



# SPANISH IMMERSION PROGRAM

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Live the full Mexican experience in our innovative Spanish Immersion Program during the summer of 2019. Immerse yourself in the majestic city of Puebla. Be amazed by the colorful city of Oaxaca and the greatness of one of the largest cities in the world, Mexico City. Experience traditional Mexico by discovering the magic of Cuetzalan and the ancient cities of the Pre – Hispanic cultures. Learn Spanish while living with Mexican families and interacting with local and international students. Mexican host students will guide you through all these wonderful experiences, improving your Spanish by leaps and bounds.

Unlike the majority of Spanish immersion programs, this program ties weekly cultural trips directly into academic study. You will be able to choose from three different levels of language courses so that you will have the best opportunity to practice your Spanish. Classes are based on written and spoken texts addressing a variety of themes that will allow students to approach Mexican culture with ease and experience it to the fullest.

Spanish courses are based on the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) content and proficiency standards. The content standards are the 5 C's: Communication, Cultures, Connections, Comparisons, and Communities. These standards determine what students can do with language. The proficiency guidelines determine how well students demonstrate communicative competency using linguistic skills in three modes of communication: interpretative, interpersonal, and representative. Methodology Course methodology mixes research from Content-Based Instruction (CBI), Styles and Strategies-Based Instruction (SSBI), and constructivist approaches to language learning.

Language tasks are designed to facilitate language acquisition in a meaningful way through problem – solving and projects that promote interaction and the negotiation of meaning in and out of the classroom.

## **Levels:**

- Basic
- Intermediate
- Advance

## **The full Mexican experience**

Mexico is a large country with a variety of colors and favors expressed in rich and diverse culture that never ceases to impress visitors to the country. This program makes you feel, see and taste Mexico ´s deep diversity. This is what we call the full Mexican experience.

Experience colonial Mexico in Puebla while taking classes during the week, visiting cultural sites, and enjoying cultural workshops and integration activities in the afternoon.

Savor the culinary experience with the tasty flavors of Mexican cuisine in the colorful city of Oaxaca. Discover the ancient traditions of pre-Hispanic Mexico in the one of the most well preserved pueblos magicos in the country, Cuetzalan. See how the dancers express their admiration to the Gods with their aerial performances. Explore the caves in the hills and valleys around the town and mingle with the locals in the unique fairs and festivals while they communicate in Mexico's original language, Nahuatl. Wrap up the full Mexican experience by immersing yourself in Mexico City, where the program culminates in to a grand finale of cultural tradition and sophistication.

## Housing with Mexican Families

Since the immersion process is a main component of the program, home-stay with Mexican families is your best bet. Mexican families are a great support for stablishing the routine of daily life in the country. Plus, the families provide opportunities for you to achieve your language learning goals and insight into cultural understandings. Host families are located in the surrounding neighborhoods of the university. Public transportation will not take more than 30 minutes to arrive to the university and is a great option for exploring other parts of the city. Your host family will show you how to take public transportation to UPAEP during the first three days of the programs so you will feel comfortable while navigating in your new environment.

### Services include

- Single room with bed linens
  - Study table
- Shared or individual bathroom (depending on the host family)
- Three meals per day included from Monday to Friday
- Breakfast, lunch, and dinner on weekends with host families.

## Workshops

The Spanish Immersion Program offers two workshops focusing on Latin dance and Mexican cuisine as a fun way to practice and develop Spanish skills and experience the culture.





# WHY MEXICO? WHY PUEBLA?

Mexico is the largest Spanish speaking country and emerging economy in the world. Furthermore, Puebla is a college city located in the central part of the country with a very understandable and accessible dialect for any Spanish speaker and even the non – native ear. Puebla is also one of the safest cities in Mexico with great standards of living. Plus, Mexican people are extremely hospitable, jumping through hoops to make their guests feel welcome. They also show great patience and understanding towards people learning their language

## INTRODUCING PUEBLA

The city of Puebla is located 70 miles southeast of Mexico City, about a two – hour drive from the international airport. Puebla is graced with beautiful weather that averages 77° F year – round. The city has a population of roughly 2 million inhabitants with a metropolitan area of approximately 2.6 million

Friar Toribio de Benavente (better known as Motolini) founded Puebla in 1531 on the slopes of the Popocatepetl and Iztacchiuatl volcanoes, between Veracruz and Mexico City. These epic volcanoes give the city a beautiful and unique landscape that no other Mexican city boasts.

According to Mexican legend, angels laid Puebla's foundation by carefully placing ropes on the city's terrain to outline where the city's main streets and buildings were to be constructed. For this reason, the city is known as Puebla de Los Angeles. Puebla, the fourth largest city in Mexico, is one of the most important and beautiful colonial cities in the country. Its historic downtown impeccably preserves its baroque architecture in its cathedrals, residences, and public buildings, many of which are classified as an UNESCO World Heritage Site. Of all the colonial buildings, the most impressive is the main cathedral. It is said to be the largest in Latin America and is famous for its stunning elegance and beauty. Another popular religious site and an excellent representation of Mexican Baroque is the Rosario Chapel, an elegant chapel covered in gold gilding and known for its finesse. Puebla continues to grow towards a supreme city fostering the perfect blend of culture, nature, tradition, and modernity.

## ¿WHAT MY PAYMENT INCLUDES?

### 5 Weeks Program

- 42 – hours of Spanish courses including books and materials
  - Homestay with local families.
- Latin dance & Mexican Cuisine Workshops
- Three meals per day during weekdays and three meals per day during family weekends.
- Access to museums and/or historical sites with student ID.
  - Access to the library, computer lab, cafeteria, and wireless internet inside the university campus.
  - Land transportation from Mexico City (MEX) international airport to Puebla will be provided on May 26th.
  - Land transportation to the Mexico City (MEX) international airport will be provided on July 1st.
    - Farewell Breakfast
    - Final Reflection Session
    - Guided walking tour from Cholula
    - Guided tour from downtown (Historic District) Puebla
- Academic companionship and support during the whole program.



<b>CULTURAL TRIPS</b>			
<b>Services Included</b>	<b>Cuetzalan</b>	<b>Mexico City</b>	<b>Oaxaca</b>
<b>Duration of the trip</b>	2 Days	3 Days	3 Days
<b>Accommodations</b>			
<b>Transportation</b>			
<b>Breakfast</b>			
<b>Lunch</b>			
<b>Guides</b>			
<b>Admission to Cultural Sites</b>			

### **Tuition Fees Prices**

Five (5) Weeks Program

*May 26th – June 30th 2019*

**\$3190.00 USD**

### **Registration**

Please contact [octavio.gonzalez01@upaep.mx](mailto:octavio.gonzalez01@upaep.mx) in order to receive registration forms and payment options

### **Payment Options**

Payments must be sent via bank transfer. Information regarding how to complete this process will be provided with the enrollment forms.

### **For More Information**

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### **Cancelations**

Refunds will be made within 30 days after notification via bank transfer of the cancellation. Once the required banking information is received, the cost of the transaction will be subtracted from the payment

- I. Refunds will not apply in the case of late arrival.
- II. Cancellations made before the arrival date will only be accepted in written form (letter, e-mail or fax).
- III. Cancellations made within 3 weeks of the arrival date are subject to a \$750.00 USD cancellation fee.
- IV. Cancellations made before 3 weeks of the arrival date will not be subject to a cancellation fee.

# SCHEDULE

## WEEK 1

May 26

Airport Pick Up

Introduction to your Host Family

May 27 to June 1

**Monday** - Orientation Session & Welcome Party

Spanish Classes

Photos for ID

**Tuesday to Friday** - Spanish Classes

**Tuesday:** Latino Dance Classes

**Wednesday:** Mexican Cuisine Workshop

**Friday:** Puebla's Downtown Tour

**Saturday:** Cholula's Tour

## WEEK 2

June 3 to June 9

**Monday to Friday:** Spanish Classes

**Tuesday:** Latino Dance Classes

**Wednesday:** Mexican Cuisine Workshop

**Saturday & Sunday:** Trip to Cuetzalan

## WEEK 3

June 10 to June 16

**Monday to Thursday:** Spanish Classes

**Tuesday:** Latino Dance Classes

**Wednesday:** Mexican Cuisine Workshop

**Friday to Sunday:** Trip to Mexico City / Teotihuacan and Coyoacan

## WEEK 4

June 17 to June 23

**Monday to Thursday:** Spanish Classes

**Tuesday:** Latino Dance Classes

**Wednesday:** Mexican Cuisine Workshop

**Friday to Sunday:** Trip to Oaxaca

## WEEK 5

June 24 to June 30

**Monday to Friday:** Spanish Classes

**Tuesday:** Latino Dance Classes

**Wednesday:** Mexican Cuisine Workshop



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