



**PHILIPPINE STUDIES  
IMMERSION PROGRAM**

**INFORMATION FACT SHEET  
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**ATENEO DE MANILA UNIVERSITY**

# Philippine Studies Immersion Program (PSIP) Ateneo de Manila University Intersession Period SY 2025-2026

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The Ateneo de Manila University is situated in a sprawling campus in the heart of Quezon City, Metro Manila. Upon entering the campus, one steps into gently rolling terrain with grassy fields and tall trees that together create a favorable environment for disciplined inquiry, fruitful interaction, and quiet reflection .



# INTRODUCTION

## **PHILIPPINE STUDIES IMMERSION PROGRAM (PSIP)**

The Higher Education of the Ateneo de Manila University, under the Ateneo Philippine Studies Initiative, is inviting students from all fields of study to its summer immersion and study program. Scheduled during the intersession semester, June and July, the summer immersion program is designed to introduce foreign and local students to the practice of Philippine studies and the Filipino lifeworld.

Through this four to six-week program, students will be allowed to engage the university's eminent Philippine Studies scholars in classes that will demonstrate the various possibilities of this area of study and the methodologies of its practitioners. These classes will also allow students to immerse themselves in a particular aspect of the Philippine lifeworld to provide an experiential ground for their reflections and insights. Students of this program will be exposed both to intellectual and experiential learning opportunities which will serve as an invitation to engage in the work of Philippine Studies.

There are various tracks offered under the PSIP that students can choose from, depending on their own interests. Each of these tracks offers credit earning courses.

## PROGRAM TRACKS OVERVIEW

### **I. The Ateneo Development Field School (ADFS)**

*(June to July 2025)*

The Ateneo Development Field School (ADFS) of the Department of Development Studies is a transformative 5-week, 6-unit course combining academic study with immersive fieldwork, focusing on sustainable development, social justice, and empowerment in the Philippine context through a mix of classroom and immersive Service-Learning and Community Engagement experiences.

The 2025 ADFS program will focus on community consultation and awareness building on natural heritage conservation involving the Samar Island Natural Park. The field school will blend environmental conservation, community organizing, and sustainable development. Through classroom lectures, fieldwork, and exercises, students will learn participatory action research and sustainable development principles, methods, and skills relevant to natural heritage conservation issues.

## PROGRAM TRACKS OVERVIEW (Cont.)

2025 Focus: Rural Development

- Participatory Action Research
- Biocultural Community Protocol
- Community Engagement in Barangay Tenani, Paranas, Samar

### **Undergraduate academic crediting, course codes:**

*(DEV 183.19) Immersion/Work Camp (3 units):* This course immerses students in a marginalized community. The immersion allows students to experience the dynamics of a marginalized community and reflect on their experience using various lessons learned in class. This course also introduces students to the practice of social investigation, which is often used as a preparatory step for community development and community organization efforts.

*(DEV 183.36) Community Organization (3 units):* This course provides an in-depth analysis of community organizing as an approach to social development, thoroughly analyzing the philosophy underlying this development approach. The focus is on examining -the relative strengths and limitations of community organizing as a social development initiative, including assessments of various community organizing efforts.

### **Program Costs:**

USD 600

*(Inclusive of round-trip airfare from Manila to Samar, ground transportation in Samar for scheduled group activities, modest accommodation with host families in Barangay Tenani, simple meals provided either by the host families or immersion organizers, various research and cultural tour activities, and other essential logistical arrangements)*

Please take note that this does not include expenses outside the community immersion component of the ADFS program (June 12-29), such as, but not limited to, roundtrip airfare from the Country of Origin to the Philippines, ground transportation expenses in Metro Manila, board and lodging in Metro Manila, meals in Metro Manila, tours around Metro Manila, etc.

**For more information and the program schedules and fees, please visit the [ADFS Information Sheet](#).**

## PROGRAM TRACKS OVERVIEW (Cont.)

### **ESTIMATED TUITION AND FEES:**

Estimated Tuition and fees, excluding other applicable fees, for Summer 2025 (6 units): **Php 46,818.30 or around USD 820\***

*\*Note that the provided tuition and fees above are subject to change without prior notice. Exact tuition and fees will be determined after completing the student's enrollment during the registration period.*

\*Tuition fees for the students coming from Ateneo's active bilateral partner universities will be waived. However, all students are expected to shoulder and pay all the program fees and other related costs (ex. accommodation, airfare, etc) stated in each of the track's fact sheets, on top of the actual tuition fees. Costs are subject to change without prior notice.

# APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS (FOR UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS)

To apply for admission in the undergraduate student exchange program of the Ateneo de Manila University, the student must submit the following documentary requirements to UPI, to be submitted in separate PDF files. Instructions and next steps on the submission process will be provided to the home university coordinator, during the call for applications.

1. [IS Information Sheet](#) – digitally filled out, signed, and saved as PDF file
  2. Original Transcript of Records (TOR); *If the TOR is not in English, please provide an official English translation duly certified by the home University's Registrar. Please do not use an online translator.*
  3. Clear scanned copy of the biographical page of the passport
  4. Letter of Endorsement from the University Mobility Coordinator certifying that the applicant is officially being endorsed as an international student for this program  
Letter should explicitly indicate the following:
    - Semester/Period nominated (ex. Fall 2025, January to May)
    - Email address of Home university coordinator for the nominated student/s
  5. Certificate of English Language Proficiency
- (For those whose mother tongue is not English);*
- Any of the following is valid:*
- TOEFL (Paper based test) minimum score: 550
  - TOEFL (Internet Based Test) minimum score: 79
  - IELTS minimum score: 6.0
6. Health Certificate in English Language, issued by a medical doctor that the applicant is fit to travel and study abroad;
  7. International Covid 19 Vaccination Certificate, if applicable;
  8. ID Photo Passport size (35 x 45 mm) in JPEG format, no less than 500KB in size;
  9. Duly signed Admission processing [consent form](#).

# APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS (FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS)

To apply for admission in the graduate student exchange program of the Ateneo de Manila University, the student must submit the following documentary requirements to UPI, to be submitted in separate PDF files. Instructions and the next steps on the submission process will be provided to the home university coordinator, during the call for applications.

1. [IS Information Sheet](#) – digitally filled out, signed, and saved as PDF file;

## 2. OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS TO BE PROVIDED BY THE HOME UNIVERSITY REGISTRAR:

- Bachelor's Degree Transcript of Records in your native language (1 copy) and an English translation thereof (1 copy). The English translation of the Transcript of Records must be certified by the home university's Registrar. Online translation will not be accepted;
- Certificate of Graduation / Diploma in your native language (1 copy) and an English translation thereof (1 copy). The English translation of the Diploma must be certified by the home university's Registrar. Online translation will not be accepted;

Official documents must be submitted via either of the following:

---> Original physical copy to be sent directly to:

Office of the University Registrar  
Ateneo de Manila University  
G/F Social Sciences Bldg,  
Katipunan Ave,  
Loyola Heights, 1108  
Quezon City, Philippines

---> Official electronic copy to be emailed directly by the partner school to the Office of the University Registrar through [registrar@ateneo.edu](mailto:registrar@ateneo.edu).

3. Current Masters / Graduate Transcript of Records in your native language (1 copy) and an English translation thereof (1 copy). The English translation of the Transcript of Records must be certified by the home university's Registrar. Online translation will not be accepted.;
4. Clear scanned copy of the biographical page of the passport
5. Letter of Nomination/Endorsement from the university mobility coordinator (certifying that the applicant is officially being endorsed as an international student for this program)

Letter should explicitly indicate the following:

- Semester/Period nominated (ex. Fall 2025, January to May)
- Email address of Home university coordinator for the nominated student/s

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# APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS (Cont.)

## (FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS)

6. Certificate of English Language Proficiency whose mother tongue is not English\*\*;

*Any of the following is valid:*

- *TOEFL (Paper based test) minimum score: 550*
  - *TOEFL (Internet Based Test) minimum score: 80*
  - *IELTS minimum score: 6.5 or Cambridge test result equivalent to IELTS minimum score requirement*
7. Health Certificate in English Language, issued by a medical doctor that the applicant is fit to travel and study abroad;
8. International Covid 19 Vaccination Certificate, if applicable;

9. ID Photo Passport size (35 x 45 mm) in JPEG format, no less than 500KB in size;

10. Duly signed Admission Processing [consent form](#).

*\*\*"If you completed an undergraduate and/or graduate degree program at universities in the listed countries in this [file](#), you may be exempt from taking the required English proficiency test, provided that you submit a Certification of English as a Medium of Instruction from your last university attended.*

Note:

For graduate students, they will be asked to fulfill a separate application process from the Graduate Admission's Office and upload these application documents to a separate online portal. The students will have to complete the submission of the application documents first with our office before the students can proceed to the Graduate Admissions' process. More information will be provided as soon as we receive the submission of the complete application documents.

All documents must be digitally scanned and saved in SEPARATE PDF files, except for the photo which should be in JPEG format

**Deadline of application requirements submission for Summer 2025 (Intersession)**

**30 April 2025**

Please make sure to upload all document files on or before the deadline. Incomplete application documents may cause delays in releasing the Certificate of Eligibility to Study (COES).



# IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

## SUMMER 2025 | AY 2025 – 26 INTERSESSION SEMESTER

Class Days	June to July 2025
Application Period	February to April 2025
Application Submission Deadline	April 30, 2025
Notice of Acceptance	June 2, 2025  The Acceptance Letter will only be issued to the student once complete application requirements are submitted and deemed acceptable.
Mandatory Online Orientation & Registration Period	Orientation: June 2, 2025* Course Registration: June 4-7, 2025 (*tentative date, a separate email will be sent for the finalized details)  All students are REQUIRED to participate in the orientation, and individually register for their classes. (A separate email will be sent for online registration instructions)
Expected Arrival Date to Manila	This will depend on the program schedule of the PSIP track but students are all recommended to be in the country during the mandatory course registration period.

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# ACADEMIC AND COURSE-RELATED INFORMATION

## Credit and Grading System (for Undergraduate students only)

The Ateneo de Manila University uses the American Credit System. One subject usually carries 3 credit units. One unit of credit is equal to one hour lecture or two to four hours of laboratory per week for the period of a complete semester.

Letter Grade	Description	Quality Point Value
A	Excellent performance in the fulfillment of course requirements	4
B+	Very good performance in the fulfillment of course requirements	3.5
B	Good performance in the fulfillment of course requirements	3
C+	More than satisfactory fulfillment of course requirements	2.5
C	Satisfactory fulfillment of course requirements	2
D	Fulfillment of the minimum requirements for the course	1
F	Failure, non-fulfilment of the minimum course requirements	0
W	Withdrawal from a course without permission	0
WP	Withdrawal from a course with permission	No Quality Point
INC	Incomplete (temporary grade)	
NE	No Final Examination (temporary grade)	
AUD	Audit	No Quality Point
S	Satisfactory performance in basic or bridging and INTACT courses	No Quality Point
U	Unsatisfactory performance in basic or bridging and INTACT courses	No Quality Point

## Academic Transcripts of Records (TOR) of exchange students

Transcripts of Records (TOR) will be available 1.5 months after the exchange period.

A scanned copy of the TOR will be sent to the student's chosen recipient upon completing the TOR authorization online form. Should the university require a copy with a wet-ink signature, please let us know in advance. Additional fees for requesting the original copies of the TORs may apply.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### 1. Will courses be in English?

Yes, 99% of courses will be taught in English.

### 2. Will there be an “orientation program”, where students will be informed about all relevant matters?

Yes, please refer to the schedule above or wait for our email on the details for this.

### 3. Aside from the academic classes, will there be activities for exchange students to participate in?

Yes. The University Partnerships and Internationalization (UPI) together with the Ateneo Student Exchange Council (ASEC), the student arm of the UPI, will facilitate activities such as Cultural Sensitivity talks, interaction and discussion, and immersion activities. A student buddy will also be assigned to an exchange student to assist during enlistment, load revision, and other school-related activities.

**Note:** Border and campus access and course modalities are subject to change. We will keep you updated on any future changes.

## CAMPUS ADDRESS

**Ateneo de Manila University**  
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