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Mayan Language Institute (Kaqchikel and K’iche’ Maya)
Tulane University Stone Center for Latin American Studies and Vanderbilt University Center for Latin American Studies
FLAS Eligible

Location: Antigua and Nahualá, Guatemala

Dates: June 14-July 25, 2020

Program Summary:
The Mayan Language Institute is a 6-week program to train students in either Kaqchikel or K’iche’ Maya, two of the most widely-spoken Mayan languages in Guatemala today. Thanks to the collaboration between U.S. American faculty and Maya teachers, participants can study at the beginning, intermediate, or advanced levels of either language. The program’s highly individualized classes combine language immersion activities, lectures, one-on-one conversations, guest speakers and cultural excursions. The intensive nature of these classes, combined with students’ daily immersion in Maya communities, enables them to enhance their language skills rapidly while interacting with the Indigenous peoples that sustain them. Students enrolled in Kaqchikel Maya will spend 6 weeks at the PLFM campus in Antigua. Students enrolled in K’iche’ Maya will spend 1 week at the PLFM campus before relocating to Nahualá, a small city in the highlands of Sololá, for the final 5 weeks of the program.

Program Cost:Kaqchikel: $5,000 ($5,000 tuition and fees; $800 logistics ONLY fee)
K’iche’: $6,300 ($5,000 tuition and fees; $1,300 housing and logistics fee)

Program Website: https://stonecenter.tulane.edu/pages/detail/320/Mayan-Language-Institute-in-Guatemala


Application Deadline: Friday, March 6, 2020

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Maya Language Immersion—Beginning & Intermediate
Indiana University
FLAS-Eligible

Location: Piste, Yucatan, Mexico

Dates:
6 Weeks: June 7 to July 18
6 Weeks: June 21 to Aug 1

Program Summary: The OSEA Field Study Abroad Programs — Intensive Maya Language and Ethnography Field School Programs are INTENSIVE IMMERSION conducted on-site in Maya speaking communities & families in Yucatán and Quintana Roo, México. All OSEA programs prioritize homestay experiences for participants unless otherwise explicitly requested by applicant. The Maya language program is based in homestay with Maya speaking families in a small community to facilitate intensive language immersion and close mentoring of students. The focus is on conversational proficiencies and competencies in reading and writing Maya. OSEA offers three levels of Maya. The enrollment for any level of Maya is restricted to four students. Participants therefore receive the highest quality of training based native speaker language assistants who work one-on-one with Maya learners and small classroom learning and mentoring with Dr. Quetzil Castañeda, a recognized leader in Maya language pedagogy. The high Teacher - Student ratio allows OSEA to tailor the coursework to best fit student learning objectives. For example, the pedagogy can prioritize reading and writing or speaking and listening, or target specific speech situations and conversational competencies, according to your primary field of study and research needs. As well, specific vocabulary domains, syntax, and/or types of literature—from contemporary to colonial—can be emphasized according to each students’ goals, areas of research, and learning objectives.

Course materials, included in program cost includes: Blair and Vermont Salas Spoken Maya Lessons 1-12 (including audio files), Ko'ox Tsikbal Maaya'taan (grammar and lesson book, with audio and video), and Spanish-Maya glossaries published by UIMQRoo, Navarrette, and P. Huichim. Books not covered are: 1) Dictionary of Maya as Spoken in Hocaba and 2) Maya Dictionary by Montgomery.

Program Cost:
$4800
Room & Board, $1200

Program Website: www.osea-cite.org

Application Deadline: Enroll Early by Jan 20 to Receive Program Discount of $400
Regular enrollment for Maya Feb 28

Contact:
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Dates: June 15 – July 31, 2020

Program Summary: The Center for Latin American Studies at the University of Utah, in partnership with IDIEZ (the Instituto de Docencia e Investigación Etnológica de Zacatecas, Mexico) is offering the opportunity to study Modern and Classical forms of Nahuatl at the beginning, intermediate and advanced levels. Instruction is offered by highly trained native-language speakers and provides students with a solid foundation in Nahuatl, a Uto-Aztecan language spoken in Mexico, along with meaningful cultural activities. The course seeks to: 1) develop students’ oral comprehension, speaking, reading, writing and knowledge of language structure, as well as their cultural wisdom and sensibility, in order to facilitate their ability to communicate effectively, correctly and creatively in everyday situations; 2) provide students with instruments and experiences that demonstrate the continuity between past and present Nahua culture, through the study of colonial and modern texts and conversation with native speakers 3) penetrate into the historical, economic, political, social and cultural aspects of Nahua civilization; and 4) prepare students to take university level humanities courses taught in Nahuatl alongside native speakers.

Students will have class for at least five hours per day, Monday through Friday: two hours of Modern Nahuatl immersion with native speaking instructors, two hours of Classical Nahuatl taught by John Sullivan, three hours per week of individual and small group tutoring in order to work on a research project of the student’s choice, and three hours of cultural activities per week. Students who wish to enroll at the intermediate or advanced level must demonstrate that they have worked on Modern Nahuatl conversation with a native speaker during the previous academic year. Contact John Sullivan at john.j.sullivan@utah.edu for options concerning the completion of this requirement. Students who complete this intensive language course will be awarded 6-8 credits (8 credits for beginner and intermediate and 6 credit for advanced), equivalent to two semesters of intensive coursework.

Cost: Tuition is $5,000. Room and board are not included. Information regarding on-campus housing can be found on our website at: https://latin-american-studies.utah.edu/nahuatl languag eprogram/housing.php
Partial tuition assistance may be available.

Please email us at summernahuatl@utah.edu or for FLAS specific questions, please email Patrick Cheney at flas@utah.edu.

For more information, please visit our website at: https://latin-american-studies.utah.edu/nahuatl languag eprogram/
Basic-Intermediate Mixtec Language School in Oaxaca City, Mexico!
Center for Latin American Studies, San Diego State University
FLAS Eligible

Dates: June 21, 2020 – July 31, 2020

Location: Oaxaca City, Mexico

Program Summary:
Language instruction is provided by native Mixtec speakers and scholars Juan Julian Caballero, and Marcos Cruz Bautista through the Welte Institute in Oaxaca, City. The course offers 140 hours of instruction plus local weekend field trips over a six-week period. Intermediate Spanish proficiency is required to participate.

Program Cost:
Tuition & Fees: $4,500 includes SDSU tuition, some course materials, and program ground transportation. Airfare, food, health insurance, and lodging are not included.

Application & Deadline:
See http://latinamericanstudies.sdsu.edu/study_abroad/mixtec.html for instructions.

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Summer Intensive Zapotec Language School in Oaxaca, Mexico!
Center for Latin American Studies, San Diego State University
FLAS Eligible

Dates: June 21, 2020 – July 31, 2020

Location: Oaxaca, Mexico

Program Summary:
This intensive program is taught by native Isthmus Zapotec speaker and linguist Tomas Villalobos Aquino through the Casa de la Cultura in Juchital n. The course offers 140 hours of class instruction plus local weekend field trips over a six-week period. Participants will be fully immersed in the culture and language through homestays with Zapotec speaking families. Intermediate Spanish proficiency is required to participate.

Tuition & Fees:
$5,000 includes SDSU tuition, some course materials, and program ground transportation. Airfare, food, health insurance, and lodging are not included.

Application & Deadline:
See http://latinamericanstudies.sdsu.edu/study_abroad/zapotec.html for instructions.

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Ecuadorian Quichua, Achuar, and Wao Tededo Languages  
The University of Pittsburgh, Florida International University, and University of Wisconsin at Madison  
FLAS Eligible

**Dates:** June 13 – July 25, 2019

**Location:** The Andes and Amazon Field School in the Ecuadorian Amazon on the Napo River near Tena. The program is located in a community where Quichua is the dominant language. Achuar and Waorani speakers from nearby communities are in residence. Includes trip to a Waorani community adjacent to Ecuador’s Yasuni National Park.

**Program Summary:**
The 2020 Amazonian Quichua program is taught in English by Professors Tod D. Swanson (Arizona State University), and Armando Muyulema, (University of Wisconsin at Madison) and Nely Shiguango. The Achuar and Waorani programs are taught in Spanish by native speaker instructors under the English language supervision of Tod Swanson. The program will include guest lectures by leading specialists in Quichua Linguistics Janis B. Nuckolls, Brigham Young University and Pieter Muysken University of Nijmegen, Netherlands. Each of the three language programs offer 140 hours of intensive classroom instruction to meet the requirements for FLAS Fellowships established by the U.S. Department of Education. All students receive grades for courses. Students are evaluated upon entry and again upon completion of the course using the IRIS testing instruments provided by the USDE. Classes are taught in English. During the second half of the afternoon students break into smaller groups for organized Quichua language practice with native speakers. The class frequently goes out into the forest to learn about plants and animals from traditional elders. Origin stories and songs to species are recorded in the native languages and translated in class. As ability in Quichua improves students increasingly begin to formulate their own questions in Quichua. While studying the languages get a grounding in Amazonian social relation to nature and cultural thinking about the environment from top experts in the field. Make lasting contacts with native communities for future dissertation work. Life changing for many. 184 FLAS Fellows from 40 Universities have attended since 2000.

**Program Website:** [https://www.andes-fieldschool.org/](https://www.andes-fieldschool.org/)

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Yucatec Maya Institute
Consortium in Latin American and Caribbean Studies at the University of North Carolina
at Chapel Hill and Duke University
FLAS-Eligible

Dates: June 22-July 31, 2020

Program location:
- Level 1: 2 weeks at UNC-Chapel Hill and 4 weeks in Valladolid, Mexico
- Level 2: 6 weeks Valladolid, Mexico
- Level 3: 6 weeks Valladolid, Mexico

Program Description: The Yucatec Maya Summer Institute offers three courses (Levels 1-3) in modern Yucatec Maya, a living language spoken by one million people living in the Yucatán Peninsula and northern Belize. Students in the Intensive Yucatec Maya Courses will have the unique opportunity to take a comprehensive look at the Yucatán through a combination of classroom and field activities. Students visit a range of important historic and cultural locations. Trips to archeological and colonial sites as well as other Mayan villages are led by Mayan scholars, who will introduce them to the cultural importance of each site. Mérida, the beautiful capital of the Mexican state of Yucatán, offers its visitors both modern and historic aspects of city life. Valladolid is home to an innovative Maya culture and language program that promotes intercultural learning and trains a new generation of Maya-speaking students. Xocen, situated 12 kilometers southeast of Valladolid, is located in the milpa area of the Mexican state of Yucatán. Xocen is an ancient town that played a key role in the Caste War and was the original home of the Talking Cross. Basic knowledge of Spanish is required.

Cost:
Approximately $5000 tuition and fees; living expenses approximately $1500
Students who are not eligible for FLAS are considered for alternative funding opportunities.

Contact:
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Intensive Quechua in Cusco, Peru  
Centro Tinku and University of Michigan  
FLAS-Eligible

**Dates:** June 22 – August 7, 2020

**Program location:** CENTRO TINKU, calle Nueva Baja 560, Cusco 08000 PERU

**Program Description:** Now in its 17th year, the Centro Tinku /U. Michigan Intensive Quechua Program offers a unique way of training prospective scholars in Andean cultures, in the main indigenous language in the region. Directed to graduate students in Anthropology, History, Linguistics and Archaeology, but open to other qualified candidates it consists of 7 weeks of intensive, highly individualized classroom work and workshops at the beginning, intermediate and advanced level. Our experienced instructors are native Quechua speakers, trained in education and language instruction. Classes will take place in Centro Tinku, and educational and cultural center located in the old colonial district of San Pedro, minutes away from the main market in Cusco (Peru). This capital of one of the most successful ancient American cultures, continues to be home to a population whose first language and primary way of communicating is Quechua, the language of the Incas who dominated the region. Students will have access to out-of-classroom activities and visits to campesino communities and will participate in rituals corresponding to the Andean calendar of fiestas. This cultural immersion coupled with a total of 140 in-class contact hours, effectively guarantees a path to linguistic fluency over the various levels offered, which can also be combined throughout the academic year with our in-house Quechua online program. College credit available through U. of Michigan. The program is FLAS eligible as determined by the U.S. Department of Education. Centro Tinku also offers 50% scholarships on tuition costs to Latin American students not eligible for other funding.

**Cost:** $3250.00

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