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GUANAJUATO INTERNATIONAL STUDIES CENTER – GUANAJUATO, MEXICO

The city of Guanajuato, capital to the state of the same name and located just south of the high Mexican plateau, is one of the most important historical and cultural colonial cities in Mexico. With a population of approximately 120,000, the city is small enough to extend a warm welcome and maintain a relaxed atmosphere while still offering many cultural activities. In 1988, the UNESCO declared Guanajuato and the surrounding silver mines a World Heritage Site.

The city is a maze of cobblestone streets and alleys that wind around steep hillsides upon a small ravine, opening into vistas of beautiful churches and small plazas. The famous Underground Street, officially known as Calle Miguel Hidalgo, follows the course of the old Guanajuato river and runs barely 3 kilometres beneath the city. Guanajuato has no traffic lights or neon signs, creating an extremely enjoyable place to walk, peaceful, yet with plenty of life in the streets, and plenty to see.

The Programs

The school utilizes the interactive method of teaching based on learning by practice. This means that grammar is covered, but as much as possible taught using practical situations. Speaking and actively using the language is central to the continuous interaction between teacher and student. The center has refined the communicative teaching method continuously through years of experience and constantly evaluating and applying student suggestions.

Four classification levels and learning objectives that have been set by E.U. guidelines are offered:

- Beginner
- Elementary
- Intermediate
- Advanced

Intensive Course

20 hours per week. Lessons are taught Monday through Friday for 4 hours daily. Subjects covered in the course depends on the language level and include:

- Everyday situations such as meeting people, telephone conversations, etc.
- Vocabulary and idiomatic expressions
- Styles of Language use
- Grammar: forming words, sentence structure, spelling and word sounds
- Cultural Factors: meaning of words in different contexts, gestures and body language, intonation, etc.

In addition, one extra class per day on special topics is included in the cost. Topics include Gastronomy, Spanish history, Spanish Lifestyles, etc. These classes are optional and taught in Spanish. The lesson schedule will either be in the morning 9:00-13:00 (1:00PM) and/or in the afternoon 15:00(3:00PM)-19:00(7:00PM) depending on the number of groups. Schedules will be assigned upon the first day of class.

Tutor Course

Tutor 20 hours per week. The Tutor Course consists of 4 hours a day of Spanish lessons with a Tutor one-on-one, Monday through Friday. The teachers are rotated weekly in order to give students the maximum exposure to the varieties of spoken Spanish.

Accommodations

Homestays

The school arranges for students to stay with local host families, which is always strongly recommended since it allows students to get the maximum out of their study program. The word 'family' should not be taken too literally because the host could be just a single person who takes in students and enjoys having company. If the student prefers to live with a traditional family (that is, a couple with children), please specify the request on the preregistration form.

The homestay includes a single room with 3 meals daily. Laundry service is available upon request and at additional cost. Homestay lodging always starts after 12:00 p.m. on Sundays and ends before 12:00 p.m. on Saturdays.

Hotels & Apartments

The center can help students arrange accommodation in a hotel or apartment upon request.

TO REGISTER:

Complete the NRCSA Preregistration Form or contact the National Registration Center for Study Abroad at 207 E. Buffalo Street., Suite 610 * 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 - Guanajuato, Mexico

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Use of overhead projectors, video and other audiovisual materials complement the instruction. Films and documentaries will also be screened, songs played and menus read. In addition, students will give participate in discussions and take part in role-play situations.

A successful implementation of the interactive method depends completely on the personal attention the teacher is able to give the student. As such, group classes never consist of more than 8 students. The school determines the makeup of the group according to the results of placement tests taken on the first day of class.



On the first Monday students are expected at school at 8.00 in the morning. Beginner level students start the lessons immediately. Students at higher Spanish levels will take an oral and written level test first in order to be placed at the right learning level. The lessons then start immediately afterwards.

Throughout the course, students will receive the didactic and study materials needed. The study materials have a support function and are often presented in the form of practical activities and exercises to facilitate understanding and speaking. Individual study outside of class is expected and should take about 1 hour daily. All lessons have a duration of 50 minutes each.

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Admissions &
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Activities

Activities and
Excursions

Comments

"The school, course, teachers, and city were excellent. A great atmosphere to study in. I have traveled most of the world, and have found this to be a truly rewarding experience."

Engineer, Palm Bay, FL

"My school experience was quite good- I particularly enjoyed the mix of nationalities among the student body. The information I received from NRCSA to prepare me for my trip was professional, quick, effective and friendly."

Social Worker, Amherst, MA

"I enjoyed meeting the daughter of the host family, going out with her and her friends, meeting other "natives" and experiencing the country from their point of view."

Undergraduate Student,
North Hollywood, CA

"I enjoyed the skillful teachers and the lovely family that I lived with."

Retired, Houston, TX

Admissions & Academic Credit

Students age 18 years and older are welcomed regardless of educational background, occupation or nationality. No previous knowledge of Spanish is required except where otherwise indicated.

Students desiring credit for their study program should contact their home school or request the NRCSA Credit Fact Sheet. Generally, U.S. schools 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](#).

Certificates & Exams

At the end of their course, each student receives a certificate of participation noting that he/she has taken part in at least 90% of the lessons. The following will be recorded on the certificate:

- The course attended
- The length of the course
- The subjects taken
- The goals and level of Spanish where the student has been classified
- The number of hours the student was present in class.

If the student takes the internal examination at the end of the course then the level he/she has reached will be shown in the form of a grade.

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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.

** If you have a problem while studying abroad, call the 24 hour hotline! Call Any Time from Anywhere! Medical or travel emergencies, legal or medical or embassy referrals, lost passport or luggage, emergency message relay, coordinating emergency prescription replacement or cash transfer, emergency translations, 24-hour medical monitoring. Problems seldom occur, but when they do, it is nice to know insurance and worldwide assistance are included in your cost for study dates prepaid through NRCSA as reflected on your NRCSA confirmation. Additional optional insurance available upon request. Refer to the certificate for specific terms, conditions and other details regarding benefits, limitations, eligibility and exclusions of this plan. Questions? Contact NRCSA: Tel: 414-278-0631 ... E-Mail: info@nrcca.com ... Web: <http://www.nrcca.com>*

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PREREGISTRATION FORM – NRCSA PROGRAMS

1. Complete & send to NRCSA, P.O. Box 1393, Milwaukee, WI 53201, USA • Tel. (414) 278-0631 • Fax (414) 271-8884 • Web: www.nrca.com
2. Enclose a non-refundable deposit/registration fee of \$140 per person, per program, payable to NRCSA (\$40 registration fee & \$100 program deposit applied towards the program costs).
3. Register early. Add \$40 per person late enrollment fee if paying in full within 40 days of departure. Within 20 days, payments by certified check.
4. Credit Cards may be used for deposits (see "H" below). NRCSA street address for overnight deliveries is 207 East Buffalo Street, Suite 610, Milwaukee, WI 53202 USA. You are welcome to photocopy this form. Please send separate form for each school if taking multiple programs.

A. Name(s) _____ Sex _____ Birthdate _____ Citizenship _____
Please print
 _____ Employer _____ Occupation _____
If student, school attending and year

Street: _____ Tel. Home: _____
Street address (not P.O. Box) where someone can sign for documents sent to you.

City/State/Zip: _____ Tel. Work: _____
 Fax: _____
 E-mail: _____

In Emergency, notify: _____
(Name, Address, Phone)

B. BACKGROUND: _____
Describe your background in the course you're taking abroad. Check your ability level: Beginner Post Beginner
 Intermediate Advanced

C. LODGING: _____
Schools will try (cannot guarantee) to meet them. Special Diet (may be available) at additional cost.

D. GOALS: _____

E. INSURANCE: Includes prepaid study dates. To extend coverage up to 30 days before/after study dates, add \$5/day or \$19/week and advise dates.

- Check Preferences.**
 Single Share Twin Other: _____
 Yes Smoking No Smoking Either
 Yes Pets No Pets Either
 Yes Children No Children Either
- PREFER:** Homestay Involvement Freedom to Come/Go
ARE YOU? Quiet Outgoing Frequent Traveler
OBJECTIVES: Enrichment Academic Credit Job Related
HOBBIES: Reading Music Cooking Jogging Sports

F. PROGRAM INFORMATION	School/Center
Program Name (use title from Dates & Fees)	City/Country
Date: Start Program	Date: Start Lodging (most start day before)
No. of hours day/week	No. of weeks attending
Disabilities/Allergies/Health Problems	2nd Choice Program
How did you learn about NRCSA?	Social Security Number
Options (see program for choices)	
Your Signature (if you are under age 18, both parents must also sign)	

INSURANCE INCLUDED for PRE-PAID STUDY DATES

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H. CREDIT CARDS:

For program deposit only (**not final payment**) check:
 VISA Mastercard American Express Amount Charged \$ _____

_____ / _____
Card Number (13 or more numbers) Exp Date

SIGNATURE (as on card) PRINT name (as on card)

CHANGE FEES of at least \$35 apply for each change you make. Some "changes" may result in cancellation fees.

CANCELLATIONS are effective the day received in writing by NRCSA in Milwaukee. All payments less \$140 per program fully refundable up to 60 days prior to departure. For cancellations within 60 days of departure, \$250 per person is not refundable; within 40 days of departure, less 50% of program cost or \$300 per person (whichever is greater); within 14 days of departure, 100% of program cost is non refundable. Airline cancellation penalties, if any, are in addition to those outlined above. Cancellation penalties are per person, per program. Medical, baggage (above that included) and cancellation insurance is strongly recommended. Attach a note if you have a medical condition or Rx which the school/center should know about.

CONDITIONS: Each institution listed herein is independent of the National Registration Center for Study Abroad (hereinafter referred to as NRCSA, controls, and will periodically make changes in the program. Classes may fill, be changed, or dropped by the sponsoring academic institutions. NRCSA is a division of Mibar Ltd. and is not responsible for these changes or other actions beyond its control such as strikes, postal delays or loss, mechanical breakdowns, weather, government actions, delay or acts/omissions of suppliers. NRCSA may make changes or substitutions or cancel any program. In the event of entire program cancellation by NRCSA, liability is limited to refunding all monies paid to NRCSA for said program. Passengers electing not to use portions of a program shall not be entitled to a refund. No agent or representative of NRCSA shall have the right to alter the provisions listed herein. Costs based on tariffs and exchange rates effective the date of printing of this material, and are subject to change. Additional costs resulting from such change will be paid by the participant. Registrations are valid when accepted by NRCSA in Milwaukee. The passage contract used by the airline, when issued, is the sole agreement between it and you. Photographs of or statements by participants may be used by NRCSA. NRCSA, group leaders or foreign coordinators, at their discretion, may get medical assistance for participants, or place them in a hospital, or fly them back to the U.S. for medical treatment. All costs related to medical treatment or evacuation will be paid by the participant. As visitors you are expected to adhere to foreign rules and customs. If the foreign staff feels you are not adhering to these rules and customs, your participation in the program shall terminate immediately without refund whatsoever. A "homestay" is defined as living with a local person(s) in the foreign country and may not be multi generational, multinational, etc. It is the responsibility of the participant to have required proof of citizenship and visa(s) if applicable - check with the consulate of the country(s) you will be visiting.

INFORMATION USE: Information provided to NRCSA will be shared with participating organizations to facilitate your registration.

NOTE: Classes canceled in honor of local holidays are not made up. Foreign Language schools use placement tests. If there is no group at your level, smaller group or tutor classes may be substituted with fewer hours per week. Classes are conducted entirely in the target language. See **Fast Facts Guide** for more information.