

Latin American Indigenous Language Programs

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**Intensive Summer Language & Culture Program in K'iche' and Kaqchikel
Mayan Language Institute 2018
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 24 – August 3, 2018

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 23, 2018. 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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Please visit the program's webpage at: <http://stonecenter.tulane.edu/page/MLI>

Andes and Amazon Field School 2018: Ecuadorian Quichua
Andes Field School
University of Pittsburgh
University of Georgia
FLAS Eligible

Location Ecuador, Andes & Amazon

Dates June 2 – July 27, 2018

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 March 23, 2018. (Students who are not from a FLAS granting institution can enroll through the University of Georgia, contact Steven Lownes: Email 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

Approximately \$7,500 (\$5,000 institutional, \$2,500 room & board)

Cost \$7,500: (Covered by FLAS Fellowship broken down as \$5,000 institutional payment; \$2,500 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 18 – August 3, 2018

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 <http://www.centrotinku.com/classes/>

Tuition & Fees

Academic tuition: \$2,830.

Optional Room & Board in Homestay: \$1,717.

Contact

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Intensive Summer Nahuatl Language and Culture Program
University of Utah
FLAS Eligible

Location Salt Lake City, Utah

Dates June 21 – August 1, 2018

Program Summary

The University of Utah Center for Latin American Studies is partnering with IDIEZ (Institute de Docencia e Investigación Etnológica de Zacatecas) to offer the opportunity to study Classical and Modern Nahuatl at the beginning, intermediate and advanced levels. The 6-week course offers a unique opportunity to learn both Classical and Modern Nahuatl from highly trained native speakers of Nahuatl. 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 Dr. John Sullivan, three hours per week of individual tutoring with a native speaker in order to work on a research project of the student's choice, and three hours of cultural activities per week.

Application & Deadline

Contact John Sullivan (john.j.sullivan@utah.edu) for more information

Tuition & Fees

Academic Tuition: \$5000; Need-based financial assistance available for non-FLAS eligible participants. Housing: Approximately \$1200 for on-campus housing; market-rate options available off-campus.

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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, N.C., and Valladolid, Mexico

Levels 2 and 3: Mérida and Valladolid, Mexico

Dates June 11-July 20, 2018

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 \$5,000; living expenses approximately \$1,500

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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 17 - July 28, 2018

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 for instructions.

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 and
Ixpantepec Nieves, Mexico
Center for Latin American Studies, San Diego State University**

Location Oaxaca City and Ixpantepec Nieves, Mexico

Dates June 17 - July 13, 2018

Program Summary

Intensive language instruction in this advanced Mixtec course is provided by native Mixtec speaker, scholar, and lecturer Angelina Trujillo. Participants will receive instruction in Oaxaca City and the Mixteco community, Ixpantepec Nieves. While in the community, participants will have the opportunity to interact with native Mixtec speakers in a variety of different settings. The course will also include the opportunities to participate in the Center for Latin American Studies' Ethnographic Field School.

Application & Deadline

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

Tuition & Fees

\$2,500. 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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Summer Intensive Zapotec Language School in Oaxaca, Mexico
Center for Latin American Studies, San Diego State University
FLAS Eligible

Location Oaxaca, Mexico

Dates June 17 - July 28, 2018

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 for instructions.

Tuition & Fees

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

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