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# National Registration Center for Study Abroad (NRCSA)

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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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# 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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