

El Colegio de la Frontera Norte
Master's and Doctoral Degree Programs

Introduction

El Colegio de la Frontera Norte (COLEF) is an institution of scientific research and graduate education which is part of the System of Public Centers for Research of the CONACYT (National Council for Science and Technology), Colef's activities are governed by international standards of excellence.

The research originating at COLEF is aimed at generating scientific knowledge about the social, economic, cultural, demographic, political, urban and environmental processes of the border area between Mexico and the United States.

Teaching Activities

Teaching has a broad perspective, with the fundamental purpose of providing comprehensive theoretical and practical training within each academic field. The goal is to train professionals capable of understanding the realities of the border region, making theoretical contributions, and influencing the planning and development process from a variety of perspectives. The graduate programs offered are:

Master Program in Regional Development

Master Program in Demography

Master Program in Applied Economics

Master program in Integrated Environmental Administration

Doctoral Program in Social Sciences with a Specialty in Regional Studies

All the graduate programs are registered and recognized by CONACYT and SEP (Secretary of Public Education). Furthermore, there is a high demand in the labor market for all of these graduate programs.

Our students have gone on to work at several different academic institutions, as well as in the public and private sectors at the national level.

Placement of Master's Degree Recipients

Education and research	70%
Government services	19%
Industry	4%
Health	1%
Professional services	2%
Commerce, banking, and other services	4%

Placement of Doctoral Degree Recipients

Education and research	90%
Government services	10%

80 full-time professors are directly involved in the teaching of the graduate courses; 60 of the professors hold doctoral degrees and 50 of them belong to the Sistema Nacional de Investigadores (National System of Researchers).

In order to complement the class work, the students have access to various extracurricular activities such as seminars, English courses, computer training and writing workshops.

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Mission

El Colegio de la Frontera Norte (Colef) is an institution dedicated to research and higher education. Its mission is to generate scientific knowledge of the Mexico-U.S. border region, to train highly qualified professionals, and to create institutional connections that will contribute to the development of the region.

Objectives

To promote scientific understanding of social, economic, cultural, demographic, political, urban, and environmental processes relating to the Mexico-U.S. border region;

To transform this knowledge into tools applicable in regional-planning efforts; and

To identify and define events that could hinder regional progress, the region's integration into the national development process, and relations between Mexico and the United States.

Institutional Structure

Colef's research and teaching focuses on seven major themes:

Migration

Industry and Labor Studies

Regional Development

Economic Development

Population

Cultural Studies

Environment and Development

Academic Departments

Colef has 107 Research professors in six academic departments: Estudios de Administración Pública (Public Administration Studies), Estudios Culturales (Cultural Studies), Estudios Económicos (Economics), Estudios de Población (Population Studies), Estudios Sociales (Social Studies); and Estudios Urbanos y del Medio Ambiente (Urban and Environmental Studies).

Regional Headquarters

Matamoros, Nuevo Laredo, Monterrey, Ciudad Juárez, and Mexicali

Outreach Offices

Nogales and Piedras Negras

Liaison Office

Mexico City

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Degree programs within the SEP-CONACYT National Graduate Studies System

Masters in Regional Development

Masters in Demography

Masters in Applied Economics

Degree programs within the Comprehensive Program to Strengthen Graduate Studies

(Programa Integral de Fortalecimiento del Posgrado, PIFOP)

Masters in Integrated Environmental Administration

Doctorate in Social Sciences with a specialty in Regional Studies

Strengths and Achievements

Regional presence and coverage

Specialization in border issues

Multidisciplinary academic focus

Inter-institutional linkages established through collaborative agreements with the government, academic, and private sectors

Excellence in the training of qualified personnel

Products

In more than twenty years has developed:

1,000 research projects

Over 100 book titles

Frontera Norte and *Migraciones Internacionales*, journals published twice yearly

Working Papers

Electronic magazine *El Correo Fronterizo*, available at www.colef.mx/correofronterizo

Statistical databases on migration, labor markets, health, economics, and population

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