

MERIDA, YUCATAN, MEXICO STUDY ABROAD

CENTRO de IDIOMAS del SURESTE

Summer 2010 Program

Purpose

The purpose of this program is to provide total immersion in the Spanish language and in the culture of Mexico. Held in cooperation with Centro de Idiomas del Sureste, the program represents the fulfillment of cooperative agreements between Illinois Central College and this institution. The intent of these agreements is as follows:

- To establish a cooperative exchange of information and ideas.
- To experience the educational system in the other country.
- To enhance understanding between the cultures of the United States and Mexico.

This exchange program will provide the opportunity for ICC students to learn the Spanish language, become familiar with Mexican culture and as a result become better citizens in a world of increasing globalization.

The specific objectives of this exchange are provided below. Through participation in this exchange program students will:

- Increase their skills and abilities in the Spanish Language
- Enhance their understanding of Mexican culture, education and other areas of life in Mexico.
- Improve their skills in working with business and other concerns from Mexico.
- Enhance their skills in living and working in another culture, which could transfer to any culture throughout the world.

Live and study in Merida, Yucatan. Situated on the tip of the Yucatan Peninsula, the language school is located in the heart of Merida, Yucatan, a city of 1 million people. The location allows students to experience the beauty of Merida, as well as modern and ancient Mayan culture.

Admission Requirements

Students are eligible to participate in a study abroad program if they have completed at least 15 semester hours and have a cumulative grade point average of 2.75 or better. No previous Spanish Language is required. Participants are expected to take classes in Spanish Language during the 4 week minimester study abroad, as well as participate in the cultural offerings that are a part of the program.

The program is offered by Illinois Central College in cooperation with Centro de Idiomas del Sureste (CIS). For more information on CIS, see info@cisyucatan.com.mx.

Program Costs

For Summer 2010 program costs will include airfare, room and board, tuition and tuition to CIS. There will be other costs that the student must cover including some meals, their own health insurance, student health insurance (\$32) passport (\$90), immunizations, and other incidentals. For eligible students, financial aid is available to cover some of the expenses.

Program Dates**Summer**

May 19– June 16, 2010 – Approximate dates

Application Deadline

March 29, 2010

Credits:

Upon successful completion of the class listed below, students will receive credit for one 4 credit Spanish Class as appropriate. Spanish 110 – 4 credit hours; or Spanish 111 – 4 credit hours; or Spanish 210 – 4 credit hours; or Spanish 211 – 4 credit hours.

Spanish Courses, Descriptions and Transfer Credits**Elementary Spanish I – SPAN 110 – 4 Credits**

Prerequisite: None. The course is designed to develop through the natural approach the four basic language skills; listening, speaking, reading and writing. Much of the course is conducted in the language. The class is four lecture hours per week.

Elementary Spanish II – SPAN 111 - 4 Credits

Prerequisite: SPAN 110 or satisfactory performance on a placement test. This course is a continuation of SPAN 110, with a stronger emphasis on listening, speaking, reading and writing. This course is conducted in Spanish. The class is four lecture hours per week.

Intermediate Spanish I – SPAN 210 – 4 Credits

Prerequisite: SPAN 111 or equivalent. The course emphasizes conversation, composition, and selected readings. The course is conducted in Spanish. The class is four lecture hours per week.

Intermediate Spanish II – SPAN 211 – 4 Credits

Prerequisite: SPAN 210 or equivalent. The course emphasizes conversation, composition, and selected readings. The course is conducted in Spanish. The class is four lecture hours per week.

Faculty and Staff

Faculty members at CIS will teach the majority of the classes. In addition, faculty and staff from Illinois Central College will be on site on an occasional basis.

Grades

Instructors at CIS will assign grades for the Spanish Classes in conjunction with ICC instructors.

Housing and Meals

Housing for students will be in homestays approved by CIS. Generally the accommodations are double occupancy rooms with an attached bathroom. Most of the rooms have air conditioning, although there is an extra charge for this service. Also provided are study desks and a place for storage of clothing. In addition, breakfast, lunch and dinner will also be provided in the in the host family homes. However, students should be prepared to cover some meals on their own.

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\$1620	room and board
\$ 120	air conditioning \$30 per a week
\$ 348	ICC tuition for 4 credits
\$ 170	books and supplies
\$ 700	Flight
\$ 40	Student Insurance
\$ 200	Extra funds for tours, etc
<u>\$ 300</u>	ICC processing
\$3498	TOTAL

Costs to Student

Financial aid packages are available to eligible students to cover many of the costs that are the responsibility of the student. Those costs include the following:

- Tuition for ICC
- Passport fees (approximately \$90; \$130 for express passport service) – 671-8848 – 10:00 am – 3:00 pm <http://www.usps.com/passport/>
- Some meals
- Health insurance certification
- Immunizations - Health Department – 693-5360 or your own health care provider
- Optional excursions
- Personal expenses
- Telephone calls
- Books and supplies @ \$170

Application Deadline is March 29, 2010; the first deposit of \$500 is due by April 10th.

Late Applicants

We welcome student applications beyond the application deadline on a space available basis. We will continue to take applications until all of the five student vacancies are filled.

Withdrawals and Refund Policy

- Notification of withdrawal must be in writing
- Students withdrawing from the program should do so at least 30 days prior to departure to allow ICC to identify an alternate to participate in the program.

Transportation

Transportation is provided by regularly scheduled and approved airlines. No changes or deviations in itinerary/schedule are allowed. All participants must travel together as a group on both the trip to and from Mexico. Trip extensions are not allowed. Participants will be picked up at the airport by host families, and arrangements will be made to transport participants back to the airport for departure at the end of the program.

Tickets

Tickets will be ordered by Dr. Barbara E. Burton, Director of International Education.

Immunizations

See attached recommendations from the Health Department. If you are selected, it is advisable to make an appointment with your health care provider to insure that your regular immunizations are up to date. This will also be the student's responsibility.

Insurance

Participants are required to have medical insurance which is valid outside of the US and to show proof of such insurance. In addition, participants will be insured under Study Abroad Insurance at \$40 to be paid by the student for the entire trip. This will cover up to \$100,000 per incident in health care costs.