

# Latin American Indigenous Language Programs

## Summer 2017

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**Intensive Summer Language & Culture Program in K'iche' and Kaqchikel  
Mayan Language Institute 2017  
Tulane University, Stone Center for Latin American Studies  
Vanderbilt University, Center for Latin American Studies  
University of Texas, Teresa Lozano Long Institute for Latin American Studies  
University of New Mexico, Latin American and Iberian Institute  
FLAS Eligible**

**Location** Antigua and Nahualá, Guatemala

**Dates** June 17 – July 29, 2017

**Program Summary**

The Mayan Language Institute is an intensive six-week language immersion program in K'iche' Maya and Kaqchikel Maya. Students study with both U.S. faculty and native speakers. In addition to language study, students participate in cultural activities, lectures, discussions, and excursions. With more than 1.5 million K'iche' and Kaqchikel speakers in Guatemala, the goal of the institute is to help students develop and advance proficiency in their chosen language and to gain a better understanding of the cultural and political contexts that have affected the historical development and preservation of the language.

Students pursuing Kaqchikel Maya will spend six weeks in Antigua. Students pursuing K'iche' Maya will spend one week in Antigua and five weeks in Nahualá. All students are placed with local families for home-stays. Classes in Antigua will take place at UT Austin's Casa Herrera— a great colonial mansion turned beautifully restored academic facility— which is centrally located one block north of Antigua's Central Park.

**Application & Deadline**

The application deadline for this program is March 24, 2017. Student applicants must be in good academic standing and have at least a current cumulative grade point average of 2.5. Non-Tulane students are welcome to apply. Students should have some level of Spanish proficiency; previous study in either Kaqchikel or K'iche' is required for intermediate or advanced coursework. Students should be flexible and prepared for living conditions in Guatemala.

\$50 application deposit

- Please visit the program's webpage at: <http://stonecenter.tulane.edu/page/MLI>.

**Tuition & Fees**

Kaqchikel: \$5,000 tuition

\$500 non-tuition related logistics fees (housing/meals NOT included)

K'iche': \$5,000 tuition

\$1,350 non-tuition related housing/meals and logistics fees

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**Andes and Amazon Field School 2017: Ecuadorian Quichua**  
**Andes Field School**  
**University of Pittsburgh**  
**University of Georgia**  
**FLAS Eligible**

**Location** Ecuador, Andes & Amazon

**Dates** June 5 – July 27, 2017

**Program Summary**

- Includes 1 week in Ecuador's pristine Yasuni National Park.
- Professors Tod Swanson, Janis Nuckolls, Armando Muyulmena, Michael Severino with guest lectures by Prof. Pieter Muysken, University Nijmegen, Netherlands.
- Program offers 140 contact hours of Ecuadorian Quichua.
- 146 FLAS Fellows from 38 universities have attended to date.
- Prices include 6 credits of tuition, lodging, 3 meals per day, and in country travel.
- More information at <http://andes-fieldschool.org>

**Application & Deadline**

For Quichua Apply to: <http://abroad.pitt.edu/ecuadorFLAS>. Applications accepted through February 24, 2017. (Students who are not from a FLAS granting institution can enroll through the University of Georgia, contact Steven Lownes: Email [lownes@uga.edu](mailto:lownes@uga.edu); 706-542-0121).

Apply for Sumer a FLAS fellowship through your university's Center for Latin American Studies. Students who are not from a FLAS granting institution can enroll through the University of Georgia.

List of FLAS granting institutions: <http://www.andes-fieldschool.org/flas-granting-institutions>

**Tuition & Fees**

\$7,200 (\$5,000 institutional, \$2,200 room & board)

Cost \$7,200: (Covered by FLAS Fellowship broken down as \$5,000 institutional payment; \$2,000 room and board).

To be eligible for FLAS applicants must be US citizens or residents enrolled in a graduate program in any field.

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**Summer Quechua Language Study in Cusco**  
**University of Michigan**  
**FLAS Eligible**

**Location** Cusco, Peru

**Dates** June 19 – August 4, 2017

**Program Summary**

For more than a decade, the University of Michigan Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies has cosponsored the Summer Quechua Study program in Cusco, Peru, and this is our ninth year collaborating with Centro Tinku, directed by Dr. Jean-Jacques Decoster. The program is open to all college and university undergraduate and graduate students who wish to learn Southern Quechua. This unique program offers high-quality intensive language instruction through the experienced faculty at Centro Tinku along with the extraordinary experience of living and learning in the ancient Inca capital of Cuzco.

Three levels of intensive Southern Quechua are taught at Centro Tinku: Intensive Beginning Quechua, Intensive Intermediate Quechua, and Intensive Advanced Quechua. Classes meet for seven weeks. The courses meet daily for four hours per day, a total of 104 language instruction contact hours per course. Each class is the equivalent of a full academic year course.

Enrollment will be limited to ten for each of the three levels. The program is open to all graduate and professional school students. An extensive program of excursions and cultural events supplement the courses. The Quechua courses are taught using the immersion method. However, a working knowledge of Spanish is strongly recommended, as Spanish is the “bridge language” in the classroom. For an additional tuition fee, students may opt to take the course for University of Michigan credit by enrolling in the corresponding courses (LACS 471/472 and 473/474).

**Application & Deadline**

See <https://www.ii.umich.edu/lacs/students/quechua-language-program.html>

**Tuition & Fees**

Academic tuition: \$2,680.00

Optional Room & Board in Homestay: \$1,560.00

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**Miskitu Summer Program**  
**University of Kansas**  
**FLAS Eligible**

**Location** Granada and Puerto Cabezas, Nicaragua

**Dates** July 1 – August 13, 2017

**Program Summary**

This Miskitu language program, offered through the University of Kansas-Office of Study Abroad, is a DOE FLAS-eligible program that provides students with a rich anthropological experience while studying the Miskitu language (spoken by about 200,000 people in Honduras and Nicaragua). Students experience three distinct culture areas of Nicaragua: the Pacific highlands, the rain forested lowlands, and the Circum-Caribbean. Students stay for two weeks on the Pacific coast in the colonial city of Granada, living in home-stays with Spanish-speaking families and taking field trips to diverse locales. Students then travel to the Atlantic or Caribbean coast, and live for five weeks in a family-owned Bed and Breakfast in Puerto Cabezas, the capital of the North Caribbean Coast Autonomous Region. Puerto Cabezas is home to mestizo nationals and various indigenous and Afro-descendant peoples, including the Miskitu, Mayangna, Garífuna, and Creole peoples. Students take field trips, meet with village leaders, are cleansed by a shaman, and have other unique cultural activities.

The intensive six-week program provides 140 consecutive hours of classroom instruction at the beginner and intermediate level and 120 consecutive hours at the advanced level. In Granada, Miskitu classes are taught by native Miskitu-speaker Reynaldo Palacios Green (3 hours per day, taught in Spanish); and in Puerto Cabezas, Miskitu classes are taught in English by both the program director (3 hours per day) and native Miskitu-speaker Marlon Casanova Dalvéz (2 and 1/2 hours per day).

**Application & Deadline**

[www.studyabroad.ku.edu](http://www.studyabroad.ku.edu)

Deadline: March 1, 2017 (Early application is strongly encouraged.)

**Tuition & Fees (2016)**

KU students - \$2,435 (2016)

Non-KU students - \$2,645 (2016)

Program Fee: \$4,325 (KU and non-KU, including housing and most meals) (2016)

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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**

**Location**

Level 1: Chapel Hill, NC and Valladolid, Mexico

Level 2 and 3: Merida and Valladolid, Mexico

**Dates** June 12-July 21, 2017

**Program Summary**

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.

The program is eligible for FLAS funding. Students who are not eligible for FLAS are considered for alternative funding opportunities.

**Tuition & Fees**

Approximately \$5000; living expenses approximately \$1500

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**Basic-Intermediate Mixtec Language School in Oaxaca City, Mexico!**  
**Center for Latin American Studies, San Diego State University**  
**FLAS Eligible**

**Location** Oaxaca City, Mexico

**Dates** June 19 - July 28, 2017

**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.

**Application & Deadline**

See [http://latinamericanstudies.sdsu.edu/study\\_abroad/mixtec.html](http://latinamericanstudies.sdsu.edu/study_abroad/mixtec.html) for instructions. Application deadline is March 15, 2017.

**Tuition & Fees**

\$4,500 includes SDSU tuition, some course materials, and program ground transportation. Airfare, food, health insurance, and lodging are not included.

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**Advanced Mixtec Language School in Oaxaca City, Mexico!**  
**Center for Latin American Studies, San Diego State University**

**Location** Oaxaca City, Mexico

**Dates** July 2 - July 28, 2017

**Program Summary**

Intensive advanced Mixtec language instruction provided by native Mixtec speaker, scholar, and Center for Latin American Studies lecturer Angelina Trujillo. Course will include weekend trips and opportunities to participate in CLAS's Ethnographic Field School. Spanish proficiency preferred, but not required.

**Application & Deadline**

See [http://latinamericanstudies.sdsu.edu/study\\_abroad/mixtec.html](http://latinamericanstudies.sdsu.edu/study_abroad/mixtec.html) for instructions.  
Application deadline is March 15, 2017.

**Tuition & Fees**

\$2200. The price includes 4 weeks of accommodation in a hostel, travel insurance, and College of Extended Studies tuition fees for four units. You are responsible for airfare, transportation, and food.

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**Basic-Intermediate Zapotec Language School in Juchitán, Mexico!**  
**Center for Latin American Studies, San Diego State University**  
**FLAS Eligible**

**Location** Oaxaca, Mexico

**Dates** June 19 - July 28, 2017

**Program Summary**

This intensive program is taught by native Isthmus Zapotec speaker and linguist Tomás Villalobos Aquino through the Casa de la Cultura in Juchitán. The course offers 140 hours of class instruction plus local weekend fieldtrips 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.

**Application & Deadline**

See [http://latinamericanstudies.sdsu.edu/study\\_abroad/zapotec.html](http://latinamericanstudies.sdsu.edu/study_abroad/zapotec.html) for instructions. Application deadline is March 15, 2017.

**Tuition & Fees**

\$4,500 includes SDSU tuition, some course materials, and program ground transportation. Airfare, food, health insurance, and lodging are not included.

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**Summer Intensive Introductory Aymara**  
**University of Chicago**  
**FLAS Eligible**

**Location** University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

**Dates** June 19-August 11, 2017

**Program Summary**

In this course, students will work with a native speaker and the tri-lingual textbook (Aymara, Spanish, English) *Aymar Arux Akhamawato* acquire speaking, listening, and writing proficiency as well as familiarity with formal grammatical and linguistic structures. Students will work with a variety of authentic cultural materials, including film, literature, music, visual arts, and mass media to gain familiarity with particular meanings embedded within Aymara cultural concepts and contexts. This 8-week course is designed for students preparing for field work in Andean cultures or for linguists interested in indigenous South American languages. Summer Intensive Introductory Aymara provides 140 contact hours and accepts FLAS grants as full tuition.

**Application & Deadline**

Registration for Summer 2017 will open in late January. See program website for more information: <http://summerlanguages.uchicago.edu/page/summer-aymara-2017>

**Tuition & Fees**

\$6,985 (FLAS tuition grant accepted as full payment for tuition and fees); students may also apply for need-based financial aid that covers up to 67% of tuition charges.  
Housing: ~\$1,850 for campus residence halls. Other options available in private rental market.

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