

University credit

Many universities will grant credit for attending our Spanish school. Miguel Angel Asturias is accredited by the Guatemalan Ministry of Education and registered with the Guatemalan Tourist Bureau (INGUAT). If we do not already have an arrangement with your school, we can provide you with the necessary documentation to present to your advisor or department head.

Cost

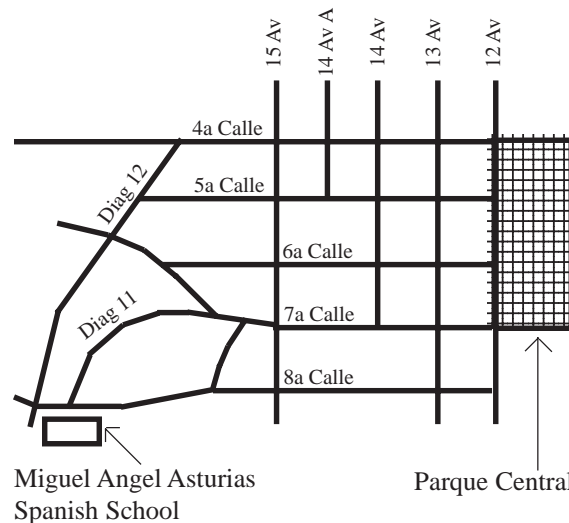
US\$150 per week for 25 hours of private instruction, room and board with a Guatemalan family, and activities. There is a US\$50 registration fee.



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Miguel Angel Asturias Spanish School
8a Calle 16-23, Zona 1
Quetzaltenango, Guatemala



Miguel Angel Asturias Spanish School is located just five minutes from the central park across from El Mercado Las Flores.



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SPANISH SCHOOL

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Quetzaltenango, Guatemala

Intensive one-on-one classes
Excellent professional teachers

Volunteer opportunities

Medical Spanish option

In the heartland of Mayan
Guatemala

The Spanish Instruction

You'll spend an intensive but enjoyable 25 hours a week studying with your private teacher. Working from a lesson plan structured to your individual needs, you'll receive extensive instruction and practice in conversation, grammar, reading, and writing. Students of all levels excel with this approach, from complete beginners to highly advanced. Even those who thought they were "bad at languages" can progress rapidly in a short period of time. And you'll not only improve your Spanish, but you'll learn about and discuss the realities of life in Guatemala and Latin America.

Activities

Trips to villages, schools, factories, markets, collectives, and hot springs; conferences led by experts in civil rights and Mayan culture; Salsa and Meringue dance classes; documentaries and discussions; these are just some of the after-class activities that are included in our immersion program. You'll learn, have fun, and get a chance to use the Spanish you've been studying in real situations.

Homestay

Many students form long-term bonds with their host families. Often you'll be invited to participate in family activities, go to the market, or visit school with the children (if you ask for a family with children). All three meals a day, seven days a week, are provided.

Volunteer programs

Our school is extensively and directly involved in volunteer projects aimed towards improving life in Guatemala. Teach school to 4 to 12 year olds in a rural mountain village, work on a collective coffee farm, provide health care, take photos for a local paper, or work with our on site rural development organization YUN Q'AX. These programs and more help you to improve your Spanish while giving to the community. More details about each program, including level of Spanish and time commitment, are on our web site.

Medical Spanish (optional)

Medical and nursing school students get direct hands-on clinical experience providing health care to poor rural populations. Working with a supervising doctor, you'll be able to strengthen your clinical skills and command of Spanish while helping people who might otherwise not receive any medical treatment. Placements are available in both local clinics and in traveling clinics that serve areas with no permanent health care facilities. An intermediate level of Spanish is required for participation, but if you need to improve your Spanish you may do so at the school before starting your placement. In addition, your Spanish teacher will integrate medical terminology into your daily classes. Many Universities grant elective or clinical rotation credit for participation in our program.

Quetzaltenango (Xela)

Quetzaltenango, often called by its Mayan name 'Xela,' is located in the Western Highlands of Guatemala near several dramatic volcanic peaks. Its altitude of 7,500 feet provides a brisk, pleasant mountain environment but is only 1.5 hours from tropical beaches on the Pacific Coast. It is a center of Mayan commerce and is surrounded by colorful indigenous towns and villages. Hot volcanic baths, hiking trails, spectacular scenery, and fascinating people round out the unique offerings of



Guatemala

Guatemala is a unique country, with the largest population in Central America. Located just south of Mexico, Guatemala is also one of the most historic areas of the Americas. With stately Mayan ruins such as Tikal, dating back over 2000 years, and the presence of the Mayan people, comprising 60% of the population, Guatemala provides a unique insight into the effects of the various "conquests" of Latin America. The striking variety of landscapes, from the lofty rugged Cuchumatanes to the tropical delights of the Rio Dulce near the Caribbean, Guatemala offers unique scenery and delightful experiences to students of Spanish.