

THE EXPERIENCE

I have certainly had my consciousness raised. I have discovered new things and made life-long friends. I have been exposed to new places and new ideas. I have seen great beauty and unsettling poverty.... I learned a great deal during my stay in Mexico-my Spanish improved, I'm historically literate now and I'm more culturally aware."

-Sandra Crain 1995

"An opportunity of a life time.... I will never hear the word Mexico again without thinking of my Mexican family and friends."

- Donna Crispen 1996

"If I was to tell a friend, I would tell them it is an experience of a lifetime and that they should 'seize the day' and go to Cuernavaca."

-Andre Anderson 1999

"I think everyone should include themselves in other cultures because there is a lot to learn. You will not only be learning about other people and their cultures, but you will learn about yourself."

-Valerie Suggs 2005



www.universal-spanish.com/general_info.htm

If you have a disability and need assistance, special arrangements can be made to accommodate most needs

CUERNAVACA

Cuernavaca, known as the "city of eternal spring" because of its year-round pleasant climate and brightly colored flora, has long been an important Mexican cultural center. About one and one-half hours from Mexico City in the picturesque state of Morelos, it served as winter residence of conqueror Hernan Cortes, whose mid-sixteenth century palace now houses the regional Cuauhnahuac Museum. The museum contains many interesting examples of Indian and Hispanic culture, including famous Diego Rivera murals.

Modern-day Cuernavaca is a lively center of tourism and education; it is an internationally recognized center of innovation in language instruction. For decades, students and scholars have been attracted to Cuernavaca to explore, experiment with, and establish new methods for mastering Spanish. The city's cosmopolitan center is filled with sidewalk cafes where people meet to discuss politics, culture, and current affairs, while observing the passing parade of townspeople and Indians visiting from nearby villages to sell their wares. Away from the colorful and crowded center are large closed gardens, quiet houses, lovely churches, and dramatic landscapes.

APPLICATION INFORMATION

Applications available from the Office of International Programs. Any student desiring to participate in the program should contact:

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Indiana University South Bend
Office of International Programs

Summer in Mexico

Summer Session II
July 7—August 4, 2007

THE PROGRAM

World Language Studies and Sociology-Anthropology, in cooperation with the Office of International Programs, offer this unique opportunity to spend four weeks studying language, culture, and society in Mexico. Students enroll in and receive credit for IUSB courses. The courses are taught at the Universal Center for Language and Social Communication in Cuernavaca, Mexico. For more information, see <http://www.universal-spanish.com>

Students admitted to the program register for one course in each department for Summer Session II. In Spanish, depending on level of proficiency, students will take S102, S203, S204, S317 or S496. Special course work at the advanced level may be available. Students must have completed S101 or its equivalent to participate in the program.

In Sociology, students take S362: World Societies and Cultures: Mexico, or S560 for graduate students. All classes are either taught or supervised by IUSB faculty. All testing and the determination of final grades will be the responsibility of IUSB faculty. There is an internship opportunity S494 for students repeating the program.

For MLS Students: Liberal Studies D514
Graduate Liberal Overseas Studies: Mexico

THE COURSES

Spanish

Upon arrival at Universal, all students are evaluated to determine their levels of proficiency in Spanish. Programs of study are then individually adapted to help students achieve the proficiency needed for successfully completing the IUSB course in which they have enrolled. Students are placed in small groups of no more than five students in each class. Each student's progress is evaluated weekly and the program of study is adjusted for each student as necessary. Spanish classes meet five hours daily on Monday through

Friday. The final grade is determined by IUSB faculty on the basis of weekly quizzes and final examination along with the instructor's evaluations.

Social Science

The faculty considers learning a foreign language to be the first step in understanding the people who speak that language. The second step is cultural awareness and social analysis.

While living in Mexico, students engage in an analysis of the culture, social structure, history and development of Mexican society past and present. S362 satisfies the CLAS World Culture requirement as well as the general education non-Western culture requirement.



Cuernavaca is located about 40 miles south of Mexico City

Classes are taught in English by an IUSB faculty member or invited guest lecturers (simultaneous interpretation is provided when necessary). For those students who are interested, some course work will be offered in Spanish. Social Science classes meet two or three times a week for two hours. There are also several weekend field trips to archaeological sites, museums, historical locations, and attendance at major cultural events. Course requirements include attendance at all lectures and field trips and a journal with responses to assigned readings and experiences in Mexico. These two courses of study are intended to complement each other in a synergistic fashion not possible through normal classroom experience.

By living and studying in Mexico, students gain insights into Mexican society which are invaluable to cross-cultural awareness and understanding.

PROGRAM FEE

Total cost of the program will be approximately \$2,200 plus tuition for 6 credit hours. This includes round-trip travel between Chicago or South Bend and Mexico, transportation within Mexico, room and board, and all field trips and instructional services provided by Universal.

Deadlines: Applications are due by April 2. A \$650.00 non-refundable deposit is due from all successful applicants by April 17, 2006, with the balance to be paid in full by June 4, 2006 (with the exception of financial aid students).

Applications that are received after the deadline will not be considered.

HOUSING

The program provides accommodations, including meals, in the homes of Mexican families. This experience is an invaluable way to learn about Mexican culture on a personal level and an important element in mastering Spanish.

CHILDREN & THE PROGRAM

Childcare and language instruction for children are available upon request. Children are welcome to participate in all excursions without an extra fee, except when there are admission fees in museums, historical sites, or recreational areas. Minimum age for children in the program is 7.

FINANCIAL AID

All loans, grants, and scholarships for which participants are eligible at Indiana University can also be used for the Mexico program.

Undergraduate students must have a minimum 2.75 GPA, graduate students 3.0 GPA, and at least a Sophomore standing by the departure. All students must attend a judicial seminar conducted by the Director of Judicial Affairs.