

UNIVERSIDAD AUTÓNOMA DE GUADALAJARA

Guadalajara, Mexico

The University

La Universidad Autónoma de Guadalajara is a modern, private institution that was established in 1935 and is the oldest private university in Mexico. It has become a center for international studies, with an extensive development program that continues to grow day by day. The university offers undergraduate education in 50 academic fields and graduate education in 20 areas and specialties.

The main campus occupies a 124 acre mesa. The central library, administration, computer center and classroom complexes are located here. About one fourth of the campus is devoted to sports and recreational facilities, including a lighted soccer stadium, a complete gymnasium, tennis and squash courts, baseball and softball fields and an Olympic-size swimming pool. The campus also has a faculty club and dining area, a student union with cafeteria, bookstore, copy center, barber shop, travel agency, and other services.

The City

Guadalajara is the second largest city in Mexico, with approximately 6 million people. It is located in the Atemajac Valley and has been the capital of the state of Jalisco since the War of Independence from Spain. The name Guadalajara is from the time when Arabs dominated Spain and founded a city of the same name. It means "river water running over the rocks."

Guadalajara offers museums, cultural activities, shopping and wonderful weather. It has been called both "The city of fountains and roses" and "The pearl of the west." Wars, revolutions, conquistadores and strife have not been able to destroy the beauty of this city. Because of all the opportunities that are available in the city and surrounding area, students who study there rarely run out of things to do.

Academic Calendar

Fall semester begins in mid-August and finishes in mid-December.

Spring semester begins during the second week of January and finishes in late April.

Am I eligible for this program?

All applicants for study abroad must have maintained a minimum GPA of 2.5. Students wanting to enroll in regular courses with the Mexican students must have a minimum of four semesters of university-level Spanish prior to beginning the program. Students taking only Intensive Spanish language coursework are not required to have prior knowledge of Spanish.

What could I study?

This destination is unique because students may go there to study only Intensive Spanish taught in four-week modules, or, if advanced enough in Spanish, they make take courses with the Mexican students. Occasionally a student will combine both options, but a placement test determines what UAG will allow our students to take at the higher levels. This destination allows students to begin the program with no prior Spanish study, if they choose. A total of 8 levels of Spanish are available.

What about academic credit?

Grades received on reciprocal exchange study abroad programs through the University of Oklahoma are posted by the Office of Admissions as Satisfactory (S) or Unsatisfactory (U) on the OU permanent record. These grades are not factored into the participant's Grade Point Average. Because each student is enrolled in 12 credits per semester while abroad, participants are expected to enroll in an equivalent number of credits at the host university. Academic systems around the world vary in what equals 12 OU credits. The decision about awarding credits is made in the Office of Admissions at OU.

The regular courses at this university transfer to OU for three credits. The levels of Intensive Spanish carry more credits, usually transferring as four per level.

Where would I live?

Students complete a housing application and are placed with families that have been screened and selected by the *Intercambios* office at UAG.

How much does it cost?

Costs at OU: All students participating on semester or academic year reciprocal exchange programs are enrolled at OU for 12 credits each semester abroad. Tuition and fees are billed through and paid directly to OU at the appropriate resident or non-resident rate. Fees are charged at the Arts and Sciences College rate, even if the student's major is in a different college. All participants pay a \$10/credit hour study abroad fee.

Room and Board: The host family stay costs \$375 USD/month for a shared room with another international student in the family's home. A single room costs \$425/month. This cost includes two meals a day.

How do I apply?

Instructions for applying to any semester or academic year exchange program may be found in the "how to apply" section of our website.

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