

# Wheaton College

# WHEATON IN MÉXICO

**WHEATON IN MÉXICO** is a 17-week semester program that combines language study and practice, interdisciplinary courses, cultural immersion, and academic excursions. It provides students a unique opportunity to experience and learn about the diverse cultures, languages and peoples of México. With a population of 129 million, México accounts for 25% of the world's Spanish speakers and is the country of origin for 60% of the 62.5 million Latinos living in the United States. Students live with host families in the city of Querétaro and have opportunities to travel to other regions of the country, such as México City, Oaxaca, Guanajuato, Puebla, and the ecologically diverse Sierra Gorda.

*Students may earn up to 18 credit hours, with up to 14 credit hours meeting CATC requirements; courses can be applied toward the Spanish major/minor and LALS major/minor. This program fulfills the study abroad requirement for the Spanish and LALS major at Wheaton College.*



## Anticipated Semester Dates

January 10 – May 9, 2026

## Location

The program is based in Querétaro, a beautiful colonial city in central México, three hours by bus from México City. Founded in 1531, the city's historic center was declared a UNESCO World Heritage site in 1996. It is one of México's most prosperous cities, a site for major international companies, and home to over twenty universities and seven research centers. With a population of over one million people, Querétaro has a vibrant intellectual and artistic community, and excellent medical services. Located at 5,970 feet above sea level, the city has a sunny, semi-arid climate with daily temperatures averaging 66° Fahrenheit from January to May. A city with a rich religious heritage, Querétaro has a strong Catholic and an active Protestant presence.

## Cost

Program costs for Wheaton in México include full semester tuition and a WiM Program fee and cover tuition, room and board, orientation fees, textbooks, land travel in México, excursions, transportation allowance, and a provision for airfare. **Wheaton in México program costs are comparable to the cost of an on-campus semester.** Passport, visa (if required), vaccinations or pre-program medical tests, and other personal expenses are not included. A non-refundable deposit is collected after acceptance to the program and applied toward the program tuition fee. Financial aid is available for the program on the same basis as that of an on-campus semester.



## Courses

Students may earn up to 14 credit hours toward CATC requirements. All courses count toward a Spanish major or minor and a LALS major or minor. Some courses may fulfill elective or major requirements from other academic departments (subject to approval). Courses are primarily taught by local professors on the university campus of the Universidad Autónoma de Querétaro (UAQ) and at the Centro Intercultural de Querétaro. All students take a four-hour interdisciplinary course with the Wheaton professor in residence, focusing on intercultural competency, navigating daily life, and exploring Mexican cultures.



## Required Courses

COURSE	CATC	SPANISH MAJOR	SPANISH MINOR	LALS MAJOR	LALS MINOR
SPAN 338: Intensive Advanced Spanish (4 hrs)		Required	Elective	Elective	Elective
GPS 321: Engaging Mexican Cultures (4 hrs)	SI	Elective	Elective	Elective	Elective
GPS 302: Exploring Mexican History (4 hrs)	HP	Elective	Elective	Elective	Elective

## Elective Courses\* (4-6 hrs)

COURSE	CATC	SPANISH MAJOR	SPANISH MINOR	LALS MAJOR	LALS MINOR
SPAN 332: Spanish Grammar and Composition (4 hrs)		Required	Required	Required	Required
SPAN 337: Survey of Latin American Literature (4 hrs)	LE/GP	Required	Elective	Elective	Elective
SPAN 489: Topics in Mexican Literature (4 hrs)		Elective	Elective	Elective	Elective
GPS 301: Survey of Mexican Art (2 hrs)	VPAV	Elective	Elective	Elective	Elective
SPAN 489: Topics in Mexican-US Relations (2 hrs)		Elective	Elective	Elective	Elective
SPAN 489: Topics in Health – Mexico (2 hrs)		Elective	Elective	Elective	Elective

**\*Availability of elective courses dependent on enrollment**

*Practicums and internships, especially for Education and Pre-health students, may be available. These must be arranged in collaboration with faculty in students' major department. Requests must be made in writing to the program director by Friday, October 17, 2025 to be considered for spring 2026.*



## Requirements and Pre-Requisites

Students must be in good academic and judicial standing and complete Spanish 201 (or equivalent) to participate; students are strongly encouraged to take Spanish 331 or Spanish 332 prior to the program. All program participants are required to enroll in the Wheaton in México section of GPS 231: Orientation to Study Abroad (2 credit hrs.) offered in the fall semester as preparation for the program. This course, when taken with GPS 232: Study Abroad Re-entry Seminar (2 credit hrs.) fulfills the CATC Global Perspectives (GP) Thematic Core.

## Living Arrangements

Students will live with Mexican families for the duration of the semester. Students walk to classes or utilize the public transportation system.

## For Further Information

Contact WIM Director, Dr. Tim Klingler, at [timothy.klingler@wheaton.edu](mailto:timothy.klingler@wheaton.edu) or the GPS office at [gps@wheaton.edu](mailto:gps@wheaton.edu) (630-752-7309, MCA 170).



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