

Summer in Mexico 2008
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Guadalajara, Mexico
June 15 – July 19, 2008

Tulane University invites you to spend five exciting weeks in one of Latin America's most dynamic cities – Guadalajara. Also known as the "City of the Roses," Guadalajara is Mexico's second-largest city and arguably its most beautiful. Founded in 1542, it is renowned for its colonial architecture and its exquisite arts and crafts. Its importance today as an industrial and commercial center contributes to its special blend of past and present. The capital of the central state of Jalisco, it boasts an international airport, and easy access to other major cities, such as Morelia, Guanajuato, and Mexico City, and some of Mexico's most beautiful beaches.

The Summer in Mexico program is open to all presently enrolled college students in good academic standing (including freshmen) and maintaining at least a 2.5 cumulative grade point average. Knowledge of the Spanish language is not a prerequisite. All students enroll in two courses (for six or seven Tulane credits) at the Centro de Estudios para Extranjeros (CEPE)—affiliated with the prestigious University of Guadalajara. A variety of courses are offered in areas including: Spanish, Political Science, Mexican Culture, and Mexican Film.

Outside the classroom, students will have the option of participating in various forms of community service. And students will also have the opportunity to participate in the CEPE's "Amistad" program, which is a language "intercambio" program that introduces Tulane students to Mexican college students who are studying English and would like a practice partner. These and other activities are designed to give Tulane participants the opportunity to learn more about Mexican culture and society through direct involvement, while at the same time encouraging them to improve their Spanish.

Additional activities, such as music, dance, and cooking workshops, or trips to nearby towns and the Pacific coast, are organized by the University of Guadalajara and by the Tulane Program Director, Professor James D. Huck, at a reasonable cost. The Program Director also organizes numerous outings in and around Guadalajara that are free to Tulane participants. Guadalajara is home to countless museums, markets, restaurants, and cafés, making it virtually impossible to take in all that this rich and exciting city has to offer.

Students live and share their meals with Mexican families. The University of Guadalajara maintains a pool of nearly 250 families for homestay assignments. Homestays represent yet another opportunity for students to improve their Spanish through total immersion, and also to experience Mexican cultural traditions directly.

The Curriculum

All classes are held at the University of Guadalajara's Centro de Estudios Para Extranjeros (CEPE). The University was founded in 1792 and is the second largest university in Mexico. Tulane University students will not need to transfer their credit after program is completed; all credits will be earned as Tulane credits. All courses are taught by Mexican faculty of the University of Guadalajara, except for one special course which is taught (in English) by the Tulane Program Director, Professor James D. Huck. Class sessions are two hours in length and meet Monday through Friday. Most classes meet in the morning so that students can use the afternoon to explore the city.

Course Offerings

(PLEASE NOTE THESE ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

Mexican Film (COMM 461- 3 credits, taught in Spanish) This course analyzes the history of Mexican film in the context of the country's social and political background.

Mexican Culture (LAST 313 – 3 credits, taught in Spanish) Students who take this course receive a historical tour from pre-Hispanic times to the present day. The class will focus on significant examples of Mexican culture, including its social traditions, art, architecture, music, and folklore.

Mexican Politics and Government (POLC 431 – 3 credits, taught in English by Tulane Program Director) The primary objective of this course is to present students with an understanding of Mexico's current political reality, as well as the historical legacies that continue to shape the political system. The course will explore in-depth the Mexican political system under the PRI, state-society relations, Mexico's democratic transition, and U.S.-Mexican relations.

SPAN 101, Introductory Spanish I An introduction to Spanish with an emphasis on listening and speaking skills, as well as on grammar.

SPAN 102, Elements of Spanish II (4) Spanish 102 is a continuation of skills begun in 101, reinforced by the introduction of reading and writing. Students may enroll in either 101 or 102 depending upon their level of proficiency.

SPAN 203, Elements of Spanish III (4) Review of fundamental grammar and speaking and listening skills. It also includes the writing and reading of expository texts and literary selections.

SPAN 204, Spanish Conversation (3) Prerequisite: SPAN 203. Not open to native speakers. Practice in oral discussion based on Mexican and other Latin American topics of current interest.

SPAN 304, Grammar and Writing in Spanish (3) Prerequisite: SPAN 204 or equivalent. Analysis and practice in the written language.

SPAN 411, Modern Spanish American Literature (3, in Spanish) Prerequisite: department placement or 300-level Spanish literature. Not open to senior majors. Major authors of the 20th century.

SPAN 413, Topics in Spanish American Literature (3, in Spanish) Major Mexican authors of the 20th century.

Costs of the Program

The price of the program is \$3,350, which includes:

- Six-seven Tulane University undergraduate credits
- Housing accommodations with a Mexican family
- Three meals daily
- Medical insurance
- Tulane-sponsored outings and events, organized weekly

The price of the program does not include airfare. Students are encouraged to make their own travel arrangements, thereby securing the best price. Flights currently range in price starting at around \$500 depending on departure city. After students have confirmed and purchased their travel arrangements, they should submit their individual air travel information to nporto@tulane.edu. We will make this information accessible to fellow participants and their parents if they are interested in knowing who will share their flight to Guadalajara.

Students participating in the program should expect to bring additional money to cover entertainment and other incidental costs.

Applying to the Program

University students interested in applying must be in good academic standing and have at least a current cumulative grade point average of 2.5. The application process requires two letters of recommendation. Students must also submit a current official transcript with their application.

Complete applications (including application form, official transcript, and recommendations) and a \$200 non-refundable deposit are due by 5:00 p.m. on March 31, 2008, in the Stone Center for Latin American Studies' Summer Program Coordination Office located in the Cuban and Caribbean Studies Institute in the Caroline Richardson Building. The balance of the program costs (\$3,150) is due upon acceptance into the program. The **final** payment may be made by MasterCard, Visa, check, or money order. Checks should be made payable to **Tulane University** and submitted directly to the SCLAS Summer Program Coordination Office.

Tulane students seeking loans to cover costs of this program should make early, specific arrangements with the Financial Aid Office, being sure to indicate that they are seeking a loan for a SUMMER PROGRAM. **All students who will be receiving Financial Aid are still individually responsible for submitting payment for the full program price directly to the Stone Center (via the Summer Program Coordination Office in the Cuban and Caribbean Studies Institute) for payment.** The indication of an available balance in a student's Accounts Receivable balance will not be sufficient; the student must still produce a check/money order/credit card payment for the full amount due to the program. (You can now cover part of your cost through a TULASO Scholarship for Summer Programs. Check it out!)

Additional pre-printed applications are available at the Stone Center for Latin American Studies office in 100 Jones Hall or at SCLAS Summer Program Coordination office in the Cuban and Caribbean Studies Institute in Caroline Richardson Hall. Or download electronic applications by visiting <http://stonecenter.tulane.edu/html/International.htm#Summer> or request one via email by contacting Natalia Porto at nporto@tulane.edu.

Passport and Visa

The Stone Center for Latin American Studies requires all students to possess a valid passport in order to participate in this program. For information on applying for a passport (U.S. citizens), please visit the U.S. State Department web site at <http://travel.state.gov/>. A tourist card is also required to enter Mexico, and is available through any consulate, travel agent, or at airline counters at the airport. Non-U.S. citizens should check with a Mexican consulate about visa requirements, and with Tulane's International Student Center about re-entry to the United States.

For more information, please contact:

Natalia Porto, SCLAS Summer Program Coordination Office
Cuban and Caribbean Studies Institute / Caroline Richardson Hall
Tulane University, New Orleans, LA 70118-5698
504-862-8629 / EMAIL: nporto@tulane.edu
or Visit *International Programs* at <http://stonecenter.tulane.edu/>

**APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION
to the Tulane Summer in Mexico 2008 Program
JUNE 15 - JULY 19, 2008**

- A. All application materials must be submitted directly to the following address by MARCH 31, 2008, 5:00 P.M.**

SCLAS Summer Program Coordination Office
Cuban and Caribbean Studies Institute
Caroline Richardson Hall
Tulane University
New Orleans, LA 70118
TEL 504 862-8629
FAX 504 862-8678
EMAIL nporto@tulane.edu

- B. Please review the checklist before submitting your application for the program and sign the following:**

Enclosed are the following documents:

- _____ Completed Application Form (including Statement of Purpose)
_____ Recommendation Forms (2)
_____ Current Official Academic Transcript
_____ Application Fee of \$200 (check or money order payable to Tulane University)

I understand that it is my responsibility to ensure the delivery of any documents missing at the current time in order for my application to be considered. I also understand that application fee of \$200 is non-refundable. I understand that I must pay the program balance upon acceptance into the program.

APPLICANT SIGNATURE: _____

PRINT NAME: _____

DATE: _____

Applicant's Last Name: _____

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PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name (last, first): _____

Social Security Number: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Passport Number: _____ Passport Expiration Date: _____

Issuing Country of Passport: _____

Current Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Current Phone Number: _____ Valid Until: _____

Current Email Address: _____ Valid Until: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____ Fax or Email: _____

If your parent/guardian is a Tulane employee, will you be paying for the program through the Tulane Tuition Waiver Program? Not applicable Yes No

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

If you are a Tulane student, what school are you are at? _____

If not a Tulane student, which university do you attend? _____

What is your cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) as of the Fall 2007 semester? _____
(if you are not on a 4.0 scale, please provide an explanation of the system at your school)

What is (are) your major(s)? _____

What is (are) your minor(s)? _____

How many semesters do you have left to graduate? _____

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(cont.)**

Have you previously studied Spanish? *yes* *no*

If yes, please elaborate on number of Spanish courses taken and at which level.

Have you previously participated in a study abroad program? *yes* *no*

If yes, please identify the program name, country, and date of participation

Please provide the names of the two people submitting letters of recommendation:

1. _____
2. _____

Statement of Purpose:

Please describe, in one paragraph, why you are applying to this program. Be sure to include your interests in the topics presented in the course work: Latin American Studies, Spanish, etc. . . .

Applicant's Last Name: _____

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STUDENT APPLICANT: This form must be completed by the person recommending you for this program. Please write your name and social security number in the space provided below before giving this form to the person filling it out. The completed form should be placed in a sealed envelope and delivered together with your application or you can ask your recommender to send it directly to us at the SCLAS Summer Program Coordination Office by March 31, 2008.

Student Name: _____

Social Security Number: _____

REFERENCE PERSON: Please place the completed form in an envelope, sign it across the seal and return either to the applicant or to the SCLAS Summer Program Coordination Office in the *Cuban and Caribbean Studies Institute, Caroline Richardson Hall, Tulane University, New Orleans, LA 70118*. If you are Tulane Faculty and Staff, you can email your recommendation for admission to Natalia Porto at nporto@tulane.edu. (This recommendation will remain confidential and will be used by the program staff only in its procedures relative to admission to the Tulane Summer in Mexico program).

Please address the following:

- How long and in what capacity have you known the applicant?
- What are the applicant's qualifications for this particular program?
- Please comment on attributes such as motivation, adaptability, intellect, and maturity.
- If possible, please comment on applicant's scholarship and preparation in Latin American Studies, Spanish, etc.
- Please sign and date the form.
- Please give your full name and title/position.

Please feel free to use the space provided or attach your comments to this form.

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