



Photos from Wheaton in Mexico, Spring 2016, Courtesy of Leslie Hawthorne Klingler

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 64% of the 55 million Hispanics/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. In order to maximize learning, space is limited.

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

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.

Dates: January 11 – May 9, 2020

Cost:

Program costs are equivalent to an on-campus semester at Wheaton and **include** tuition, room and board, orientation fees, texts, land travel in México, excursions, and a stipend for airfare equivalent to airfare from Chicago. ***Passport, visa, airport exit fees and other personal expenses are not included.*** Financial aid is available for the program on the same basis as that of an on-campus semester.

Courses:

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



Students complete the following **Required Courses**:

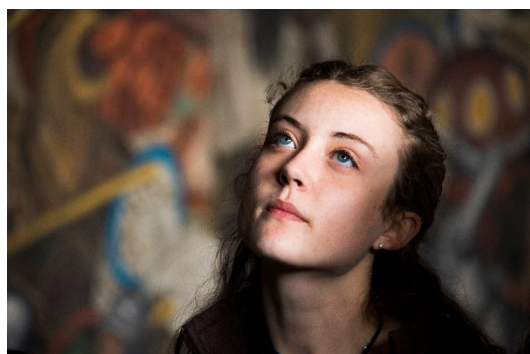
Course	CATC	Legacy GenEd	Spanish Major	Spanish Minor
SPAN 338: Intensive Advanced Spanish (4 hrs)			Required	Elective
GEL 321: Engaging Mexican Cultures (4 hrs)	SI		Elective	Elective
GEL 302: Exploring Mexican History (4 hrs)	HP		Elective	Elective

Students select 4-6 hours from the following **Elective Courses***:

Course	CATC	Legacy GenEd	Spanish Major	Spanish Minor
SPAN 332: Spanish Grammar and Composition (4 hrs)			Required	Required
SPAN 337: Survey of Latin American Literature (4 hrs)	LE/GP	Diversity	Required	Elective
SPAN 489: Topics in Mexican Literature (4 hrs)			Elective	Elective
GEL 301: Survey of Mexican Art (2 hrs)	VPAV		Elective	Elective
SPAN 489: Topics in Mexican-US Relations (2 hrs)			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 October 25, 2019 to be considered.



Pre-Requisite Requirements:

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 **GEL 231: Orientation to Study Abroad (2 hrs)** offered in the fall semester (B quad) as preparation for the program. This course, when taken with **GEL 232: Study Abroad Re-entry Seminar (2 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 efficient public transportation system.

For further information:

Contact WIM Director, Dr. Tim Klingler, at timothy.klingler@wheaton.edu (Wygarden 305) or the Center for Global and Experiential Learning at gel@wheaton.edu (630-752-7309, Wygarden, first floor).