Guadalajara, México
*Monterrey Tech, Campus Guadalajara*

USC’s exchange program in México is designed to help students build Spanish language skills and gain first hand knowledge of Mexican culture. The program is located in Guadalajara, México’s second largest city and capital of the state of Jalisco. Guadalajara, often described as a city where colonial and traditional meet modern, is regarded as one of the best places to experience authentic Mexican culture. Students will attend the Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores Monterrey, also known as Monterrey Tech, Campus Guadalajara. Only USC undergraduate students are eligible to participate in this program.

The program in Guadalajara offers a variety of specially designed courses for international students, offered in both Spanish and in English, in areas such as business, literature and culture, history and art. This program also offers Spanish language courses, taught in Spanish, at the beginning, intermediate, advanced, and superior levels.

Students with advanced level Spanish (having completed 6 semesters of college level Spanish or its equivalent) may also enroll in standard university courses with local and other international students.

As a prerequisite, students must have completed four semesters of college level Spanish or its equivalent prior to attending Monterrey Tech. Before arrival, students will also be required to take an online Spanish proficiency test to ensure placement in the most appropriate level of Spanish language and to determine the courses in which students are eligible to enroll. A minimum 3.0 GPA is required.

**Courses and Credits**

Students typically earn 15 credit hours per semester. Listed below are a few examples of subjects offered. More details can be found at the following link:

[http://w3.gda.itesm.mx/ip2/Academic_Information/Academic%20Information.html](http://w3.gda.itesm.mx/ip2/Academic_Information/Academic%20Information.html)

**Subject Offerings**

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Living Arrangements
Students can choose to live with a Mexican host family to ensure maximum use of the Spanish language and experience Mexican culture first hand. Residence halls on campus, and apartments shared with Mexican or other international students, are also available. Students pay in-state tuition and fees to USC. Room and board costs are paid to the host institution. More information on housing can be found at http://w3.gda.itesm.mx/ip2/Downloads.html.

Budgeting
Mexico is one of the more cost effective countries to spend time due to the strong dollar against the peso. For more information on the cost of living and traveling in Mexico, students can refer to the International Student Handbook at http://w3.gda.itesm.mx/ip2/Downloads.html.

Master Calendar
Classes begin in August and end in December for the fall semester. In the spring, classes begin in January and end in May. A detailed schedule can be downloaded here: http://w3.gda.itesm.mx/ip2/Downloads.html.

Insurance
Monterrey Tec mandates that all international students purchase insurance as part of their program. The fee is approximately $250 per semester, but is subject to change. This is in addition to the required USC insurance. Per university policy, all USC students will be charged emergency medical, evacuation and repatriation insurance for their time abroad.

Orientation
Students will receive the orientation schedule upon arrival in Mexico. During orientation students will take a tour of the campus and the city as well as finalize their course registration.

Excursions
For an additional fee, in the past, the program has organized excursions to other cities within Mexico for all international students. Recent excursions have included trips to Mexico City, Cuernavaca, Guanajuato, Morelia, Oaxaca and Puebla.

Visa
It is mandatory to have a student visa while studying at the Monterrey Tech Campus in Guadalajara, regardless of length of study. You will receive information regarding the visa application process once you have been accepted into the exchange.

Footnotes
USC students can attend Monterrey Tech, Campus Guadalajara during the fall semester, spring semester or academic year. Visit the program website at http://www.gda.itesm.mx/ip.

For more information on tourism in México, please visit the México Tourism Board web site at: http://www.visitmexico.com/wb/Visitmexico/Visi_Home.

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