hosted international academic/research conferences. Below are some international conferences hosted/co-hosted by UP:

- Temasek Foundation-National University of Singapore (TF-NUS) Programme on Developing University Leaders and Educators (DULE) in the Philippines
- 11th Association of Pacific Rim Universities (APRU) Research Symposium on Multi-Hazards around the Pacific Rim
- Conference on the Development of World Class Higher Education Institutions (HEIs)
- APRU 6th Law Deans Meeting
- Niche-Building for Philippine Higher Education Institutions
- 2015 Regional Conference on Sustainability Science
- ENERCON: The 1st International Energy Conference
- International Scientific Conference in Fisheries & Aquatic Sciences Integrating Development, Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction for Resiliency and Sustainability
- International Conference on Sport Pedagogy
- "Southeast Asian Conference on Econutrition: From Concepts to Practice in Achieving Sustainable Diets
- 16th Biennial Symposium on Literatures and Cultures of the AsiaPacific: The Forbidden
- Philippine Student Leaders' Forum (PSLF)

7. Other external relations and international networks

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8. Strengths and weaknesses/challenges of your institution in internationalization

UP's strength is its academic reputation. The transformation of the UP Office of International Linkages to a fully functioning Internationalization Office with strategic projects also strengthened the internationalization of UP.

Challenges that may hamper internationalization include (1) lengthy processing time of visas (faculty and student) and (2) safety and security of inbound students in Metro Manila/other cities, and in rare cases also outbound students.

9. Impact of internationalization activities on your institution

Internationalization increased UP's visibility/interaction with the international community as well as enhanced student/faculty mobility and international academic/research collaborations, graduate student/research staff participation in international activities.

10. Future plans of your institution to enhance internationalization

Sustained and enhanced internationalization programs (i.e. student/faculty mobility and international academic/research collaborations).