



SPANISH LANGUAGE PROGRAM FOR AJCU FACULTY & STAFF

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SPANISH LANGUAGE PROGRAM AT IBERO PUEBLA

With the intention of strengthening ties between Jesuit institutions, the Ibero Puebla, through its International Division, offers non-tuition Spanish Language Program for faculty and staff from [AJCU institutions](#). During the two-week program participants will take Spanish classes from 9am to 1pm with the possibility to teach, offer seminar/workshop or explore collaboration with peers in the afternoons.



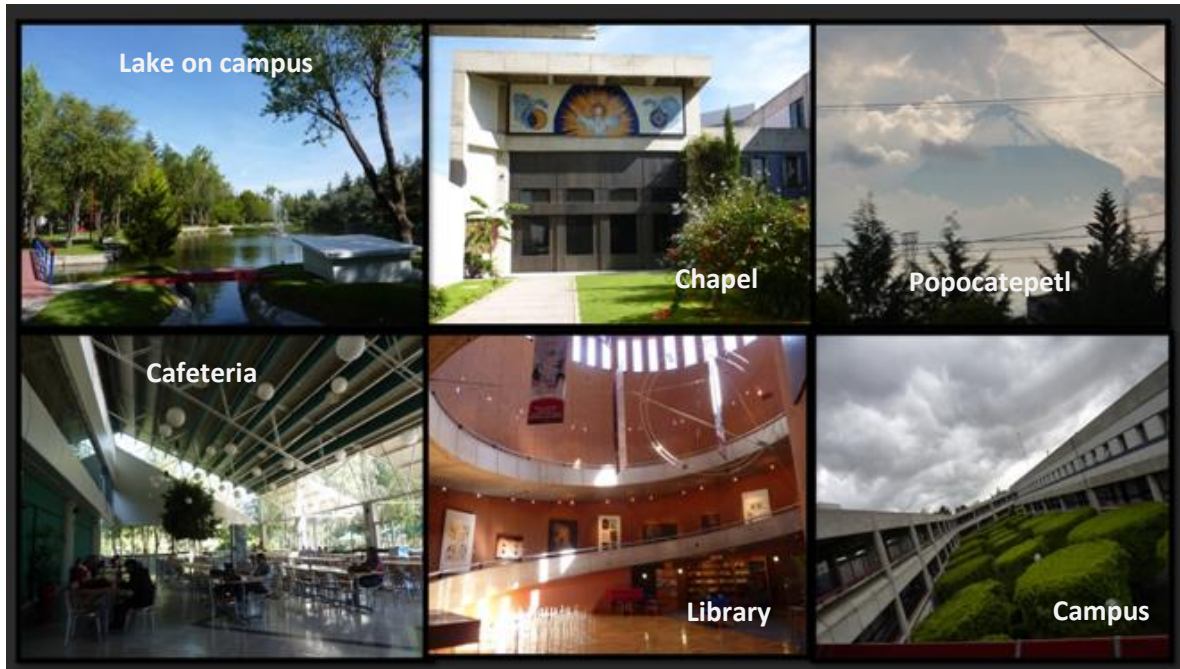
The Intercultural Language Center is in charge of the course. The Spanish Program as Non-Native Language has instructors for all levels with interesting activities during classes. The program coordinator, Adriana Olvera said: *“Spanish is one of the most speaking languages in the world. It contains more than 500 years of History, Sciences, Art and you have our world’s view in it. The Spanish program at the Ibero allows both professors and participants to meet with this view, think about what makes us different and similar, develop language skills from beginner to advanced level in order to create an intercultural dialogue about common topics as part of Jesuit system but also as neighboring countries and as human”.*

ABOUT IBERO PUEBLA

Our University was one of the first private universities of advanced learning in Mexico. It established its first campus in Mexico City in 1943 and at present the Jesuit University System is made up of seven additional campuses.

Ibero Puebla is one of the universities in Mexico with the greatest tradition and with experience in welcoming international groups. Due to our Jesuit identity we strive to educate highly capable individuals with a deep human sensitivity, who will aid in the construction of a fairer more humanly sympathetic society.

Ibero Puebla offers a small faculty to student ratio, individual attention, a comprehensive orientation program, and activities. The Puebla campus has strong [professional degree programs](#). Students have access to the university’s modern resources, including library, extensive laboratories, sports facilities, computer service, and residence hall. The campus is located only 15 minutes away from downtown. While enrolled, international students enjoy the privileges accorded to local students at Ibero Puebla, and are encouraged to participate in local university activities, student clubs, and organizations.



A beautiful campus with all the amenities situated beneath the famous volcano Popocatepetl

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ABOUT PUEBLA

Puebla is among the most historic cities in Mexico as well as the gateway to the nearby mountains, and beautiful Pacific, Gulf, and Caribbean beaches. Convenient buses connect Puebla to Mexico City, which is a two hour bus ride away. It has been recognized by UNESCO as a World Heritage site. The valley where Puebla is located ranks among the most important cultural areas of ancient civilizations. Arts and crafts, including



famous and beautiful handmade tiles and pottery, churches and convents, markets and plazas all contribute to make this one of the most culturally creative centers on the continent.



Puebla's historical city center was recognized by UNESCO in 1987 as a "World Cultural Heritage".



Puebla is internationally recognized for its tasty and varied cuisine



Talavera pottery, a specialty of Puebla, and has been awarded a Designation of Origin (DO) classification.

The Rosary Chapel is considered the “Eighth Wonder of the New World”.



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SAFETY & SECURITY

With more than five million inhabitants, Puebla stands among the safest States of the country according to the National System of Public Security.

Puebla is one of the safest cities in Mexico and has not been affected by the narcoviolence.

We recommend taking precautions as when you visit any place, city or country you are not familiar with. Anyone can be a victim of crime at any time in any place. Don't take with you your personal documents as passport or visa if it is not necessary; don't walk alone at night; be aware of your surroundings; talk to local students for advices for night life; etc.

Ask for information to the International Office if you would like to explore the city or small towns nearby in order to choose the right path.

On campus we do have surveillance 24/7 and the guards will assist in any case needed.

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[US Department of State - Mexico](#)

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[NY Times- 36 hours in Puebla, Mexico](#)

[A tour of Puebla, Mexico](#)

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HOUSING



Visitors with their host family

We offer the Ibero's residences hall; it could be single or double occupancy; the hall named [Villa Ibero](#) has a cafeteria and kitchen facilities. You can also live at a hotel but we highly recommend you to live with a Mexican family to experience a total immersion. As soon as we receive your application, we will process the request for a room at the residences, hotel or placement in a family.

DAILY COSTS

These are approximate costs	USD
Accommodation with Mexican Family (includes 3 meals)	\$ 38.00
Accommodation at Villa Ibero Residence Hall	\$ 27.00
Hotel (there are several options nearby)	\$ 70 - \$ 100
Breakfast or Lunch at Ibero Cafeteria	\$ 5 - \$ 10

Dinner at a restaurant	\$ 12 - \$ 20
Taxi (ride from Ibero to downtown)	\$ 7.00

TESTIMONIALS

These are experiences of some AJCU colleagues:

Rachelle Kammer, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, FORDHAM UNIVERSITY School of Social Service: *"I had a fabulous time being part of the Iberoamericana program in Puebla. I was able to come with my family, which made it even more special. I not only learned Spanish, but I learned a great deal about Mexico, and Mexican culture. I highly recommend this program!"*

Michael Coggins, MA, Instructor, Intensive English Program, XAVIER UNIVERSITY: *"My experience was terrific. The quality of instruction was superb, the faculty extremely friendly, the city fascinating, and the chance to practice Spanish with native speakers and experience Mexican culture first-hand was priceless. I recommend this course to everyone, no matter what your level of Spanish".*

Subhash Bhatnagar, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Department of Speech Pathology and Audiology, MARQUETTE UNIVERSITY: *"This was a very effective and enjoyable course with a great opportunity for practicing Spanish in a native environment. A well-organized course with very friendly people".*

Dominique M. Brown, Service and Justice Coordinator, XAVIER UNIVERSITY: *"My time in Mexico was absolutely fantastic. The staff at Iberoamericana Puebla took care of all of my needs from the time I arrived on campus to the time I left. The friendly, knowledgeable, and engaging faculty taught me more Spanish in two weeks than thought possible. This program is definitely worth it and I'm thankful I had the opportunity to participate."*

Christopher A. Sheil, Graduate Coordinator, Associate Professor of Biology, JOHN CARROLL UNIVERSITY: *"My experience at Universidad Iberoamericana was exceptional. The faculty and staff at this institution are friendly, knowledgeable, and extremely helpful. I loved the 2 weeks I spent in Puebla. I am an intermediate-speaker, so this experience really helped me to improve my vocabulary (which is the easiest part of learning a new language for me) and to improve my skills at conjugating verbs (which is the most difficult part of learning for me). I have only great things to say about my time there. Additionally, I really enjoyed meeting faculty and staff from other Jesuit institutions. Through the experience I met some folks with whom I am still in touch, and one Ibero-classmate is now a colleague that has been hosted by my university to give a seminar...I think that this is a very tangible benefit of a program such as this...building ties between institutions".*

Gary Weddle, Ph.D. Associate Professor of Chemistry, FAIRFIELD UNIVERSITY: *"My participation in this program had more to do with exploring the possibilities for scientific collaboration at the university than for any need to learn Spanish. As a veteran of the study of a number of languages (German, Latvian and French), I have come to view the learning portion as tedious when compared to the fun portion of using the language through speech and reading. This time I decided to*

approach the language study with an eye toward having fun. In this I was not disappointed. Our instructors in CIDEL (Language Center) at Ibero were quite skilled in holding our interest with a mixture of the tedious (grammar and vocabulary) and the interesting (cultural history, geographic detail and common word usage, both positive and negative). As a group of beginners we did as much laughing as we did struggling with the linguistic details. It was surprising how much of the language we were able to pick up with only forty hours of formal instruction. Perhaps more importantly, we also left the program with a much deeper understanding of the people of Mexico and the rich cultural heritage that forms the basis of modern Mexican society.”

SESSIONS IN 2015

SUMMER SESSION I: June 1st – June 12th

Application deadline: April 15th

SUMMER SESSION II: June 15th – June 26th

Application deadline: April 30th



HOW TO APPLY

Submit your application. - You need to fill up and send the Spanish for AJCU Faculty [Application](#), along with documents specified on the form. Please email your application materials in accordance with our posted deadlines.

Once you are accepted. – Ibero Puebla will e-mail you back information in order to prepare your stay with us.

Housing payment. - Once you are in Puebla.

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We look forward to welcome you next summer!