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Originally founded in 1792, University Guadalajara is among the largest institutions of higher learning in Mexico. The Foreign Student Studies Center (CEPE), part of the University, was established in 1948 to offer foreign students the opportunity to learn Spanish as well as acquire knowledge of Mexican and Latin American culture.

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The Foreign Student Studies Center has two primary goals:
1) To help the non-Spanish speaking student learn enough linguistic skills to communicate in Spanish in real-life settings.
2) To offer "cultural" courses in social and humanities areas to students interested in learning more about the Latin American reality. These courses are taught by teachers holding advanced academic degrees of the University.

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ABOUT THE PROGRAM
Learning is based on the Communicative Approach, without losing sight of the need for grammatical accuracy. Spanish language courses are taught in Spanish and are designed to help students acquire fluency and sufficient communicative skills to cope with any situation that they are likely to encounter. The group sizes are no bigger than 15 students. The Center operates ten levels of Spanish instruction, which are in turn divided into three areas: Spanish for Beginners: Levels 1, 2, 3 and 4; Intermediate Spanish: Levels 5, 6, 7 and 8; Advanced Spanish: Levels 9 and 10. Each five week session lasts for 100 hours. The school has morning and afternoon classes, from Monday through Friday.

Spanish Term The Spanish Term at the Center consists of 4 hours a day of intensive Spanish and students can enroll in the Short Course, Quarter or Semester programs. Those with an advanced level of the language will receive 2 hours a day of Spanish and one Content Course.

Cultural Workshops Apart from its academic program, the Center offers the opportunity to participate actively in Mexican culture through creative workshops. They take place twice a week and require a minimum group size. These workshops are available at additional cost. Workshops include * Pottery * Mexican songs and guitar accompaniment * Folk dancing * Contemporary Latin dancing * Mexican cookery.

Supplementary Spanish Courses These courses are available at additional cost * Advanced Grammar I and II * Grammar for Bilingual Students I and II * Conversation I Levels 3 and 4; II Levels 5, 6 and 7; III Levels 8, 9 and 10 * Written Spanish I * Written Spanish II.

Content Courses These courses are available for those who demonstrate ability to understand spoken Spanish to an advanced level (levels 7 and up) and are at additional cost. The courses vary according to the time of year students are attending classes. Some of the courses available are the following: * Contemporary Mexican Literature * Latin American Literature * Hispanic American Literature * General History of Mexico I.

Regular Courses at the Campus Foreign students may enroll through the Center to attend courses at the Humanities and Social Sciences and at the Economic and Administrative Sciences University Campuses for a minimum of one full semester and a maximum of two semesters.

ACCOMMODATIONS
Homestay The Center has about 250 family homes available offering accommodation to students who wish to develop their language study through total immersion. These offer single or shared rooms and three meals a day. University Guest House is available on request.

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES
The Foreign Student Studies Center offers one day and weekend excursions to their students at additional cost. Examples of one day excursions are trips to Tlaquepaque and Tequila Chapala.

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- **Spanish for Beginners**: Levels 1, 2, 3 and 4. The program for beginners focuses primarily on verbal expression, vocabulary expansion and listening skills. This approach is supplemented by work on reading texts for information, writing and basic grammar. Beginners can also enroll in supplementary courses Conversation I and Mexican Culture, the latter being the only content course taught in English.

- **Intermediate Spanish**: Levels 5, 6, 7 and 8. The focus in these programs is on developing the grammatical competence needed to maintain both informal conversation and more formal communication, as well as developing sufficient vocabulary for reading and writing purposes. Students who on placement testing demonstrate sufficient competence to study at Level 7 and beyond may also enroll in a variety of supplementary content courses.

- **Advanced Spanish**: Levels 9 and 10. Advanced classes concentrate on total mastery of the language, including reading excerpts from literature, the writing of essays and enhancement of oral expression. Advanced students can enroll in any supplementary or content courses, according to their needs.

**Spanish Term** The Spanish Term at the Center consists of 4 hours a day of intensive Spanish and students can enroll in the Short Course, Quarter or Semester programs. Those with an advanced level of the language will receive 2 hours a day of Spanish and one Content Course.

The Spanish Short Course is 5 weeks in duration, 20 or 30 hours per week of Spanish, with 10 to 15 students per class per level.

The Spanish Quarter is 10 weeks in duration, 20 hours per week of Spanish, with 10 to 15 students per class per level

The Spanish Semester is 15 weeks in duration, 20 hours per week of Spanish, with 10 to 15 students per class per level.

**Cultural Workshops** Apart from its academic program, the Center offers the opportunity to participate actively in Mexican culture through creative workshops. They take place twice a week and require a minimum group size of five, except for pottery, which needs 10 students minimum. These workshops are available at additional cost.
• Pottery: Hands-on work with clay for the creation of necklaces, rattles, masks and jugs.
• Mexican Songs and Guitar Accompaniment: The opportunity to learn and sing the most popular songs and ballads in Mexico.
• Folk dancing: Learn the most important traditional dances that date from colonial times.
• Contemporary Latin dancing: Learn to dance popular contemporary rhythms such as the cumbia, salsa, merengue and cha cha cha.
• Mexican cookery: Learn to combine colors and tastes to produce authentic regional Mexican dishes.

**Supplementary Spanish Courses** These courses are available at additional cost:

* Advanced Grammar I and II
This is a course that concentrates on grammar. It reviews all the grammar that students should know up to this level and goes deeper into the analysis of the finer points of grammar. Level 11 and above.

* Grammar for Bilingual Students I and II
The purpose of this course is to enable the student to acquire grammatical terminology and knowledge of how the language functions. These students may have acquired the language in a natural setting, but lack formal analysis of it. This is what this program aims to provide.

* Conversation I Levels 3 and 4; II Levels 5, 6 and 7; III Levels 8, 9 and 10
The purpose of these courses is to develop students’ ability in both oral and listening skills, as well as expanding their vocabulary. Such studies can help them enhance their daily communication skills, and develop a greater cultural and communicative competence.

* Written Spanish I
This program takes the form of a workshop and is adapted to the needs of the students. Entry level requires an advanced knowledge of Spanish grammar. The purpose of the program is to enable students to achieve a high level of written expression in Spanish, which in turn may assist them in communicating better in the language. Levels 7 to 10 are eligible for this program.

* Written Spanish II
In this course, the students develop their capacity to write in Spanish. Theory is linked to practice in the process of creating with words. Level 11 and above.

* Writing for Bilingual Students I and II
The purpose of this course is to allow the student to perfect his/her written Spanish, with emphasis on spelling, expression and style, so as to achieve a better command of the language for communication purposes.

**Content Courses** These courses are available for those who demonstrate ability to understand spoken Spanish to an advanced level (levels 7 and up) and are available at additional cost. The courses vary according to the time of year students are attending classes. A group can be started according to demand if there is a minimum of five students. Some of the courses available are the following:

* Contemporary Mexican Literature
This course first considers modern works such as Yañez' "Al filo del agua" and "Pedro Paramo" by Rulfo, and then looks at outstanding authors of the present day such as Laura Esquivel and her novel, "Like Water for Chocolate".

* Latin American Literature
The course covers the most representative writers, such as Benedetti, Guimaraes, Jorge de Lima, Cardenal, Lezama and writers who have made outstanding contributions to literature.

* Hispanic American Literature:
This covers the most distinguished modern writers, such as Garcia Marquez, Vargas Llosa, Borges, Guillen and many other classic writers.

* General History of Mexico I (Up to 1872)
This course will give a general history of prehispanic and colonial Mexico, as well as Mexico after independence, seen from the point of view of history, society, economics and politics.

* General History of Mexico II (Contemporary)
This course will look at Mexico from the age of Porfirio Diaz (1872-1911), focusing on the principal changes in the country's economic, political and social structure during the twentieth century.

* History of Relations Between Mexico and the United States
This course traces the history of Mexico and the United States, observing over time not only the changing relationship, but also the need of both nations to maintain mutual respect, despite the considerable commercial, political, territorial and social problems that have arisen since 1825.

* Economic and Political History of Mexico (1880-1994)
This course aims to give the student a global view of Mexico's recent economic and political history.

* Economic and Political History of Latin America:
The evolution of Latin American states is traced from the period of independence to the present day. Focus is given to the development of an inter-American system and the most significant events, political, economic, social and cultural, that have determined international relations.

* The Mexican Political System
The historic development of the political system is analyzed against the changing background of the country's social and economic structure, with emphasis on the current transition towards democracy, as well as the role played by forces that influence this change of political regime.

* Mexico and International Trade
This course gives students insights into the risks and opportunities afforded to Mexico by the opening up of international markets. It reviews the history of commerce in Mexico and looks at the implications for the current commercial scene.

* International Trade
The content of this course is the significance of foreign trade, basic exports and imports, and models for international negotiation. It affords the student a glimpse of trans-cultural cooperation and mutual understanding.

* Mexican Culture
The student is given a historical tour from prehispanic times to the present day, with focus on significant examples of Mexican culture, including its traditions, art, architecture, music and folklore.

* History of Mexican Art
A historical tour of Mexican art from prehispanic times, through the colonial period, the nineteenth century, muralism and the principle artistic trends of the twentieth century.

* Mexican Civilization and Culture: The Development of the Modern Nation
Students following this course will receive a panoramic view of the various stages through which Mexican civilization has passed from indigenous cultures to the modern state.

* Prehispanic Cultures: Culture, Society and Myth
The course describes a number of prehispanic cultures and attempts to present the indigenous world-view, through an analysis of their myths.

* Mass Media in Mexico
An examination of current models of mass media in Mexico, especially radio, television and the press.

* Mexican Cinema
This course analyses the history of Mexican films against the social and political background of the country.

* Mexican Culture
This is the only course taught entirely in English. It is intended to help students gain insight into their experience of living in Mexico by focusing attention on the most relevant cultural aspects.

**Regular Courses at the Campus** Foreign students may enroll through the Center to attend courses at the Humanities and Social Sciences and at the Economic and Administrative Sciences University Campuses for a minimum of one full semester and a maximum of two semesters.

To qualify for admission students must:
1) Study at CEPE for ten weeks minimum and complete satisfactorily 200 hours of classes.
2) Take the CEPE placement test and qualify for an advanced level of Spanish.
3) Be enrolled in a University program at the home institution

A letter of certification will be issued at the end of each semester. To accredit these courses, authorization from the home institution must be required in advance.

Here are some of the majors offered at the University Campuses:

* Sociology
* Law
* Philosophy
* Hispanic Literature
* History
* Business Administration
* Labor Relations
* Economics
* Tourism

Day - At - A - Glance

08:30 - 10:30, M-F Spanish or Elective
11:00 - 13:00, M-F Spanish or Elective
13:00 - 14:30, M, W Workshop
17:00 - 18:00, T, Th Conversation Club

* 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

Admissions & Academic Credit

University of Guadalajara Foreign Student Studies Center welcomes students age 18 years and older regardless of educational background, occupation or nationality. No previous knowledge of Spanish is required except where otherwise indicated. Please take 4 photos (1 1/2" x 2") with your to give to the school on the first day.

Students desiring credit for their study at UG 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.
MANY ALSO OFFER:

- 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: education liaison service, independent studies, research assistance
- 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.

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

* 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@nrcsa.com ... Web: http://www.nrcsa.com

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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 __________________________

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.

F. PROGRAM INFORMATION

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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)

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 30% 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 Mihra 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 whatever. 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 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.

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 $________

Signature: ___________________________ Exp Date: ___________________________

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