

## Faculty-led Summer Course San Miguel de Allende, Guanajuato México, June 2026

EDMS 495: Special studies--*Cross-cultural Experiential Learning for Socially Just Classrooms--Teaching and Learning in Mexican Schools*, 3 credits June 10-27, 2026

Open to undergraduate or graduate students interested in improving their Spanish, pre-service and in-service teachers (TK through high school), beginning to advanced Spanish speakers. SSU credits can be transfer credits or salary advancement.

Application site at Sonoma State University (SSU) <https://international.sonoma.edu/opportunity/teaching-experience-mexico>

SSU scholarship information can be found at this link

<https://international.sonoma.edu/study-away/financing-study-away>

Contact Global Education/Study Abroad at your institution for further ideas. Stipends will be available for up to 6 credential students or in-service teachers interested in CA bilingual authorization who demonstrate their activities towards this accreditation, and register for the program before December 15, 2025.

3 week plan:

*Week 1:* language study (all levels), course seminar

*Cultural experiences:* city tours, visit to local botanical garden, optional tour to local archeological site

*Week 2:* School practicum: public school options: ‘*primaria* (elementary)’ grades 1-6 or ‘*tercero de secundaria*-- (9<sup>th</sup> grade—equivalent to ‘high school)’, with Mexican mentor teacher and supervision from SSU Professor

*Cultural experiences:* optional tour ceramics factory and center of Mexican Revolution, Dolores Hidalgo, Guanajuato. Weekend in Guanajuato, Guanajuato

*Week 3:* language study (all levels), course seminar, , one day visit bilingual private school Pre-K-9<sup>th</sup> grade Querétaro, Qto.

*Cultural experiences:* Paper mâché mask-making, cooking, optional tour to local archeological site (church) & museum

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### Information ZOOM meetings:

Meeting host: [emryorti@sonoma.edu](mailto:emryorti@sonoma.edu)

Monday Nov 17, 2025 · 4pm – 5pm (Pacific Time - Los Angeles)

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

[SonomaState.zoom.us/j/8391524410...](https://SonomaState.zoom.us/j/8391524410...)

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**Term: Summer 2026    Location: San Miguel De Allende, Mexico    Course: EDMS 495**

**Estimated Costs:**

Tuition and fees: \$1,245

Ground expenses: \$5,000

Estimated flight: \$800

Additional meals and personal expenses: \$100 (estimated)

Total program cost: \$7,145

Embark on a transformative journey this summer through the Sonoma State University Cross-Cultural Experiential Learning in Mexico Program! This unique, 17-day program immerses pre-service and in-service teachers in the vibrant cultural and educational landscape of San Miguel de Allende. Through a hands-on, week-long practicum placement in a local, Mexican public school, a day in a bilingual private school, interactive academic workshops, and Spanish language classes (beginning to advanced), participants will deepen their understanding of culturally responsive teaching and enhance their skills in working with bilingual and English learner students. This experience not only strengthens your pedagogical practices but also empowers you to become a change agent for social justice in education. Don't miss the opportunity to broaden your horizons, challenge your cultural assumptions, and return with invaluable insights to apply in your California classroom. Apply today and take the first step toward advancing your teaching career in a global context!

**Ground expenses include:**

- Housing throughout the program (home stays)
- Transportation throughout the program
- Weekend trip to Guanajuato City, including transportation and accommodation
- Day trip to Queretaro City
- Any required on-site fees
- Most meals throughout the program. Home stays provide three meals a day.

**What is not included in ground expenses:** Round-trip flight to Guanajuato Airport, additional meals not included in the program, and personal expenses.

Please note - all prices are estimates and are subject to change. Students will be provided with more accurate fee information once we know how many students are participating. The more students who participate, the lower the cost will be.

**Important Dates**

Application Deadline: February 1, 2026

Deposit Due: February 10, 2026 (approx. \$706)

Second Program Fee Deadline: March 12, 2026 (approx. \$2,000)

Final Program Fee Due: April 10, 2026 (approx. \$2,000)

Tuition and Fees Due: May 2026

Program Starts: June 10, 2026

Program Ends: June 27, 2026

*Please note that all dates and fees are subject to change.*