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ESCUELA DE IDIOMAS – GUADALAJARA, MEXICO

ABOUT THE SCHOOL AND THE CITY

People of all ages choose Escuela de Idiomas because of its excellent reputation and personal attention. Established in 1968, the school, with its garden setting, is small and cozy, enhancing learning and encouraging camaraderie among faculty and students.

Originally the Escuela de Idiomas provided training for missionaries, sociologists and others planning on relocating in Latin America. Now most of the adult students are from multinational companies or agencies, as well as individuals from around the world. The group program is intensive, with no more than 6 students per class, and the tutor program can easily be adopted to individual needs. All teachers are native to Mexico, highly experienced and certified. Their goal is to help students make rapid progress in reading, speaking and comprehending Spanish by providing each student with personal attention and full immersion into the language.

Mild and cool, mile high **Guadalajara** is spread amid a Savannah of grasses and shrubbery and blooming flowers. For those interested in Latin American culture, there is a wealth of things to see and do. Theater, art exhibits, writers' forums, craft shows, drama clubs, museums, and concerts are but a few of the many offerings in this, the second largest city (5-6 million) in Mexico. Rodeos, soccer matches and health clubs beckon the more active. People watching is a favorite for the less active.

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Both group and tutor classes are consistent and uninterrupted, including grammar, vocabulary, phonetics, reading, oral and written exercises, conversation and lab practice. All classes are in Spanish and are held Monday- Friday for 4-5 hours daily. Sessions are fifty-minute in length, mixing grammar, writing, reading, and conversation. Beginners focus on vocabulary, sentence structure, and phonetics. As students advance, sessions on Mexican history and literature, or other topics are offered.

Group Program

The five daily group class hours are made up of 2 hours of Spanish usage, repetition and phonetics; 1 hour of grammar; 1 hour of reading/writing work and 1 hour of conversation. Class size is limited to 6 students per class with average length 50 minutes. Classes are held 8:30 AM to 1:15 PM, Monday-Friday.

Tutor Program

Private instruction is available for those students who wish to have a more intensive learning experience. Instructors work individually with students to accomplish the specific goals needed by the student. Tutor classes are given between 2:00 PM and 8:00 PM, Monday-Friday.

Group/Tutor Program

30 hours per week - 25 Group + 5 Tutor weekly. This program is specially designed for those students who are looking to learn the Spanish language as rapidly and effectively as possible. It combines the Group program with a Tutor program for maximum results. 5 daily group class hours, 8:30 to 13:15, are combined with 1 daily tutor class, anytime between 14:00 PM and 20:00, Monday-Friday, for a weekly total of 30 hours.

Children & Family Options

Escuela de Idiomas can arrange the following options for families with children:

* Tutor classes can be arranged for 7 - 15 year-olds. Tutor can be shared if the children are at the same language level. Games, crafts and activities can be included depending on the children's interests.

* The school can arrange daycare in the homestay for children under the age of 7 years.

* Children 16 years and older are placed in the appropriate level adult program.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Most students choose homestays with carefully screened families because they learn more about Mexican family life and culture. The homestay is highly recommended as it provides another learning experience, complementing the classroom work and environment. Families are located in the suburbs, most of them near public transportation routes. Homestays include 3 meals daily, changing of linens, room cleaning and laundry.

Hotels, student apartments and superior apartments are also available. There are also a few duplexes in the area of the school.

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

Students often enjoy weekend trips to famous beaches such as Puerto Vallarta and Manzanillo. Both are less than a 4 hours drive away. One day excursions may include trips to the nearby town of Tequila, home of this popular drink, or to Tonalá and Tlaquepaque, home of beautiful handicrafts, as well as the famous Lake Chapala.

TO REGISTER:

Complete the NRCSA Preregistration Form or contact the National Registration Center for Study Abroad at 823 North 2nd Street, P.O. Box 1393, Milwaukee, WI 53201 USA, or by calling (414) 278-0631; by Fax (414) 271-8884.

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Program & Admission Information - Guadalajara, Mexico

Programs

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All programs start every Monday, except for Mexican National holidays and vacation times. Beginners start every first and third Monday of each month. Each student is given an assessment the first day of class to determine the best class placement.

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Admissions & Academic Credit

Students age 16 years and older are welcomed regardless of educational background, occupation or nationality. Students under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult. No previous knowledge of Spanish is required except where otherwise indicated.

Students desiring credit for their study programs should contact their home school or request the NRCSA Credit Fact Sheet. Generally, U.S. universities consider 15 hours of study to be equal to 1 semester credit.

For more information about academic credit in Spanish speaking countries, [please click here](#).
For general information on academic credit, [please click here](#).

Programs

Group Program
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Activities

Cultural & Social
Activities

Comments

"I thoroughly enjoyed the classes at the Spanish Language School. There were students from Japan, Germany, Switzerland, and Canada; a great group. And the teachers were very thorough and friendly. It increased my knowledge of Spanish and allowed me to become familiar with and make contacts in another region of Mexico."

Princess Cruises, Hinesdale, CA

"My homestay was very nice. The family always went out of their way to make my stay enjoyable."

University Student, Lubbock, TX

"I enjoyed the instruction. The accommodation they found for me was excellent."

Psychologist, Encino, CA

"You did an excellent job of setting up a program tailored to my needs within a short time."

Student, Hill AFB, GA

ALL NRCSA PROGRAMS INCLUDE:

- ✓ Foreign language immersion classes
- ✓ Small interactive group and/or one-on-one instruction
- ✓ Culture program integrated into conversation classes, activities
- ✓ Meet-the-People interaction at school, homestays, & community events
- ✓ Orientation covering attractions, how to, health, safety, entertainment
- ✓ Academic assessments, placement-exit tests, Achievement Certificate
- ✓ Lodging (reduced fee if no lodging needed)
- ✓ Meals and/or cooking facilities at most centres
- ✓ Insurance: medical and accident - see below
- ✓ Emergency Hotline staffed 24 hours/day - see below
- ✓ Housing Coordinator familiar with area homestays, apartments, hotels
- ✓ Activity Coordinator facilitates transfers, cultural/social activities, tours
- ✓ Program Director experienced working with foreign participants
- ✓ Qualified, experienced, and certified educators
- ✓ Weekly proficiency goals and progress assessments
- ✓ Planning and Orientation materials
- ✓ International Ambiance, participants from around-the-world welcome
- ✓ Telecom assistance, web/e-mail access, usually on-site
- ✓ Local taxes for included services
- ✓ 24:7 Culture Immersion w/ native speakers: class, homestay, community
- ✓ **ALL NRCSA PROGRAMS INCLUDE the following INSURANCE***

ACCIDENT INSURANCE up to \$10,000 SICKNESS INSURANCE up to \$10,000

EMERGENCY MEDICAL EVACUATION up to \$25,000

EMERGENCY REUNION up to \$5,000

REPATRIATION up to \$7,500

LIFE INSURANCE \$5,000

plus

24 HOUR EMERGENCY WORLDWIDE MULTI-LINGUAL TELEPHONE ASSISTANCE

MANY ALSO OFFER

- ✓ **Tours:** cultural visits, day and weekend fieldtrips
- ✓ **Art:** classes/workshops, craft, dance, theater, fashion, music, photo
- ✓ **Humanities:** culture, area studies, hist, lit, gov't, educ, comm, plus...
- ✓ **Health:** golf, swimming, tennis, diving, skiing, riding, plus...
- ✓ **Special:** vocabulary classes tailored to your professional needs
- ✓ **Lodging:** homestay, apartment, dorm, hotel, special diet
- ✓ **Food:** home cooking, cooking classes, dine-around, wine tasting
- ✓ **Family:** services, daycare, child classes, community services
- ✓ **Teacher:** training, workshops, practicums, practice teaching, ECH
- ✓ **Teen:** camps and youth programs (including experiential)
- ✓ **University:** credit, undergraduate and graduate
- ✓ **Professional:** development credit in many fields, licensure, CEU
- ✓ **Volunteer:** medical, social service, ecology, teach plus...
- ✓ **Internships:** business, media, arts, eco, tourism, computer, plus...
- ✓ **Business:** classes, visits, networking, executive support services
- ✓ **Peer-to-Peer:** share interests, network by profession or hobby
- ✓ **Current Events & Professional Workshops, Holiday Courses**
- ✓ **Distance** educ liaison service, independent studies, research assist
- ✓ **Free** books and course materials. Return at end of studies
- ✓ **Free** airport transfers and internet access
- ✓ **Assessment** reports for attendance, progress, acculturation if needed
- ✓ **Medical:** professional training, law, social work, sciences etc.

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