

Master in **Global Bioethics M.S.** Online

**Apostille and
Validation of documents**



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Our master's degree in Global Bioethics is an online program offered by the Anahuac University in Mexico. The degree is recognized by the Mexican authorities. Any student that is not a Mexican citizen is considered a foreign student. Even though the program is fully online students that are non-Mexican are considered as students studying abroad.

The process of Certificate verification consists of **verifying the certificates issued by a university and ensuring that they are original and genuine.**

Recognizing globalization and more students increasingly studying abroad, with the need to simplify this process, The Hague convention came to an international attestation called apostille that is acceptable in about 92 countries.





WHAT IS AN APOSTILLE?

An Apostille **is a type of attestation in which documents are legalized in a particular format that is acceptable in all nations that belong to the Hague Convention. Apostilles authenticate the seals and signatures of officials on public documents.** When certain public documents are to be used in a foreign country, they are required to be certified.

This certification, also called an **authentication or apostille**, validates official signatures. This certification ensures that public documents are valid within the country where the document was originally issued or notarized.

The apostille is to facilitate the global acceptance of the degrees and credits by employers, professional associations, other institutions, colleges, or universities around the globe.

THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN NOTARIZED DOCUMENTS AND AN APOSTILLE

Notarized documents are used only within the originating Country while in contrast, an **apostille is used as a form of authentication between different countries.** However, there are times when a document must be notarized before obtaining an apostille.

WHO CAN ISSUE AN APOSTILLE?

As per the terms of the Hague Apostille Convention, the apostille in each country is issued by the competent authority in the respective country. Countries that do not belong to this agreement have to follow a different path of certification of documents called **Validation/ Legalization of Documents**.

When your country is not in the Hague convention agreement to apostille documents, you must follow a different route to verified you documents called **Validation or Legalization of documents**.

WHAT IS VALIDATION OF DOCUMENTS?

The **Validation** or recognition of foreign studies and degrees is the **process whereby a competent authority in one's country formally recognizes the value of a qualification from a foreign country**. The degree validation document will certify the credit and degree equivalency of any certification earned at any Higher Education Institution or at institutions holding an equivalent accreditation.



THE PROCESS FOR VALIDATION OF DOCUMENTS

In case you need the Validation of your documents:

The first step is to take it to a competent authority in your country. This is a common process you need to find out in your own country how to do it. In most countries it is the Foreign affairs office or Education ministry that can seal and verify documents.

Once the documents have received the seal, you need to **contact the Mexican Embassy** in your country. They usually have a website and email where you can ask how the process is done for different embassies.

WHO NEEDS THIS?

All international/non-Mexican students registered in the master's program are required to apostille or validate the following documents by the competent authorities.

WHAT DOCUMENTS YOU NEED:



Original birth certificate.



Diploma or proof of a bachelor's degree.



Bachelor's transcripts.
Four years of studies.



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