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UNIVERSIDAD MAYOR (UM)

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Organization, Figures, UM facts

Universidad Mayor is a private, non-profit institution, which obtained its legal existence on February 13, 1988. UM statutes are registered in the Chilean Ministry of Education, Register of Universities, file C, N° 13. Its operating license was granted on May 13, 1988 and became effective in August of the same year.

UM operates in two main campuses: Santiago (Chile's capital), which operates in 7 campuses, and Temuco (750 km south of Santiago), which has one campus.

There are almost 18,000 students enrolled at UM who are spread out in 64 undergraduate majors in Santiago and Temuco, 63 Graduate programs, and more than 100 specialty diplomas, and other certificates that do not lead to academic degrees. UM offers undergraduate programs which lead to a Bachelor's degree and to a Professional Qualification subsequently, all of which are officially recognized by The State and comparable to those granted by traditional public universities. The University also offers Graduate programs, medicine and dentistry specializations, diploma courses, and other refresher and training courses.

In addition, the institution has produced more than 19,000 professionals (undergraduate and graduate), most of them are associated to Círculo Mayor, an independent institution that receives support from UM.

UM is governed by a Board which is the highest hierarchy body. Other main authorities are: the President, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Quality Assurance, Vice President of Development, Vice President of Administration and Finance, Regional Vice President (Temuco branch), Secretary General and Directors of Offices, such as General Academic, Institutional Analysis and Quality Assurance, Student Affairs, International Affairs, General Director of Development, Planning, Admission, Graduate, Strategic Communication, Outreach and Research.

In the educational area, UM is structured in 9 Colleges, 3 Institutes and one Center which comprises 64 Professional Schools and also a Music Observatory with majors in 9 specialties. In addition, the corporation consists of 12 centers of investigation whose objective is oriented to generate knowledge and promote the country's development. Deans of Colleges and Institutes, Centers and School Directors, are responsible for academic staff and program of study in a scheme of decentralized work.

Academic activities are conducted by 3.000 academics approximately and the support of nearly 600 other non academic professionals.

The UM has more than 242 academic agreements with universities in 44 countries of America, Europe and Asia (over 80% currently in use), and about 600 students participating in exchange programs, including foreign students at UM and Chileans abroad.

UM is located on a plot of around 235,000 mt², with 150,000 square meters built, which includes 360 classrooms, 125 laboratories, 8 central libraries, 6 auditoriums, a theater, 2 showrooms, various facilities of specialized rooms (dental and medical clinics, psychology rooms, dental units, radiology rooms, operation theaters, multipurpose rooms for art, TV studios, 10 cafeterias and 13 multipurpose courts, including a stadium.

The UM library system comprises seven campuses: six campuses in Santiago and one in Temuco that function in the same manner.

UM webpage is <http://www.umayor.cl> and includes a wide range of information regarding: the institution in general, colleges and schools (graduate profiles and curricula, directors, faculty, admission process, centers of student support), infrastructure and student benefits (awards and academic recognitions, scholarships and loans, offices of service and support, institutional agreements); activities concerning Students Affairs, International Affairs, Library System and Sports, and also access to news related to university life. Additionally, there are on line services available, such as for application, enrollment, library services, and also Intranet for students and faculty, by means of Students and Faculty portals.

Fullfilling the requirements of the Chilean Higher Education system, the UM underwent a licensing process administered by the CSE (Council of Education, part of the Ministry of Education) in 1996, obtaining the status of Full Autonomy. In the same way, the National Commission of Accreditation (CNA-Chile) agreed to renew Universidad Mayor's institutional accreditation for a period of five years, until 2015. The accreditation was granted in 2005 for the first time to the institution, submitting it voluntarily. The national accreditation process focusses assessment both in the area of Institutional Management and in Undergraduate Teaching, which is professional training.

Similar to this achievement, at the beginning of 2005, and with the purpose of ensuring a continuing improvement of its academic activity, and to increase its positioning and to make a difference in the Chilean Higher Education scenario, Universidad Mayor (UM) started a process of institutional accreditation with the Middle States Commission on Higher Education, USA (MSCHE). This meant hard work for many years and it was a very successful process. In fact, the MSCHE, by an agreement of June 24, 2010, awarded the institutional accreditation to UM, status valid for a period of five years. The award, the agreement and the process records are exhibited in the Statement of Accreditation Status on the webpage of the American agency: www.msche.org.

The UM is the first Latin American and Chilean university in obtaining the status of accredited institution with the MSCHE. The core of the process is the demand of 22 Requirements of Eligibility and the compliance of 14 Excellence Criteria in Higher Education (or Accreditation Standards). The criteria focus on institutional and educational efficacy, which is evident, firstly, through the achievement of Institution Candidate to accreditation formal status, granted in June 2006, whose

in-field evaluation visit, conducted by experts, was guided by Dr. Ruth Lugo, Dean of Education and Human Services of the Metropolitan College, New York.

The aforementioned fact was followed by UM's appropriate responses with adjustments of quality for the period 2006-2008, involving accountability reports and systematic verification visits, the development of a comprehensive, meticulous, participatory, and supervised Institutional Self-Study during the period 2008-2009, and ended with a comprehensive assessment visit in April, 2010. This final assessment was carried out by nine American experts, guided by Dr. Edgar Roulhac, Vice President of Academic Services from Johns Hopkins University.

Our Institutional Achievements - Universidad Mayor

1988

The first private university founded in the area of Science and Technology, with Civil Engineering and Architecture, while other private universities ventured in majors of low investment.

1989

The first Private University in opening Agriculture and Forestry majors.

1991

The first Private University in opening a Veterinary Medicine major.

1997

The first Private University in opening a Dentistry major.

1999

The first Private Autonomous University that creates a Regional Branch Campus (in Temuco).

2000

The first Dentistry Clinic of a Private University is founded.

2001

Universidad Mayor consolidates its first place among private universities, in the Indirect State Allocation (AFI).

2003

The first Private University which creates a Music Conservatory.

2004

Scientific-technological activity is consolidated with Kinesic, Speech-language Pathology, and Psychological clinics.

2005

Accreditation awarded by Comisión Nacional de Pregrado (CNAP – National Commission of Undergraduate Studies).

2006

The first Latin American University to obtain the status of candidate to the International Accreditation by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education, MSCHE.

2007

The School of Medicine achieved accreditation with CNAP and Mercosur, becoming the first Private University School in its area to obtain accreditation.

2008

The first Private University in opening a Clinical Practice Location in Temuco. It is the third University hospital in the country and the first one in the Southern region.

The school of Nursing achieves accreditation from the CNA for a period of 5 years.

2009

It organizes the first Chilean Presidential Debate on radio along with ARCHI.

2010

The first Chilean University in achieving the international accreditation by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education from the USA.

The school of Occupational Therapy is recognized and its program of study is approved by the World Federation of Occupational Therapists (WFOT) Accreditation of Teaching majors.

Re-accreditation by the CNA in Institutional Management and Undergraduate Teaching (April 2010 - April 2015)

Double Degree in Journalism, agreement with University of La Rioja, Spain.

The first Chilean Center of genome sequencing: Universidad Mayor Center of Genomics and Bioinformatics.

CNA Accreditation to Medical Specialization Program in Geriatrics, College of Medicine.

2011

Universidad Mayor Center of Clinic Simulation.

E-Mayor, on line Education.

Psychology and Medicine accreditation.

Universidad Mayor was assigned to Single National Application System to Universities of Council of Rectors of Chilean Universities (CRUCH)

The school of Law was awarded the tender to create regulations that guarantee safety to geothermics exploitation in Chile.

Foundation of Universidad Mayor Instituto de Idiomas and start of the program “English for Everybody”.

Universidad Mayor reaches the 6th position at national level and 1st among private universities in an international indicator: “América Economía” magazine’s Ranking of Universities.

2012

The School of Nursing is internationally accredited by ARCU - SUR (Mercosur Regional System of Majors Accreditation).

UM signs an agreement of double degree in Architecture with the University of Venice.

UM Architecture is internationally accredited under Unesco/UIA criteria through the Escola Tecnica Superior d' Arquitectura de Barcelona (ETSAB).

UM School of Obstetrics and Childcare is the first school of a private university in obtaining national accreditation.

Universidad Mayor School of Languages becomes a Cambridge University examining center.

Dentistry obtained a 6 year-international accreditation by ARCU - SUR (Mercosur Regional System of Majors Accreditation).

2013

The School of Agriculture is accredited by the national system for 6 years (2013 – 2019).

UM Physical Therapy obtained a 5-year national accreditation (2013 - 2018).

Speech-Language Pathology obtained a 4-year national accreditation (2013 – 2017).

UM Medicine obtained national accreditation by Akredita QA for 6 years (2013-2019).

The School of Nursing obtained a 6-year national accreditation (2013 – 2019).

UM Dentistry obtained national reaccreditation by Akredita QA for 5 years (2013 – 2018).

2014

The PhD in Integrative Genomics is the first doctorate program at Universidad Mayor and the only PhD in Chile in the area.

Funds from the program 100.000 Strong in the Americas, created by the president of the United States, are allocated to Universidad Mayor for student exchange.

Universidad Mayor funds the College of Sciences, under the administration of the School of Biotechnology.

The creation of the Elementary Education major.