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Academia Vinigulaza, a successful language school offering Spanish classes in Oaxaca for over 15 years, specializes in personalised classes for small groups. Teachers foster an atmosphere of confidence and fun in the classroom, offering patient support and focusing on dynamic conversation exercises to allow students maximum speaking time. We know your time is valuable and often limited; we work with you to improve your Spanish fast and enjoyably.

Levels: We offer classes for students who are absolute beginners to the most advanced searching to increase fluency or just put their knowledge into practice. Our classes run from one week for those with little time or who wish to gain enough fluency to travel. Students are placed according to their level and abilities with a written and oral test.

Colonial Setting and classrooms: Located in a beautiful colonial building in the historic centre of Oaxaca, we are only a few blocks from the Santo Domingo Cathedral and the main square and the zocalo. The school's central patio is a good place to sit, chat with students and teachers, while enjoying a cup of coffee. Our classrooms are all well equipped with comfortable chairs, white boards, tape / cd players, video and dvd.

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Class Focus and program: We offer you classes that allow you to maximise your conversation practice time using modern teaching methods. At Vinigulaza, we provide grammar practice through conversation and oral exercises offering students the possibility to practice even limited knowledge in role-plays, games and conversation exercises. We leave you written work to do at home, allowing you to review and reaffirm what you have done during the day. Many schools still separate grammar and conversation, resulting in turgid repetition of grammar forms or the teacher watching you while you write for hours, our aim is radically different. If you are only here for a few weeks or days, we really enable you to eke out as much from your classes as possible.

These methods have been very successful and our students greatly enjoy their classes. We have had several teachers and professors take classes at Academia Vinigulaza and I am pleased to say they have been very happy with both our program and our teachers.

Our program has been developed by our own teaching staff to ensure that students progress coherently and fast. We constantly strive to improve the service we offer our students and are always looking for innovative, interesting activities to incorporate into our program or new workshops to offer you. We have published our level one book and are in the process of

publishing the second. At more advanced levels classes routinely include text analysis, discussions of topical events, debates and local culture.



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Children's classes:

Please request information specific to children's classes. Our program runs for children of all ages and levels. These can be private classes or group classes for three hours daily.

Schedules of Classes:

We offer a whole range of teaching schedules to suit the individual student's needs.

Group classes:

These run for three or four hours a day Monday through Friday from 9 am.

Private classes: these can run from as little as one hour to as many as you wish. Private classes afford you the individual attention of a trained instructor and also the possibility of tailoring the course to your work or study needs. If you prefer we can offer you a combination of private and group classes. This allows you to pursue your own particular language interests (maybe linked to work or your home life) all the while improving communication skills and grammar in the group classes. Afternoon group classes can be arranged for families, groups etc

Class size:

Classes are small with a maximum of 6 students. Other schools offer a maximum of 5 students per class, but as at Vinigulaza our classes focus on student production and time, our classes consequently include a lot of pair work and an odd number just doesn't allow us to give you the talking time you need! We cater to all levels so whether you are a complete beginner or an advanced student we have the perfect course for you.

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Registration and Payment : It's not always easy to commit to a school while abroad. That is why we allow students the chance to come and meet us before they have to commit financially. All we require is a registration form from our web page for classes and homestay. You don't have to pay anything until you arrive here; by booking via the Internet you allow us to plan your classes and accommodation as well as give you a 5% discount. We are competitively priced because we know that you expect good value for money and that is just what we give you. Costs are as follows:

3 hours a day - 15 hours a week \$105 US dollars a week

4 hours a day - 20 hours a week \$140 US dollars a week.

Private classes: 15 USD an hour.

If there are no classes due to a public holidays students will not be charged for that day.

These dates are- January 1st, February 5th, March 21st, May 1st, September 16th, November 20th and December 25th. Due to government policy these holidays are sometimes moved to the nearest Friday or Monday.

We take visa and MasterCard, there is a 6% charge for credit card transactions. You can also pay in pesos or dollars.

Teachers:

Our teachers are all trained native speakers with an exceptional amount of patience, so even the most nervous student feels comfortable. We use a variety of methods (including our own course book) and aids all of which are dynamic and fun and mean that you can actually communicate in Spanish rather than just knowing a few standard phrases.

Class Credits:

we offer class credits, certificates that state the number of hours studied and the student's level. We also offer a more comprehensive breakdown of the study period. This states the material covered, student level, additional cultural activities and hours spent on these. Please check with your school to see exactly what your institution's requirements are.

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Course Book:

We have recently written and published our own textbook to provide a framework for our course, this is available for level one, level two will be available soon. This gives students grammar reference, exercises and a clear idea of their course progression. The course book is available at the school for 11 USD.

Free extras: Students who pre-book their course with us receive a minimum 5% discount, free classroom materials (a notebook and pencil). All our students benefit from free Internet access, workshops and free conversation exchanges. Have a look at our web site on www.vinigulaza.com

We also offer an increased discount for a 4 week + stay or groups.

Our friendly atmosphere and helpful staff combined with free conversation exchanges offered make Vinigulaza the best school for you!

Exchange rates

Please bear in mind when paying in pesos that the rates are calculated at the higher rate. Prices are quoted in dollars so the dollar rate charged is what it costs to buy dollars, not to sell them. The difference is minimal but please take note - especially when paying for homestays.

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Homestays:

Stay with a Mexican family and discover local home cooking! The families we work with all have experience in opening their homes to foreign students and thoroughly enjoy doing it! It's worth remembering you can't get a decent hotel room for the prices quoted – it's a very good deal!

Costs are as follows:

\$18 US bed and breakfast

\$23 US bed, breakfast and lunch

\$25 US bed, breakfast, lunch and dinner

We also offer a few self-catering options: please ask for details.

One of these options is a small independent house or smaller studios set in a garden in the south of the center. There are several others, please email to ask for information.

Please let me know if you have any further queries, I am always happy to answer email enquiries.

Kind Regards
Catherine Kumar
DIRECTOR

