FAQ for the Introduction to the Virtual Environments course.

What is UCI?

The University for International Cooperation was founded on April 21st, 1994. It was created due the necessity of professionals with multidisciplinary training, knowledge holders, tools and values to lead change required under the concepts of sustainability and globalization. UCI counts with a national and international recognition, not only because of its masters programs, but also due its collaboration with governments, institutions, universities, organizations, NGO's, etc.

Our Mission:

Professional training leaders, capable of inducing and lead the required changes in the economic, environmental, cultural and socio-political development of Latin America and the Caribbean.

Our Vission:

The UCI will be a higher education institution leader in Latin America in the fields of research, human resource training and the integration and development of the countries of the region.

What is GSPM?

The Global School of Project Management is committed to promote an ideal academic environment, providing the know-how for individuals striving to become valuable contributors in the dynamic, international field of project management. Our core goal is to influence the adoption of sustainable ways of living and the promotion of a global society based on a shared ethical framework that includes respect and care for the community of life, ecological integrity, universal human rights, respect for diversity, economic justice, democracy, and a culture of peace. GSPM believes project management is the ideal platform to realize these changes.

How many hours of study does the MPM program requires?

The time invested on your studies is relative to the student's capability and commitment, however in average the invested time is around 10-15 hours per course.

Who should I contact if I have any inquire or concern during the MPM program?

You should contact first your Academic Assistant, she/he will be able to answer your inquires about the program, or redirect you to the appropriate person that will.

What equipment do I need to take the MPM program?

- Processor: Pentium 4 or better
- 512 MB RAM for operating systems Linux and Windows XP
- 1 GB Ram for operating systems Windows 8 and MAC OS X
- Accesories: Microphone, headset, camera
- Internet connection of at least 512 MB to 1 MB

What is the PMI?

PMI is the world's largest not-for-profit membership association for the project management profession. Our professional resources and research empower more than 700,000 members, credential holders and volunteers in nearly every country in the world to enhance their careers, improve their organizations' success and further mature the profession.

PMI's worldwide advocacy for project management is reinforced by our globally recognized standards and certification program, extensive academic and market research programs, chapters and communities of practice, and professional development opportunities.

Is UCI recognized as a REP?

UCI has been recognized by the PMI as a REP since July 1st, 2001.

What is a REP?

REP: Registered Education Provider

PMI R.E.P.s are organizations that we have approved to offer training in project management and issue professional development units (PDUs) to meet the continuing education requirements needed by PMI credential holders. To earn the R.E.P. designation, a provider must meet or exceed rigorous standards for quality and effectiveness as defined by PMI.

Once the MPM starts, do I get a PMI membership?

Once you register on the MPM program you will receive a 1 year membership with the PMI. This will provide you access to PMI publications and our global standards, networking options with our chapters and online communities of practice, and leadership and volunteer opportunities. You'll also receive discounts on certification exams and renewals, as well as our professional development offerings.

What benefits does GSPM gives the graduates?

Besides the international recognition that UCI already has due its GAC accreditation, the students that complete the MPM program will receive 1500 working hours in project management. It will also prepare you for the PMI's certifications (Project Management Professional, Certified Associate in Project Management).

What is GAC?

The Project Management Institute Global Accreditation Center for Project Management Education Programs (GAC) accredits bachelors, postgraduate and doctoral degree programs in project management, a dynamic and growing profession worldwide.

Accreditation is important for both degree programs and their students. It publicly confirms that a project management program meets comprehensive quality standards and can prepare students for success in project management careers.

What is a Virtual Learning Environment?

It's an e-learning education system based on the web that provides the students virtual access to lectures, academic content, learning resources, self-assessments, etc. It will help you develop skills, competencies and knowledge with a virtual interaction Student-Facilitator.

Is there any interaction with other students that are enrolled in the MPM program?

The Students have many tools to interact with one another, you will be able to see all the students enrolled in the course in the section "Participants". There are 2 main forum you can use to communicate with other students:

The Inquires Forum: Here you will be able to express your concerns regarding the development of the course and make comments related to the implemented methodology. You can also request any necessary clarifications from the facilitator or academic assistant and all the participants of the course are able to add posts.

The Social Forum: This forum is where the participants will get to know each other. Although some students may be more outgoing than others, this forum has as the goal of getting every member of the course actively involved in sharing their ideas, thoughts, and individual expectations. Through this forum, we encourage students to exchange comments related to their current work, their experience, and other relevant personal information.

Moodle Messages: You will be able to have private conversations with other participants using this tool.

Other: You can share emails, social networks, skype, etc.

What is an Apostille?

An Apostille is a certificate that authenticates the origin of a public document (ex: a birth certificate)

How can I get my documents Apostille?

The Apostille Convention only applies if both the country where the public document was issued and the country where the public document is to be used are parties to the Convention. You can verify this information following this link:

http://www.hcch.net/index_en.php?act=conventions.status&cid=41

What should I do if the country who issues my documents isn't part of the Haya Convention?

If your public document was issued or is to be used in a country where the Apostille Convention does not apply, you should contact the Embassy or a Consulate of the country where you intend to use the documents in order to find out what your options are.

Each country that is party of the Convention must designate one or several authorities that are entitled to issue Apostilles. These authorities are called Competent Authorities. You can find the list of all the Competent Authorities in the following link:

http://www.hcch.net/index_en.php?act=conventions.authorities&cid=41

If you have any additional questions about the Apostille procedure, you can review the following PDF: The ABC's of Apostille.