

Partner Institution Information Sheet KPU

Universidad de Guanajuato



Established: 1945

Location: Leon, Guanajuato, Mexico

Number of Campuses: 3

Number of Students: 33,299

Number of Faculty departments:

- Natural and Exact Sciences
- Engineering
- Health Sciences
- Economic and Administration Sciences
- Social Sciences and Humanities
- Arts

Institution Information

Exchange Website:

<http://www.ugto.mx/internacional/eng/index.php/partners/international-affairs>

Institution Website: <http://www.ugto.mx/internacional/>

Semester Dates

Semester 1	Early January to end of May
	Orientation: January
Semester 2	Early August to mid December
	Orientation : August

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Class Information

Language of instruction: Spanish

Class level and Credit system:

(You are expected to visit an academic advisor prior to your exchange to determine what courses you have left to complete your program. Academic Advisors cannot tell you how the courses from exchange will transfer but you can use the information about your degree requirements to guide your decisions. After being accepted for an exchange, you will work with the exchange coordinator to determine your course availability.)

*Please consider that Spanish is the language of instruction in UG, and a good proficiency of the language is necessary to succeed in the academic programs.

For practical information concerning the steps to take in order to come and study at UG, please contact us.

Intensive Language Studies: At UG, students can take Spanish Language courses during the summer or during regular semesters. For more information please visit: Spanish courses website

Spanish Classes Available:

<http://www.dcsch.ugto.mx/index.php/educacion-continua/cursosidiomas/43-cursos/cursos/117-cursoespanol>

For Information on all Courses offered see website:

<http://www.ugto.mx/internacional/index.php/departamento-de-movilidad/estudiantes-internacionales/estudios-completos-de-pregrado-o-posgrado>

Timetable website for course information per semester:

<http://www.ugto.mx/internacional/index.php/departamento-de-movilidad/estudiantes-internacionales/calendario-academico>

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Student Information

Visa Information:

<http://www.ugto.mx/internacional/index.php/departamento-de-movilidad/estudiantes-internacionales/visa-de-estudiante-para-mexico>

Who requires a student visa?

It is required by law to all students studying in Mexico for more than 2 months to obtain a FM3 student visa. Summer internships, even if they are for less than 2 months, will also require a student visa. Students studying in Mexico for 2 months or less can do it only with a Tourist Visa. It is acceptable for some nationalities to enter Mexico with a tourist visa and then change it in Mexico to a FM3 student visa

Accommodation Information

Dormitory available? No

In Mexico it is not very common to find accommodation online. Therefore, we give you some viable options for your stay in Guanajuato.

Homestay with Mexican families, Room rent, Hostals.

For more information: <http://www.ugto.mx/internacional/index.php/departamento-de-movilidad/estudiantes-internacionales/hospedaje>

City Information

Leon is located in the state of Guanajuato and is the fifth largest city in Mexico. The city is a colonial town rich in culture and history. It was first inhabited by a number of different indigenous groups; Viceroy Don Martin Enriquez de Almazá founded Leon in 1576 to establish a defensive position against the fierce tribe of the Chichimecas who opposed the Spanish conquest.

This colonial city later became known as the “Shoe Capital of the World”, due to its large production of quality leather goods and shoes for national and international markets. Without a doubt it is a great shopping destination, in addition to leather, continuous livestock and crop production for the rest of the country.

Leon’s strategic location in the center of Mexico links it to major cities and airports and, in addition to leather, it continues to produce agricultural products and

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Leon's recent industrial growth has brought modern architecture, hotels, shopping centers and restaurants, and one of Mexico's top ten convention centers, Poliforum Leon. This modern structure has 137,795 square feet of event space, can hold up to 12,000 persons, and is designed for events of all types and sizes from catering and concerts to conventions and expos. Conveniently, the Poliforum will soon have an attached Courtyard by Marriott hotel.

Currency: Mexican Pesos

Weather: Very nice and hot, sun everyday! <http://www.ccaug.ugto.mx/>

Time zone: CST

Cultural Facts: <http://www.guanajuatocapital.mx/?mod=ciudad>

Tourist Information:

<http://sectur.guanajuato.gob.mx/>



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