Summer 2019 in Mexico
6 credits
August 23 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 432, 435 and 437g in Mexico with WWU TESOL!**
• **Take TESL 410 prior to or after trip**
• **Meets the cultural study and counts toward language study program exit requirement**
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
Messages from 2018 TESOL students in Mexico
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 $5000 for program + airfare $600 (into Queretaro airport)

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 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 travel with your instructor, Trish Skillman, or with a companion.

• The university requires that we follow state department safe travel guidelines, so we fly into and travel within the State of Queretaro.
Arrival in Queretaro

• Fri, Aug 23
  You arrive in Queretaro and go to your host family’s home via taxi

• Sat, Aug 24
  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
Class schedule

• Monday through Friday
  – Practicum (TESL 435) teaching to Mexican students at OLE 8-10
  – Seminar (TESL 432) 10-11:30 (everyday first week, on Mon/Wed weeks 2, 3, 4)
  – Spanish Class 11:30-12:30
  – Visits/interaction at local schools (TESL 437g) Tuesday and Thursday afternoons
Cultural Fieldtrips

– Saturday Sept 1

– **Pyramids of Teotihuacan:**

– Includes transportation, bilingual guide, 1 OLE staff. Visiting: Pirámides de Teotihuacán. Includes entrances to the pyramids and to the Museum. Includes one meal.
Saturday/Sunday Sept 15/16: Town of Guanajuato

- Includes transportation, bilingual guide and 1 OLE staff. A bilingual guide for the trip to show all the historic sites and provide historical background. Includes 1 night of 3 star hotel. (Two or three students sharing a room). Visit: Mina La Valenciana, Museo de lasMomias, Callejón del Beso, Museo de Diego Rivera, Alhondiga de Granaditas and Monumento del Pípila. Entrances to these museums are included. NO meals nor beverages are included.
Goodbye to Queretaro

- Friday, Sept 20, closing ceremony, last night in provided homestay
- Saturday, Sept 21, end of program, homestay, and departure day
We hope you can join us!

LANGUAGE IS A DIFFERENT WORLD
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!