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ESCUELA DE ESPAÑOL UG – PUERTO VALLARTA, MEXICO

ABOUT THE SCHOOL AND THE CITY

Escuela de Español UG was founded in 1994 and is a branch of the University of Guadalajara, the second largest institution of higher learning in Mexico. Centrally located in the heart of downtown Puerto Vallarta between the rugged Sierra Madre mountains and the Pacific Ocean, Escuela de Español lends an opportunity to study Spanish and Mexican culture while enjoying the shores of Mexico's largest bay, the Bahía de Banderas.

Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, is a veritable paradise on the Pacific coast. Tucked into a niche in the West Sierra Madre mountain range, it can be reached in 30 minutes from Guadalajara by air or in four hours by road. It is a city of contrasts, where natural beauty blends with modern tourist development. Although it has luxury hotels and innumerable services for tourists, it is still pleasant to stroll down its cobbled streets and enjoy the charm of an old-style country town.

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.

On arrival, students are tested for both written and spoken competence. On the basis of this placement test, they are assigned to the most appropriate level for their own benefit. Groups can be opened with a minimum of three students.

The school has divided their Group program into four levels:

Level I Beginning. This level is for those students who have had no previous experience with Spanish. During this course the student will learn simple forms of communication and the three forms of conjugation in the present tense. In addition, uses of SER, ESTAR, TENER and HABER will be learned. Beginners can also enroll in Content Courses taught in English.

Level II Intermediate. The student will learn how to carry on a cordial and informative conversation with others. Upon finishing the course the student will be able to better express him/herself using present tense construction, wordy explanations in the future, past and imperfect tenses. Intermediate students may enroll in Supplementary Conversation I and Content Courses.

Level III High Intermediate. The student will be capable of expressing ideas in the formal future tense, as well as use these forms to express probability in the present and past tenses. He/she will express emotions and opinions and use phrases of courtesy. He/she will also improve their use of reciprocal and reflexive verbs. High Intermediate students may enroll in the Supplementary Conversation II course and Content Courses.

Level IV Advanced. 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.

Supplementary Spanish Language Courses at additional cost.

* **Conversation I** (For those students who have tested into Level II). In this course the student will practice basic sentences and phrases in communication. There will be preparation and presentation of themes relating to the family, the city, leisure activities, as well as others related to daily life.

* **Conversation II** (For those students who have tested into Level III). The student will develop the ability to communicate in order to participate in the daily life in Mexico and to relate to specific social situations. Furthermore, he/she will participate in activities that promote ideas, expression of opinion, discussions, expression of agreements and disagreements, and questioning or answering, with respect to themes of interest.

Content Courses-Summer Only

Courses in English or Spanish, according to group needs. Sessions last two hours per day for two weeks. At additional cost.

* **The History of Modern Mexico.** Students will attend lectures on the history of Mexico from the War of Independence, through the Revolution and on to the industrialization of the 40's and its effects on public, private and agrarian sectors.

* **Mexican Culture.** This course will afford the student an overall view of Mexican culture from an anthropological standpoint. Religion and national values will be considered.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Homestay

The school has several family homes available that offer accommodation to students for total immersion. These offer single or shared rooms and three meals a day.

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

Friendship program

This program can enable foreign students to get to know Mexican students so as to practice Spanish and participate in cultural exchange.

TO REGISTER:

Complete the NRCSA Preregistration Form or contact the National Registration Center for Study Abroad at 823 North 2nd Street, 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
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24 HOUR EMERGENCY WORLDWIDE MULTI-LINGUAL TELEPHONE ASSISTANCE

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- ✓ **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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