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REGISTRATION OPEN FOR SPANISH LANGUAGE COURSE IN MEXICO

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If you have ever been interested in learning Spanish as a second language, then this is your chance to take part in an intensive immersion experience in beautiful Chihuahua, Mexico. UT Permian Basin is now accepting registration for the Intensive Spanish as a Second Language Program.

The program is hosted through the Universidad Autonoma de Chihuahua July 7 through 27, and transportation is included.

“This is a fantastic opportunity to learn and experience the Spanish language and the rich Mexican culture,” said Rey Lascano, UTPB’s continuing education director.

The program includes class time, fun time and down time.

“A typical weekday consists of Spanish classes that run in the morning. Students go to their residences for lunch and then return to school for late afternoon/early evening cultural and recreational activities,” explained Lascano.

Some of these cultural activities are done at the school, while others include field trips.

“The State of Chihuahua is rich with culture and rich in natural beauty dating back to the 16th century,” Lascano noted.

Previous field trips have included trips to the Governor’s Palace, the downtown plaza and cathedral, Pancho Villa’s garrison, art museums, Calabozo de Hidalgo (Father Hidalgo’s Dungeon) and a Mennonite pizza parlor in the city of Cuahtemoc.

“Chihuahua City has a presence of at least 40 countries, mostly European and Asian, and interaction with them makes it very interesting.”

This program also allows participants opportunities to explore on their own. Students usually use the weekends for excursions to outlying tourist destinations.

“One weekend has included the entire group going to Mexico’s world-famous Copper Canyon. In past years students have also gone to such places as Parral, Paquime (a world heritage site), Colonia Juarez, Juan Mata Ortiz (home of world famous potter Juan

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Quesada) and Majalca National Park,” Lascano said.

All students stay at private residences. These residences are all approved by the university and are located close to campus in the upper scale neighborhoods. Each residence has a live-in landlady who cooks three meals a day. The meals include typical Mexican dishes, however, meals are generally on the student’s own on Sundays.

Cost of the program is \$566 to enroll for the class at UTPB and each individual has to provide their own spending money. Lascano suggested participants bring at least \$250. The cost does include tuition and lodging.

Participants earn four hours of Spanish college credit 1401, three hours of International Studies and Border Issues 3389, or 80 CEU hours. For information or to register, please call 552-2555.

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