

GUANAJUATO

STUDY ABROAD

SUMMER PROGRAM

Guanajuato is one of México's most prominent mining cities as well as a colonial gem, tucked into the mountains at 6,700 feet. This provincial state capital is distinguished by twisting cobblestone alleyways, pastel colored houses built along old mountain roads, numerous shaded plazas, many churches, and a vast subterranean roadway where a rushing river once flowed. In the center of town is the Alhóndigas de Granaditas, an 18th century grain warehouse that was the site of one of the decisive battles of México's War of Independence from Spain. It now houses a museum. Guanajuato is also home to the Universidad de Guanajuato, one of México's most prestigious universities. Overlooking Guanajuato is El Cerro del Cubilete, a mountain that has one of the largest Cristo Rey figures in the Americas.

Guanajuato, a compact city of about 100,000 residents, offers plenty of opportunities to walk, enjoy a casual meal, and visit historical sites that date back to the 1500's. On many nights, there is also the opportunity to listen to *estudiantinas*, student minstrels who serenade the public in city plazas. In addition, Guanajuato has wonderful summer weather, typically twenty to thirty degrees cooler than Phoenix, with an occasional shower thrown in for good measure. All the more reason to go to Guanajuato!

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

1. Complete the program application located on the IE Education Abroad website at www.mc.maricopa.edu/international/studyabroad/programs.html and submit to the program director listed below.
2. If you are not a current or former MCC student, apply for MCC admission by completing a student information form online at www.mc.maricopa.edu/students/admissions/enroll or by calling phone registration at 480.461.7700 (press 1 for registration).
3. Reserve your spot by paying a \$250 non-refundable deposit toward the total cost of the program. Payments can be made to MCC Cashier Services by the following methods:
 - *by phone* with VISA/MasterCard/Discover/American Express at 480.461.7400 option 3
 - *in person* with check, cash, or VISA/MasterCard/Discover/American Express
 - *by mail* with check made payable to Mesa Community College
Attention: Cashier Services
1833 W. Southern Ave.
Mesa, AZ 85202
4. Make program fee payments according to the deadlines listed on the program website. When registration begins for the Summer Sessions, you may enroll for your courses and pay tuition by visiting www.my.maricopa or by calling phone registration at 480.461.7400 (press 1 for registration).
5. Attend mandatory program orientation(s). For date(s) and location, see website or contact the program director.

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION:

For scholarship opportunities and resources, visit www.mc.maricopa.edu/international/studyabroad/scholarships.html or your campus IE Department. Visit your campus Financial Aid Office for other funding options.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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SUMMER SESSION I



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PROGRAM OVERVIEW:

The education abroad program in Guanajuato offers students the opportunity to earn college credits while participating in a home stay program with a local Mexican family. The home stay is a strong component of the program and allows students to take part in everyday cultural life, learn first hand about the culture, develop critical intercultural skills, and improve their Spanish!

The available course options are designed to incorporate the experience of living in Guanajuato with educational goals by including activities such as visits to art galleries, museums, cemeteries, silver mines, haciendas, pyramids, volcanoes, and other archeological sites.

(Participants must be at least 18 years of age unless accompanied by a guardian. International programs may not conform to US Federal ADA guidelines for accommodations.)

EXCURSIONS:

Valuable components of the program are the excursions, one to Mexico City and one to Michoacán. Mexico City is one of the world's largest cities and is one of the oldest cities on the American continent. Students stay three nights and four days in Mexico City, including trips to the Zócalo, Plaza de las Tres Culturas, and Museo de Antropología, all topped off with a visit to the pyramids at Teotihuacán.

Michoacán is a beautiful western state. Students will travel to Uruapan, Pátzcuaro, Morelia, Tzintzuntzan, and other areas as well as visit some important archeological sites. The highlight of the trip is a climb to Parícutín, a dormant volcano.

ESTIMATED PROGRAM COST:

The estimated cost for the program can vary from year to year due to fluctuations in international markets. Visit the International Education (IE) Department Education Abroad website for current year pricing and payment deadlines at www.mc.maricopa.edu/international/studyabroad/programs.html. Not included in the price are registration fee and course tuition (6 or 7 credits). A non-refundable \$250 deposit is due upon registration.



PROGRAM INCLUDES:

- Round trip transportation from Phoenix
 - Room and board with host family for 4 weeks
 - Classroom facilities at the University of Guanajuato
 - Student medical insurance (secondary coverage)
 - Travel and accommodations for weekend excursions to Mexico City and Michoacán
- Mandatory orientations are held in the spring. See website for dates and locations.

COURSES:

(MAY VARY FROM YEAR TO YEAR)

- ART295DC: Art Workshop/Seminar: Photography
- ENH112: Chicano Literature
- HIS145: History of Mexico
- SOC140: Racial and Ethnic minorities
- SPA115: Beginning Spanish Conversation I
- SPA 201: Intermediate Spanish I
- SPA225: Intermediate Spanish Conversation I
- SPA241: Spanish and Spanish American Film I

LOCATION

