



Cultural Studies, Activities and Excursions

Cultural Studies:

Language studies are supplemented with group classes, which focus on a wide variety of cultural topics, from Pre-Columbian Culture to Contemporary Mexico. Many Mexican and Latin American social, politic and economic issues are discussed routinely.

Weekend excursions to the silver-mining town of Taxco, to the sophistications of Mexico City, and to the famous Pyramids of Teotihuacan are organized on a regular basis.

Other activities such as Mexican cooking classes, folklore dance lessons, pottery, etc. are organized upon request.



Activities and Excursions:

The CLS offers a variety of activities to help bring students into direct contact with the culture surrounding them. The school organizes independent field trips to explore some of the nearby cultural and historic points of interest. In and around Cuernavaca, the student may visit the Palace of Cortes, (Cuauhnahuac Museum), Maximilan's Palace and Gardens (Jardín Borda), the Cathedral, open-air markets, side walk cafés and the Pyramids of Xochicalco.



Living Arrangements

An important part of the total immersion program is to live with a Mexican host family while studying at the CLS. Daily life with a Mexican host family provides you and opportunity to practice Spanish in a comfortable relaxed environment and to immerse yourself in the culture and traditions of the family. It is also possible to stay in a hotel, hostel or apartment, but then a valuable portion of the experience is lost.

Enrollment and Placement

Students are encouraged to arrive in Cuernavaca on or before the Friday preceding the beginning of their studies. Thus they will be able to attend our informal placement interview held at the school at 9:00 A.M. every Saturday morning. A program coordinator informally interviews each student. Students are placed in groups equal to their ability and their previous contact with the language. This ensures progress and camaraderie among classmates.



Earning Credit Through U.S. Institutions

Most Universities and institutions in the U.S. will grant academic credit for course work completed at the CLS under foreign studies. If you are interested in earning credit for your studies, please advise us and we will be glad to assist you.

Registration

Please register through our website or e-mail us requesting the Application for Admission and Accommodation Request forms.



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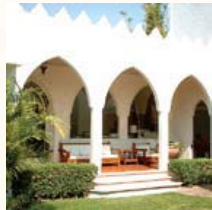


Habla Español en Cuernavaca Language School



If you want to speak Spanish correctly and fluently in a surprisingly short period of time, explore the **Cuernavaca Language School** exciting and unique program!

- *Begin classes any Monday.*
- *Total immersion at all levels.*
- *Spanish for professionals.*
- *Five students per group.*
 - *Cultural sessions.*
 - *Weekend field trips.*
- *Homestay accommodations.*



Introduction

The CLS - Cuernavaca Language School was founded by Dr. Ivan Illich as the "Centro Intercultural de Documentación", better known as CIDOC in 1960. The School is one of Mexico's oldest and most respected language institutes. Its professional instructors have extensive experience in teaching Spanish as a second language. Our teaching methods facilitate rapid improvement in Spanish language skills regardless of the student's current ability. The CLS total immersion approach is for people from all walks of life. We offer a solid education in Spanish, fun, and much more!



Where is Cuernavaca?

Cuernavaca is located about 85 km. (50 miles) south of Mexico City on the M-95 freeway. It is the capital of the State of Morelos. The metropolitan population is around 1.5 million. In spite of its size, the city retains the unique character and flavor of a smaller town. Cuernavaca is rich in history and offers a charming blend of pre-hispanic, colonial and modern Mexico.

Cuernavaca is a favorite spot of people the world over for its historical interest, its striking scenery, its colorful life, and its delightful semi-tropical climate.



Class Schedule and Holidays

All programs of study are scheduled between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 2:00 P.M., Monday through Friday throughout the year. When necessary, the school also schedules sessions later in the afternoon.

The CLS will be closed only on four national holidays throughout the year. There is no refund or reduction in fees for a holiday schedule.



Programs

Intensive Language Program

Our time-tested program takes an eclectic approach which combines both traditional and current language teaching principles. It successfully develops the four language skills, grammatical reflection and the knowledge and comprehension of the Mexican culture. It makes an approach through different perspectives: the linguistic, the thematic and the cultural. The language class size never exceeds five students and may be smaller. The program consists in four 50 minute periods of Intensive Spanish classes Monday through Friday, and cultural activities listed in the weekly school schedule.

Every member of the Instructional staff at the CLS is a native Spanish speaker who has received rigorous training in the teaching of Spanish as a foreign language from certified professionals. A number of staff members have been associated with the school since its inception. They have taught thousands of students!



Spanish Programs for Professionals

Nowadays countries and cultures are getting closer in many aspects, being the language a very important one. Spanish is growing in an accelerated way and professionals are requiring more than ever to speak it. The CLS offers special programs in different areas such as medicine, law, business, religion, social work, etc.

Individual Language Program

The CLS also offers individual private instruction for students who, with an advanced ability or a restricted schedule, desire to study at a faster pace. Also for those students desiring specialized vocabulary in particular fields.

