Summer 2017 in Mexico

July 20 to September 16

TESL 437B  5 cr (421 methods)
Spanish at your level,
TESL 437C/D (432/435  Seminar and Practicum)
Meets language and cultural studies requirements for
TESOL certificate
Finish your TESOL certificate with a Queretaro experience

• Take TESL 401 spring quarter, (or prior)
• Take TESL 420, 404, & 405 summer session (or prior)
  – June 20-July 15
  – 8:00-12:30 with afternoon volunteering
• TESL 421, 432, 435 in Mexico with WWU TESOL!
• Take TESL 410 prior to or after trip
• Queretaro experience meets the program exit requirements for cultural and language study.
QUERÉTARO
It is one of the safest and cleanest cities throughout México.
Just 200 km (120 miles) North of México City
Queretaro's downtown area has been declared “Cultural Heritage of Mankind” by UNESCO.
You will find beautiful plazas like this in the downtown area...
Interesting places to visit
Or just sit and enjoy…
THIS IS OUR HOST SCHOOL
Ole’s friendly staff will make you feel at home
Our students teaching their lessons on American culture and history to Ole students of English.
FUN ACTIVITIES
AT OLE
Home-stay

- Shared room
- Great opportunity to practice using Spanish and experiencing Mexican culture

- Usually 2 students per home-stay

- 3 meals a day Monday through Saturday with your host family, and Sunday breakfast. (Sunday lunch and dinner preparation are “off” for host moms).

- If you would like to arrive earlier or prolong your stay, an additional fee of $30 per day must be paid per day through OLE.
Field trips

- Guanajuato
- Teotihuacan Pyramids
TESL 421/437B (first 4 weeks) Methods for Academic Language Proficiency

- 5 credits
- Learn and put into practice state-of-the-art techniques to teach content to language learners.
- Develop lessons and teach to Mexican tourism students twice a week in pairs
TESL 437 D/E Practicum in TESOL (second 4 weeks)

- TESL 437d: Weekly seminar to accompany teaching and cultural experiences (2 credits).

- TESL 437e: Practice teaching English 10-15 hours a week in a language school or university setting with adults (2 credits). Additional opportunities to do volunteering with children.
Spanish

• Spanish instruction at your fluency level
• Spanish conversation
  – Guided by instructor with a group at your fluency level
  – Cultural exploration with a Mexican partner (off-campus)
  – Spanish within your home-stay

Can be used to complete TESOL language requirement
Prerequisites

- TESL 401, 404, 405, 420
- Spanish proficiency is NOT a prerequisite
- Participation in pre-travel meetings live/online
- Completion of study abroad packet
Cost

• estimated $5300 + airfare $600
• Includes 9 WWU credits/ tuition
• Homestay/meals
  – Can choose single room for + $272
• Field trips
• 30 hours of Spanish lessons
• Check with financial aid about your eligibility for summer aid
How to join us

For a TESOL certificate, join the program at: www.wwu.edu/TESOL

E-mail Trish.Skillman@wwu.edu about your interest/questions

Sign up for the Queretaro program at: https://studyabroad.wwu.edu

Make sure to sign up for any pre-requisite classes you need
Air travel

• Arrange your own air travel to Queretaro-you’re encouraged to coordinate with classmates to travel together.
• It is possible to fly directly into Queretaro airport, but most students fly into Mexico city (much cheaper) and take a safe comfortable bus directly from the airport to Queretaro.
Arrival in Queretaro

- **Thu, July 20**
  - You arrive in Queretaro and go to your host family’s home via taxi

- **Fri, July 21**
  - Host family brings you to OLE for an **Orientation Talk**
  - Mexican “pals” take small groups for a **Welcome City Walk** to learn important locales in the center of town, ATM, general department store locations.

- **Sundays free**
Jul 24-Aug 18:

Mondays/ Wednesdays
• (8-10:00) You work with students from the Tourism Office
• (10:30-12:30) TESL 421/437b methodology class

Tuesdays/Thursdays/Fridays
• (8:30-10) Spanish classes, (10:30-12:30) TESOL class

Overnight Field Trip to Guanajuato
All day Field trip to Teotihuacan pyramids
Aug 22-Sept 15

You begin helping and eventually teaching in local university classrooms.

Mondays/Wednesdays

- Practicum meetings (as needed) 10-12, Practicum teaching in schools 1-4

Tuesdays/Thursdays/Fridays

- Spanish classes 9-10:30 (through Sept 1), Practicum teaching in schools 1-4

Thu, Sept 14 Last day in practicum,
Program closure

Friday, Sept 15 ceremony with mentoring teachers

Independence Day celebrations in Queretaro

Fri, Sept 16 Program completed. You leave your homestay, unless you have arranged with OLE to spend extra days in Queretaro.
An experience better than I had anticipated.

The TESOL program in Mexico was much better and much more enriching than I had expected. The homestay was incredible and one of my favorite parts. The school, Olé, made me feel at home and at ease within the first 20 minutes. They were over the top with their helpfulness, kindness and hospitality. Every staff member there made it a point to personally connect with everyone of us and make us feel like a part of a family.
Life Improving Experience.

From the moment we arrived, I felt that Olé Language School had things organized and they were attentive to the students and instructors. The instructors from WWU were also very helpful at all times. They made themselves available for support and did a great job mentoring us.
Wait..I have to come home?
No!

This was seriously a phenomenal experience, the staff and teachers at Ole were incredibly inviting and nice. The food, oh the Mexican food, I am not sure I will ever be the same! It was incredible! My mentor teacher at the University in Queretaro was so helpful and encouraging. The home stay families were all incredibly nice and took such good care of us. I never once felt uncomfortable walking alone around Queretaro, and I have made friends I will never forget. I did not want to come home, which shows how amazing this experience was!
We hope you can join us!
We will have a great time!