

“Spanish Language Instruction in a Cultural Context”

Spanish Immersion Program for West Virginia Spanish Teachers



Study the Spanish language and the culture of Mexico at the Cemanahuac Educational Community, located in beautiful Cuernavaca, Mexico, the City of Eternal Spring

- Spanish language classes at all levels, with never more than 5 students per class
 - Family stay with a Mexican family, all meals included
 - Lectures and workshops on history, literature, art, music, and current events in Spanish and English
 - Special Spanish vocabulary classes for specific professional needs
 - Excellent guided field study tour program to places of historic and archeological interest
 - Academic and CEU credit for teachers and other professionals
 - Mexican arts and crafts instruction
 - Families with children welcome, special “family fees”
- Individualized programs and group fees for high school groups; free tuition and field study trips for accompanying teachers

2017 Scholarship Available for West Virginia Teachers

**Includes registration, tuition, housing with a Mexican family (double room), and one all day field study trip.
Write for more information!**



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Overview

The Cemanahuac Educational Community offers a strong academic program of study of the Spanish language, Latin American studies, and extensive field study excursions to sites of archeological and historical interest in Mexico. Cemanahuac was founded in 1974, and today is among the most academic and professional schools of its type in Mexico. Those who study the Spanish language and Latin American studies at the Cemanahuac Educational Community represent all ages and professions. Student ages range from high school students and senior citizens, but the majority of our students are professional people and college students. Cemanahuac offers special programs for groups of educators, business people, social workers, members of religious communities and health care professionals.

Spanish Language Curriculum

The basic approach to the study of Spanish at Cemanahuac is a balanced one, with emphasis on speaking and listening, reading and writing. We stress oral competency from the first class. All teachers are native speakers of Spanish, and all have extensive training in teaching Spanish as a second language to adult learners. Students at the beginning levels of Spanish will find themselves challenged by our program, and the needs of the advanced student can also be met. Classes meet 4 to 5 hours per day in small groups of no more than 5 students per class, 5 days per week. Many "out of the classroom exercises" are included in the weekly program, with teachers frequently escorting students to a nearby spot (the post office, the grocery store, a restaurant, etc.) for the purpose of vocabulary building and learning situation-appropriate behaviors and language. We believe this approach clearly fulfills our slogan, "Study Spanish where it's spoken." Class-time emphasis is placed on the development of communicative skills, and we stress speaking and listening, with the grammar embedded in the exercises used to develop these skills.

Field Study Excursions

Each weekend, field study trips are sponsored to places of historic and cultural interest. Areas around Mexico City, such as the Pyramids of the Sun and the Moon at Teotihuacan, the Museum of Anthropology, the Templo Mayor in the center of the Valley of Mexico, and the Folkloric Ballet presented at Palace of Fine Arts are frequent destinations. Field trips in the Cuernavaca area are conducted weekly, and all excursions are led by Cemanahuac anthropologists.

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