Summer 2018 in Mexico
6 credits
August 24 to September 21

TESL 437C/D (432/435 Seminar and Practicum)
TESK 437G (Investigating International Teaching)
Spanish at your level & Mexican family homestay
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, 421, 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 counts towards 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...
you will be able to experience many culture events leading up
Independence celebrations on Sept 15
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

• Single room/shared bath
• 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 (overnight)
- Teotihuacan Pyramids
TESL 432/435
Seminar and Practicum: teaching to Mexican students

- Teach a small class to teach English to future tourism professionals
- Guided by your TESOL instructor
- Seminar supports your teaching experiences and helps you plan for future international teaching
TESL 437 G Investigating International Teaching
2 credits

• Each week gain experience in a different kind of English teaching environment:
  – Elementary school
  – Middle or High school
  – Private university
  – Public university course
  – English for engineers
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, 421
• Spanish proficiency is NOT a prerequisite
• Participation in pre-travel meetings live/online
• Signed professionalism agreement
• Completion of study abroad packet
Cost

Estimated $4425 + airfare $600

(Airfare for the program dates currently (dec.6) sits between 500-700 for flying into QRO, $430-$530 into Mexico City, with bus connection airport to QRO round trip approx. $36.)

Includes

– 6 WWU credits/ tuition
– Homestay/meals
– Field trips
– 20 hours of Spanish lessons

Check with financial aid about your eligibility for summer aid

Contact Education Abroad for suggestions on scholarships you may apply for
How to join us

For a TESOL certificate, join the program at:

www.wwu.edu/TESOL

E-mail Cheiron.McMahill@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 travel with your instructor, Cheiron McMahill, or with a companion.

• It is possible to fly directly into Queretaro airport, but most students fly into Mexico city (less expensive) and take a safe comfortable bus directly from the airport to Queretaro.
Arrival in Queretaro

• **Fri, Aug 24**
  You arrive in Queretaro and go to your host family’s home via taxi

• **Sat, Aug 25**
  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

Thursday, Sept 20 last practicum classes, closing ceremony

Fri, Sept 21 Program completed. You leave your homestay in the morning, unless you have arranged with OLE to spend extra days in Queretaro
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!