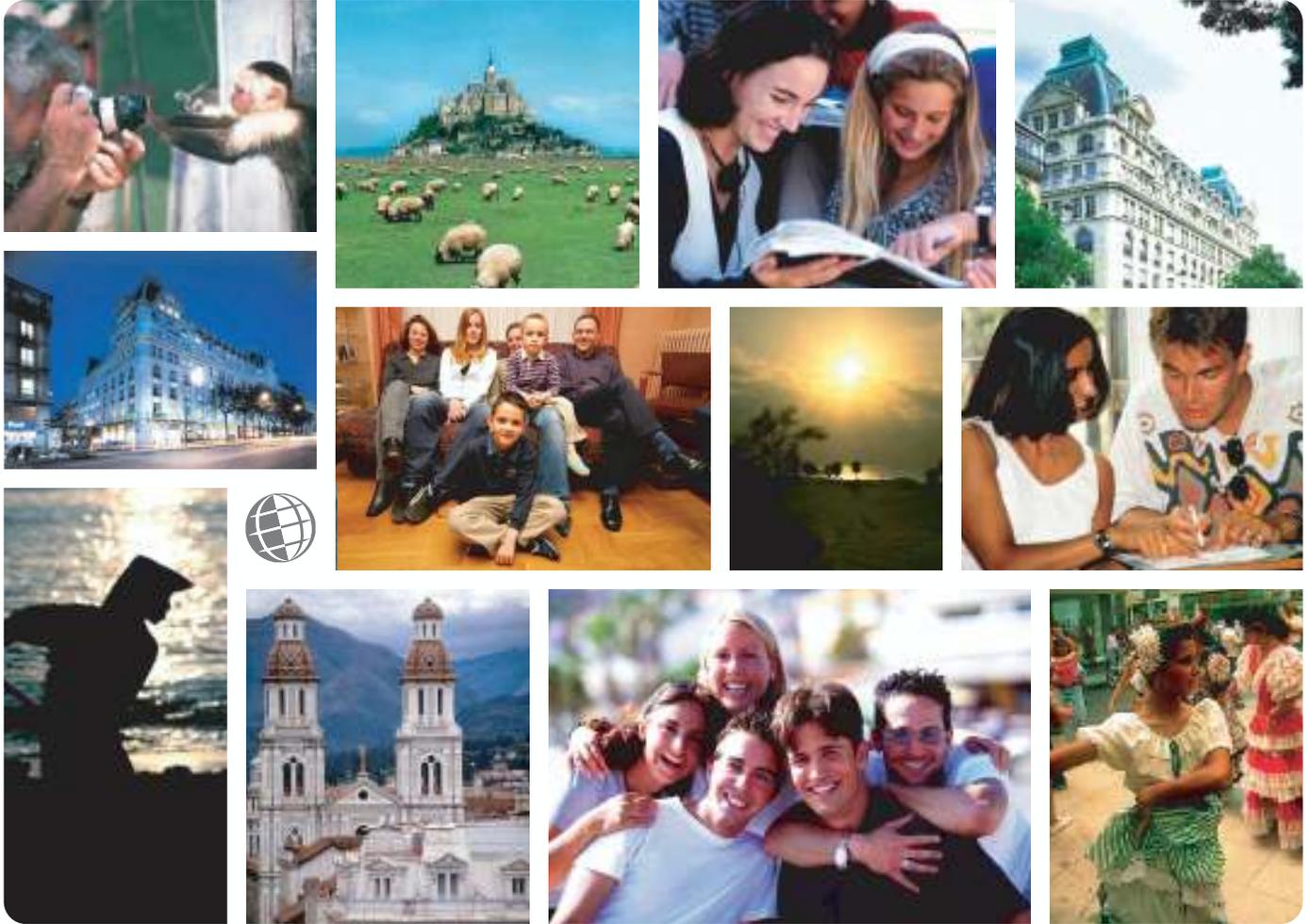


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INTERNATIONAL STUDIES CENTER – CUERNAVACA, MEXICO

ABOUT THE SCHOOL AND THE CITY

Classes are held in the bustling, semitropical city of Cuernavaca, just 90 minutes south of Mexico City. The programs are well organized, and are designed to enable students to communicate in Spanish as quickly as possible. Additionally, the programs have a strong cultural component helping students to understand the Latin American Culture. This in turn enables them to understand the cultural nuances of the language. Students also enjoy the activities and excursions included in the program, including extensive field study excursions to sites of archaeological and historical interest in Mexico.

Cuernavaca, also known as "the land of eternal spring," is a colonial city located about 50 miles south of Mexico City, at an altitude of 1,542 meters (5,280 feet) above sea level. The institute situated in a large villa surrounded by tropical gardens. In addition to classrooms and administrative offices, the school contains a library, video room, and a swimming pool. Though the school is located on a quiet street, it is within three blocks of a post office, a bank, restaurants, a bakery, several grocery stores, pharmacies, a small hotel, and a stationary store, and it is near many other educational and recreational facilities. When students depart each day, they remain surrounded by the Spanish language.

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The programs follow a well balanced model with an emphasis on speaking, listening, reading, and writing. There is an emphasis on oral competency, and teachers have been trained using the Oral Proficiency Guidelines of the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL). All teachers are native speakers of Spanish, and have had extensive training in teaching Spanish as a second language to adult learners. Students at the beginning levels of Spanish will find themselves delightfully challenged by the program. Students at more advanced levels will also find the program to be equally engaging.

Group, 20 hrs/wk This program places a heavy emphasis on speaking Spanish and developing conversational skills. Classes are held daily, Monday through Friday, for 4 hours, and there are 4 additional hours of special needs sessions weekly.

Students are placed in classes according to their speaking proficiency in Spanish, and their language learning ability. Class groupings are refined, and change from time to time as students progress through the different levels. Group classes have 3-5 students per class allowing ample individual attention.

Group, 30 hrs/wk The program is designed for motivated people who want to learn the language and culture in an intensive manner. It consists of approximately 7 hours of daily group Spanish instruction, conversational practice and Latin American Studies, Monday through Friday. As in the Group 20 hrs/wk program, the number of students per group never exceeds 5, with an average of 3 students per class.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Homestays The family stay is an integral part of the program, not only for the hospitality students enjoy, but as an additional way to experience the culture of Mesoamerica. Families are carefully selected and supervised. All homes are within easy walking (or public transportation) distance of the Center. The family housing program includes 3 meals per day.

Hotels Moderately priced hotels are also available in Cuernavaca and should be requested well in advance of your intended study dates.

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

Excursions Field trips enable students to enliven the facts and theories which they explore through their courses, readings and discussions at school. Each weekend field study trips are sponsored to places of historic and cultural interest.

Areas around Mexico City, such as the Pyramids of the Sun and the Moon at Teotihuacan, the Museum of Anthropology, the Templo Mayor in the center of the Valley of Mexico, and the Folkloric Ballet presented at Palace of Fine Arts are frequent destinations. Field trips in the Cuernavaca area are conducted weekly, and all excursions are led by subject-matter experts. Excursion fees are at additional cost.

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Program & Admission Information - Cuernavaca, Mexico

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Mexico and Mesoamerica. These Latin American studies classes are held for two or three hours per day, and are designed to compliment the students language classes. Topics include "Current Events in Mexico," "Mexico in the Twentieth Century," "Folk medicine and Traditional Healing," "Literature of the Revolution," and "Mesoamerican Religion." Additional supplementary workshops and topics on professional interests and specialized vocabulary can be included upon request.

Many "out of the classroom exercises" are included in the weekly program, and teachers frequently escort the students to nearby locations (the post office, the grocery store, a restaurant, etc.). The purpose of the teacher escorts is to help students build their vocabulary, learn situation-appropriate behaviors, and learn cultural language nuances. Classes emphasis the development of communicative skills, with stress placed on developing speaking and listening skills. Grammar exercises are embedded into the course to further develop these skills.

The Reading and Resources Room has a large collection of books, journals, and periodicals in both English and Spanish. Students are encouraged to coordinate a program of research along with their study of the Spanish language, and the members of the administration work closely with interested students to assist them in making valuable personal contacts in Mexico to further assist them in their research endeavors.

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Day - At - A - Glance

- 09:00 - 13:00, M-F Spanish classes
- 13:00 - 14:00, T & Th Conversation Assistance
- 13:00 - 19:00, M-Sa Use of Pool and facilities
- 16:00 - 17:15, M-Th Latin American Studies
- 18:00 - 19:00, Wed Conversation Exchange (upon request)

* Day-At-A-Glance is a sample day and will vary depending on enrollment, time of year, lodging, etc. It is designed to show content rather than precise scheduling

Programs
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Group, 30 hrs/wk

Admissions &
Academic Credit

Activities
Excursions

Comments

"I stayed with a landlady who was a marvelous woman, very warm and kind, and a great cook to boot. The teachers were very good to excellent. The administrators are plenty friendly. I enjoyed tremendously the people I met."

Engineer, Mountain View, CA

"Very fine. Bilingual physicians are needed more and more. One of the best experiences. I've recommended it to others."

Physician, Roanoke, VA

"I enjoyed the total culture and educational experience. My ability to speak Spanish has been greatly improved."

Student, Los Angeles, CA

"High quality professors, organized school schedule. On the whole competent staff/administration."

Teacher, San Francisco, CA

Admissions & Academic Credit

Students age 17 years and older are welcomed regardless of educational background, occupation or nationality. Students under the age of 17 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.

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