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## CUERNAVACA UNIVERSAL - CUERNAVACA, MEXICO

### ABOUT THE CITY

Universal Center for Language and Social Communication was founded in 1983 by a group of experienced language teachers seeking an innovative way to teach Spanish in a cultural and social context. Since its inception, Universal has developed highly intensive Spanish programs based on solid grammatical principles.

Universal's purpose is to provide intensive individual language instruction to students from all walks of life. A walk through the school on any given day will find students and teachers interacting together on the patio or grounds and in the classrooms. The extensive facilities at the language school include twenty different classrooms, a small library with books in English and Spanish, a cafeteria, serving light breakfast foods and rich Mexican delights, a clean swimming pool, extensive tropical gardens, a ping-pong table, and volleyball and racquetball courts.

Universal is located in the city of **Cuernavaca**, better known as "The City of Eternal Spring." Cuernavaca, the capital of the state of Morelos, stretches across a beautiful green valley and, at about 4,950 feet above sea level, enjoys a lovely average year-round temperature of 70 to 80 degrees. The state is also known for being the birthplace of Emiliano Zapata, beloved hero of the Mexican Revolution. Today in Morelos, one still encounters the progressive spirit that he inspired here, making the city a center that hosts a myriad of activists, writers, musicians, and a growing environmental movement.

### ABOUT THE PROGRAM

#### Group Programs

Universal's varied programs allow each student to take exactly what they need as they progress in learning the language. Group classes are offered for 3 or 5 hours per day Monday thru Friday. The class is presented with a balance of grammar drill, simulation, correction and conversation. Exercises for the grammar drill come from the school's own textbook (available for purchase) and additional supplementary materials developed by the staff. The teacher draws the students into simulated situations of buying, selling, ordering, giving directions. Classes are held both indoors and on the terrace.

#### Special Vocabulary Program

Universal also offers a Special Vocabulary Program for students who want to develop fluency in special terms or phrases, or for someone who may have a limited amount of time to study the language. The course entails 5 hours per day of Group combined with 1 hour per day Tutorial instruction. For those who need to study Special Vocabulary, the school requests a short list of terms, phrases, etc. that the student would like covered in class. In addition to intensive grammatical study, students learn the practical vocabulary that they need within their professions. Role-playing, specialized professional texts, and other pertinent

exercises maximize the student's technical fluency. The course is designed for, but not exclusive to, professionals in the fields of business, diplomacy, law, medicine, religion, and social work.

To complement the language courses, Universal also offers a series of optional lectures, seminars and excursions. The series of lectures in particular allow the student to improve comprehension of more formal Spanish, while providing concise introductions to key aspects of Mexican culture. These lectures are given by the Universal professors or by guest lecturers who are specialists in the field. Also offered are a weekly Mexican song session and periodic cooking class. Conversational exchanges with Mexican students learning English as a second language can also be requested.

#### Children's Programs

Universal can accommodate children who are traveling with their parents. The school offers two alternatives:

For children ages 0-5, daycare is provided within the homestay, including 3 meals daily. Host families with children around the same age can be requested.

For children ages 6 and over, Universal offers Spanish language classes at the same cost and schedule as the parent.

#### ACCOMMODATIONS

Universal arranges the student's request, for private or shared rooms with Mexican families in and around Cuernavaca upon arrival. Meals are included if a student elects the homestay option.

Students who prefer not to live with a Mexican family can receive further information on hotels from Universal, but should expect to make their own reservations and arrangements.

#### SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

Each weekend, Universal offers day excursions to nearby places of historical, archaeological or recreational interest. These trips will take place either on Saturday or Sunday and students must sign up beforehand in order to reserve a space. There is an additional cost for these excursions.

#### 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.

**Check out our website at [www.nrcsa.com](http://www.nrcsa.com) or e-mail us at [study@nrcsa.com](mailto:study@nrcsa.com)**

# Program & Admission Information - Cuernavaca, Mexico

## The Programs

Each program is 15 to 25 hours per week, and has several variations to allow each student to take the program best matching their needs. Group classes are offered for 3 or 5 hours per day, Monday through Friday. Classes are well balanced between grammar drills, simulation, correction, and conversation. Exercises for the grammar drill come from the Center's own textbook (available for purchase), and is supplemented by the teaching staff. To give students experience in real life situations, teachers will conduct role playing exercises focusing on: buying, selling, ordering, and giving directions. Classes are held both indoors and on the terrace.



## Lectures & Seminars

Also offered are a weekly Mexican song session and periodic cooking class. Conversational exchanges with Mexican students learning English as a second language can also be requested.

## Tutor Program

Twenty hours per week. This program is designed for those students who want maximum language learning and/ or have special special vocabulary needs or special interests. The program consists of 3 hours of Spanish language study per day with a tutor one-on-one. This program can also be designed for two-on-one study to accommodate two students at the same language level, at additional cost.

## Special Vocabulary Program

Special Vocabulary Program is available for students who want to develop fluency in special terms or phrases, or for individuals who may have a limited amount of time to study the language. The course entails 5 hours per day of Group combined with 1 hour per day Tutorial instruction. For those who need to study Special Vocabulary, the school requests a short list of terms, phrases, etc. that the student would like covered in class. In addition to intensive grammatical study, students learn the practical vocabulary that they need within their professions. Role-playing, specialized professional texts, and other pertinent exercises maximize the student's technical fluency. The course is designed for, but not exclusive to, professionals in the fields of business, diplomacy, law, medicine, religion, and social work. This course usually fills well in advance during the summer and in January, so early registration is suggested.



## Children Programs

The school can accommodate children who are traveling with their parents. The school offers two alternatives:

- ⇒ For children ages 0-5, daycare is provided within the homestay, including 3 meals daily. Host families with children around the same age can be requested.
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## Programs

Group - Regular Spanish

Group - Advanced Spanish

Lectures & Seminars

Tutor Programs

Special Vocabulary

Children's Programs

## Activities

Excursions

Sports

## Comments

*"I enjoyed the entire experience but probably what I enjoyed most was meeting all of the wonderful people we met. All the teachers, fellow students, families, and just people we met on the street were the greatest."*

Housewife, Twin Cities, WI

*"I have a better understanding of the grammar and using of Spanish and my understanding of the Mexican people and culture has been enhanced."*

University Student,  
Salinas, CA

*"The school itself was excellent, but the opportunity to live with a family was the high point of the experience."*

Business Person, Key West,  
FL

*"I thoroughly enjoyed the challenge of living in a different culture and learning to understand it. The information provided by NRCSA was very detailed and helpful, services are very good."*

Undergraduate Student,  
Sherwood, AR

## Special Activities

### Excursions

Each weekend, excursions are available to nearby places of historical, archaeological or recreational interest. These trips will take place either on Saturday or Sunday and students must sign up beforehand in order to reserve a space. There is an additional cost for each of these excursions.



### Sports

A downtown gymnasium, as well as golf and tennis facilities are available in Cuernavaca for visitor use at additional cost.



## 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](#).

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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

<b>F. PROGRAM INFORMATION</b>	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)	
<b>Your Signature</b> (if you are under age 18, both parents must also sign)	

**INSURANCE INCLUDED for PRE-PAID STUDY DATES**

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For More Info: <http://www.nrca.com/INS24hrHotline.html>

**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.