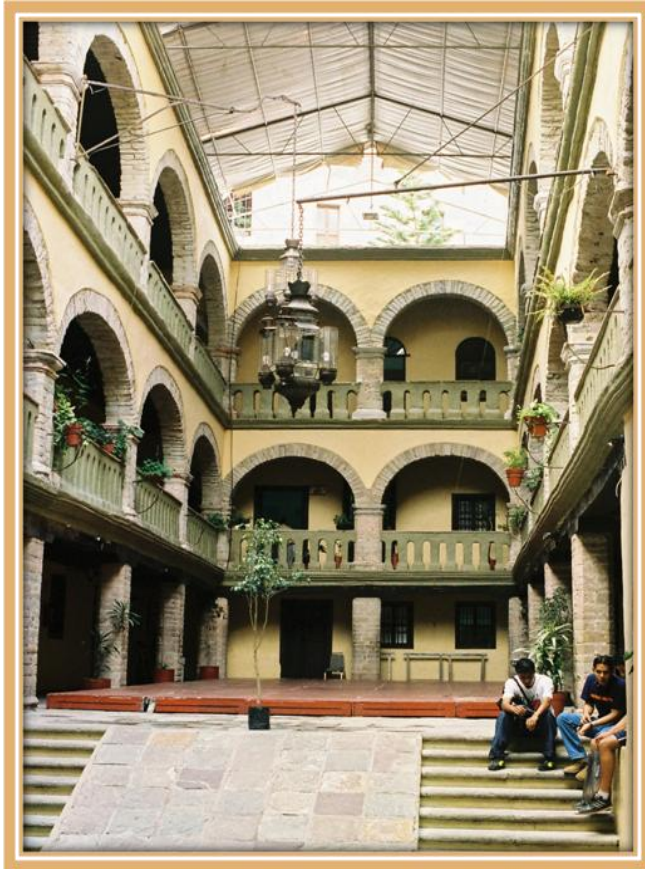


## The University of Guanajuato Guanajuato, Mexico



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**The city and the region:** The city of Guanajuato is the capital of the State of Guanajuato. It is located about 234 miles northwest of Mexico City, at an altitude of 6,583 ft. With its population of approximately 120,000 people, Guanajuato is an historical and picturesque city that owes its colonial splendor to the silver mines operated by the Spanish in the 16th and 17th centuries. The center is a maze of cobbled-stone streets and alleys that wind around the steep hillsides upon a small ravine, opening onto vistas of beautiful Churrigueresque churches and small plazas and offering many enjoyable places to walk. In addition to the many colonial streets and alleyways, Guanajuato has a complex series of underground passageways. The city is known for its climate, scenery, tranquility, and an international event held every October called the Cervantino Festival. The city exemplifies the cultural values of Mexico and the architectural splendor of the Spanish colonial period. Guanajuato was declared an UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1988.

**The university:** The University of Guanajuato traces its history back to a religious institution, the Hospice of the Holy Trinity, which was established in 1732. Nearly a century later, it came under government control and featured programs on mining, law, painting, and architecture. Renamed the National College of Guanajuato in 1867, it grew rapidly in the last years of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, adding many technical programs to its curriculum. Elevated to university status in 1945, the institution today enrolls approximately 26,000 students who pursue degrees on the Bachelor's, Master's, and Ph. D. levels. The university offers over 120 academic programs and has branches in nine cities throughout the State of Guanajuato.

**Programs available to UTM students:** UT Martin students may spend a semester or the academic year at Guanajuato as exchange students or may enroll in the university's summer immersion program. Courses in conversational Spanish, grammar, Mexican literature, and Mexican history are offered through the *Escuela de Idiomas*, an academic department within the university. Students normally earn between 6-8 credits for their participation in the four-week summer program. Dates for this year's summer program are June 29 to July 24, 2009. The cost of the program this year is \$2,850.00 USD, which includes round trip airfare from Nashville to Guanajuato, room and board with a Mexican family, tuition, travel insurance, two excursions in the Guanajuato area, and all administrative and personnel fees. For more information and application materials, please contact [Dr. Daniel Nappo](mailto:Dr. Daniel Nappo), Associate Professor of Spanish, 427G Humanities, ext. 7420 [ [dnappo@utm.edu](mailto:dnappo@utm.edu) ] or the Center for Global Studies, 124 Gooch Hall, ext. 1023.