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It is a network of networks of Latin American and the Caribbean universities.

And also an international organism, created in 1949 at the University of San Carlos de Guatemala.



Legal Character

It is an organization without profit aim, recognized by UNESCO as a consultative and information NGO.

The permanent headquarters of the General Secretariat is in Mexico City.



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Mission

To contribute to enhance and coordinate the activities of higher education institutions, universities, organizations and networks of universities, by promoting research and social extension of the culture, improving a high quality educational services offer, with social pertinence and focused to democratic development in the region, defending the education as a public good and the university autonomy, while promoting and protecting the human rights and social justice, and the tolerance to different opinions.

UDUAL is committed to integrate higher education as a solution to the greater national and regional problems of Latin America and the Caribbean.



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Vision

To be the network of networks of Latin America and the Caribbean for the higher education system and encourage different schemes of horizontal cooperation in the higher education institutions and organizations in the Region.



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Goals

Work permanently over the teaching and learning processes, as well as on research, promotion and quality assurance of higher education accreditation.

Execute assessment programs for equity of values, acknowledgement and cross border academic and accreditation activities.

Promote the transformation of Latinamerican universities, encouraging close cooperation between its members and with the international organisms which support such aims.

Apply best practices criteria for the internationalization process, with the participation of national and regional universities organizations as well as networks.



Objectives

Foster mechanisms to improve the performance of its members as innovating, creative and democratic agents of the scientific and humanist knowledge.

Motivate the research in higher education topics and offer a forum for its discussion.

Encourage programs for the institutional enhancement of its members to guarantee and increase the quality of higher education.

Promote the protection of the environment by promoting sustainable development.

Foster the main activities for training undergraduate and doctorate degree studies, research, transference and the diffusion of knowledge.



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Awards and Recognitions

Research Award

This is an annual award and offers economics support to high quality research on Science and Technology, Social Sciences and Higher Education.

Andrés Bello Award

It is a biennial award to the highest quality research report, selected in the higher education area.

Carlos Martínez Durán Award

It is a biennial recognition to a distinguished academic trajectory.



Publications

Universidades Magazine

It has been published during fifty years in order to spread the research products for the academic community.

Universities *Gazette* is published every two months, and contains information on higher education events worldwide.

The *UDUAL Bulletin* is a monthly electronic publication that is distributed via e-mail only to the affiliates.

There are also two book collections:

Colección UDUAL, in which are published the results of the investigation programs.

Colección Idea Latinoamericana that represents the collection of books that holds knowledge on different



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ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

XXI Century University

The purpose consists in helping to answer the contemporary demand on evaluation, accreditation and certification process.

This program is evaluated periodically by a Technical Experts Committee.

It has been transformed to a university diploma course, the *Latin American University Evaluation Diploma Course*.



Academic Student Mobility Program (PAME)

It offers to undergraduate students the opportunity to stay a scholar term in other Latin American country. It operates in base on bilateral cooperation agreements among different higher education institutions that guarantee the realized studies.

Student Support Program

This program pursues to develop the skills of the institutional responsible of managing the processes that support the students in order to enhance their participation in other academic and institutional activities.



Latin America and European Union Relationships

The links with the EU had become stronger, in special with the Portuguese and Spanish associations and universities.

Since 2001 UDUAL participates in the Virtual Educa programs.

UDUAL is also member of Directive ALβAN Program Committee (Latin American High Level Scholarships). This program is in process of transformation to Erasmus Mundus scholarship program for education and training.

IAU

Member as an International Higher Education Organization active in the international level.



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CAL-ED

CAL-ED is the Latin American Institute for Quality in Distance Higher Education, and its mission is to contribute to improve the quality of the distance higher education institutions and organizations through Latin America and the Caribbean.



GUNI

Recently UDUAL has been accepted as a Provisional Member to the Global University Network for Innovation, to be ratified as a member in the next Executive Committee meeting.



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