

Universidad Autónoma Agraria Antonio Narro (UAAAN) Saltillo, Mexico



Administration Building: Courtyard

The city and the region: Saltillo is the capital city of the northeastern Mexican state of Coahuila. The city is located at 400km south of the U.S. state of Texas and 90km west of Monterrey, Nuevo Leon. Saltillo has a population of 725,259, making it the 20th largest metro area in Mexico. The climate in Saltillo is great for hiking and spending time outdoors. The Colonial Center of the city is built in pink marble, giving Saltillo's architecture a distinctive flavor. The most prominent building is the cathedral (built from 1745-1800). The city has two world-class museums: the Museo de las Aves de México (Bird Museum) features a collection of bird specimens from all over Mexico in realistic displays; the Museo del Desierto (Desert Museum) focuses on the geography, geology, paleontology (with dinosaur fossils) and biodiversity of the Chihuahuan desert, and the history and culture of the local people through time.

The university: The Antonio Narro Autonomous Agrarian University (UAAAN) was founded on March 4, 1923 after the philanthropist Antonio Narro Rodríguez donated

his Buenavista Estate for a public agricultural university, which became the "Regional School of Agriculture Antonio Narro." The principal objective of this university consisted of preparing young people in a professional discipline for agricultural work in the field. The main Saltillo campus of the UAAAN covers more than 4 square kilometers in a fertile valley a few kilometers south of the city of Saltillo on the Zacatecas highway. A substantial amount of this land is occupied by experimental and demonstrative plots including annual and perennial crops, such as corn, wheat, sorghum. The university farms also include extensive beef cattle, sheep, goat and dairy operations. UT Martin has had relations with UAAAN since 2005 and several delegations of faculty and administrators from both have visited each other's campuses.

Programs available to UTM students: UTM students may undertake travel study classes to learn about Mexican agricultural production as well as research projects through the university and the Mexican government. They may also spend a semester or year at Antonio Narro on UTM's official exchange program with this institution. For more information on studying at UAAAN, contact Dr. Joey Mehlhorn, Professor of Agricultural Economics, Brehm Hall 265, ext. 7257 [mehlhorn@utm.edu] or The Center for Global Studies, 124 Goch Hall, ext. 1023.

