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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.

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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.

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