

With the Tec21 Model, you can obtain an international diploma



The international diploma is optional and is available to all students as something extra to put on their résumé

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All students studying a professional degree on the new [Tec21 Model syllabuses](#) may graduate with an **international diploma, if they wish.**

Tec de Monterrey has launched an **international diploma** to complement the **new syllabuses**, which certifies that students have had **educational experiences abroad**.

The [Tec21 Model](#) features **challenge-based learning**, **flexibility** in the way of learning, encouragement of a **memorable university experience**, and **inspiring teachers**.

Patricia Montaña, Director of **Tec Internationalization**, explained that **the diploma is designed** so that **employers can recognize** the abilities that

distinguish Tec graduates.



"The idea is that employers will ask about the diploma so that graduates can explain what they did in order to obtain it," she said.

Patricia recalled the **case of a graduate** who currently works at **Microsoft**:

"This student told me he'd been asked about his international experience in the interview. He'd worked on remote digital platforms, which was a plus."

Another aim of the diploma is to create a **flexible system** so that **any student who wishes can obtain it** at any of the **26 Tec campuses** in Mexico.

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The project was implemented by **Internationalization Office** staff, including Patricia Montaña, Francisco Huerta, and Academic Directors Joaquín Guerra and Román Martínez.

International degrees already existed on syllabuses prior to August 2019.

However, due to the flexibility of the [Tec21 Model](#), **this way of studying evolved** and expanded to open up a wider **range of opportunities**.

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WHAT'S THE DIPLOMA LIKE?

Diplomas **will be handed out** with **professional degrees** at the **graduation ceremony** to those students **who have met certain requirements**.

These requirements include **not having any disciplinary offense** or **any penalty related to academic integrity**, **having performed activities** such as **a semester abroad**, or **being able to speak English and a third language**.

Students should also have at least **10 extra points for activities** such as an additional semester abroad or taking part in an **international competition**.

Patricia says that one of the **advantages** is that some of these activities can be **carried out simultaneously**, such as a semester abroad while participating in a contest at the same time.

"[It's an advantage that] you can begin planning it from your first day at the Tec. It wasn't so easy before, but now it's largely a matter of organization," Patricia said.

Montaño also **advised** those seeking this distinction **to schedule an appointment with their mentor** and work together to define the path they should take to obtain the diploma.

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