

# Special Programs

**Universidad La Salle, Mexico (ULSA)** founded in 1962, is a private institution committed to the integral development of its students. It is part of the worldwide network of Lasallian schools begun in the 17th Century by the French educator, St. John Baptist De La Salle.

The Mexican Lasallian System of Higher Education (ILMES) has 15 universities throughout the Republic. ULSA is autonomous, fully accredited and recognized as an institution of excellence by Mexican Secretariat of Public Education (SEP). La Salle maintains active relationships with a variety consortia and collaborative networks around the world.

The campus is located in the heart of Colonia Condesa, a lovely neighborhood known for its cafes, bookstores, and galleries. Subway, bus, metrobus and taxi transportation are available from any corner of othe campus. ULSA has a safe and inviting campus atmosphere with excellent infrastructure and student-related services. and facilities.

## The Center for International Education, La Salle

**(C.I.E.L.)**, through the Special Programs Dept. offers tailor-made programs for academic and/or professional needs for foreign groups coming to Mexico. Our programs offer a mix of academic classes, practical components and focused site visits targeted to specific learning outcomes. Full academic credit is given for these activities and can be transferred anywhere in the world.

A Summer Language and Culture Program is also offered in a unique four-week program with the option of Service Learning Placements in various organizations. Placement exams, housing, excursions, language instruction and enrichment are included in the program package. Specialized services can be designed according to institutional requirements.

## Services included in the Programs

- \* *Use of campus facilities: Classrooms, Auditorium, Computer center, Library, Cafeterias, Starbucks, Subway, Athletic facilities, Medical services.*
- \* *Housing with Mexican families.*
- \* *Conferences with english speaking experts*
- \* *Intercultural orientation session, in English*
- \* *History and Mexican culture classes, in English*
- \* *Spanish classes for foreigners- ULSA teaching staff*
- \* *Business visits and other interesting academic site visits*
- \* *Excursions with experienced bilingual guide*
- \* *Transportation to all scheduled activities*



*"For a Country so close to the U.S. geographically, I would never have thought it could be so strikingly different culturally. The Program and it staff helped us as students to understand the differences and to appreciate them".*

Elizabeth Wenté



**All programs integrate an intercultural session and field visits providing participants with practical immersion into the culture and society.**

■ **Doing Business in Mexico:** Program focuses on Mexican economic situation with courses that familiarize students on current social and political issues that influence the business environment. Analysis of international trade and conditions and factors influencing Pacific Rim integration, Investment opportunities, Labor issues, IT industry in Mexico, Maquiladoras.

*Field visits to:* Embassy trade sector offices, Mexican government investment office, Consultants, manufacturing plant, small businesses.

■ **Public Health in Mexico:** Program provides students in the social and health care field an opportunity to experience firsthand the various facets of Health care. The program consists of academic lectures covering topics such National Health Care plans and policies, Elderly care, Medical Tourism, Traditional Medicine and Community Health Care.

*Field visits to:* old age home, HIV Clinic, local community health center, rehab clinic, public and private hospitals.

■ **Criminal Justice in Mexico:** The courses will introduce the social, legal, political, criminal, and penal systems in Mexico. Analysis of the current situation and the impact on public safety in Mexico is examined, and in the context of impact on society and influence in globalization of crime.

*Field visits to:* Local law enforcement offices, Attorney General training facilities, correctional facilities, Emergency Response Offices, NGO's involved in social justice and Human rights, community service centers.

■ **Global Media in Mexico:** Program designed to explore the current thinking on intercultural communication. Academic courses and guest speakers will focus on understanding Mexico's past and present and the role of media in the current political, economic, social context.

*Field visits to:* Television studio, Radio station, newspaper, web enterprises, telecommunications providers. Meetings with journalists and reporters.

■ **Education in Mexico:** Program that focuses on educational system in Mexico. Challenges of current education methods, policies, structure of federal educational model and the differences between the public and private systems.

*Field visits to:* Private and public elementary, secondary and high schools; orphanage, community service centers, Adult education centers.

■ We offer safe and secure environments for the participants

■ Programs are flexible and adjusted to your needs

■ Our programs, supervised by our staff members, are solid and well-established



*"We have had the best time in the world and made some of the best friends. We have realized that Mexico is not quite as it is stereotypically portrayed in Australia and that it is not the dangerous place that people seem to expect".  
Lauren and Jo (Australia)*



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