MEXICAN INDIGENOUS HERITAGE

EDUCATION ABROAD AND SERVICE-LEARNING PROGRAM

6 credits (count towards minor or major in Spanish)

DESCRIPTION: On-site interdisciplinary study of Mexican indigenous cultures and their influence in the development of Mexican national identity from Pre-Hispanic to modern times. Literature, visual arts, music, and film are studied from a historical, social, cultural, religious, economic, and political perspective. This program emphasizes hands-on learning by means of numerous field trips, workshops, cultural events, a three-day trip to Mexico City, a weeklong service-learning component, and a three-day cooking course. This is a Spanish immersion program; therefore all activities are conducted in Spanish.

DATES: May 16 – June 27, 2008

LOCATION: Puebla, Mexico. Universidad de las Américas

COST: $4,500 + airfare

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WHAT THE PROGRAM FEE COVERS:

A. Academic Program
   - Six CUA credits
   - Instruction and direction by CUA faculty
   - Pre-departure orientation
   - Use of fully equipped classroom at UDLA
   - Fieldtrips (including transportation and guide services)
   - Guest lectures (UDLA faculty)
   - Workshops: dancing, Nahuatl, and others
   - All course materials

B. Room and Board
   - Double room accommodation during stay at UDLA
   - Meal plan (2 meals a day Mon-Thu during stay at UDLA)

C. 3-day/2-night Mexico City Trip
   - Transportation (from/to Puebla and in Mexico City)
   - Breakfast and lunch every day
   - Visits to Teotihuacán, Basílica of Guadalupe, Palacio Nacional, museums, etc.
   - Entrance fees to all sites
   - Tickets for the Ballet Folclórico de México at the Palacio Nacional de Bellas Artes
   - Hotel accommodation in one of the safest areas of Mexico City

D. 7-day Service Learning Project
   - Transportation (from/to Puebla and in Cuetzalan)
   - Placement in project
   - Room and board (breakfast and lunch every day)
   - Alternative healing workshop
   - Field trips to Yohualichan, San Miguel, waterfalls, etc.

E. Cooking Course
   - Introductory lecture on Mexican Cuisine
   - Three hands-on sessions with professional chef
   - All ingredients

F. Services at UDLA
   - 2-day orientation program upon arrival
   - Cultural Events: Music, theater, and Fiesta Mexicana
   - Access to: Library, computer labs, sports facilities (gym, pool, etc.), internet, 24-hour Health Center.

WHAT THE PROGRAM FEE DOES NOT COVER:

Airfare (about $500-600)
Ground transportation from/to Mexico City airport and UDLA (about $40 roundtrip)
Dinners (about $500)
Personal expenses: entertainment, shopping, etc.
COST COMPARISON

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<th>Six-Week Mexico Program</th>
<th>Six-Week CUA Summer Session*</th>
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<td>COST</td>
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<td>INCLUDES</td>
<td>• Six-credit tuition</td>
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<td>• Room and board (except dinners)</td>
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<td>• Dining Fees: $525.00 (10-meal/week plan; $87.50/week)</td>
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*Fees for Summer 2008, as of 2/19/08: [http://summer.cua.edu/tuitionandfees/](http://summer.cua.edu/tuitionandfees/)

THE UNIVERSIDAD DE LAS AMERICAS (UDLA)

Located in the ancient city of Cholula, on the outskirts of Puebla, UDLA is one of the most prestigious private universities in Latin America. Comparable in size and student population to CUA, UDLA offers not only state-of-the-art facilities, but also full health and security services 24 hours a day. The Centro Internacional de Lengua y Cultura, that hosts our program, has a long and reputable tradition in global education; its professional staff and team of over twenty student counselors are fully committed to make our experience safe and enjoyable. The director and students will be staying at UDLA’s modern student apartments, each with its own kitchen, living/dining area, washer/drier, fringe, microwave, ethernet connection, private bathroom and shower, and front-desk reception/security service 24 hours a day.

THE WEEKLONG SERVICE-LEARNING COMPONENT

We will travel to Cuetzalan, a small town in the northern part of the state of Puebla, known throughout Mexico as “Magic Town” for its beautiful landscape and rich indigenous heritage. We will be based at Taselotzin, an ecological hotel operated by a social association of indigenous women. We will have the opportunity to teach at a local elementary school, visit neighboring towns, and work on several learning projects.

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APPLICATION INFORMATION

APPLICATION DEADLINE: APRIL 1, 2008

ELIGIBILITY

Completion of SPAN104 or equivalent
2.5 cumulative GPA or special permission from Center of Global Education
Must be in good Disciplinary Standing

HOW TO APPLY

Download forms (“Housing Form” is not required) at:
http://studyabroad.cua.edu/HowToApply

1. Set up an interview with program director immediately.

2. Complete application with advisor’s signature (Applications must be typed).

3. Most recent tracking sheet.

4. Copy of valid and signed passport (The passport must be valid through 6 months after the end program (namely, valid through December 08). Any student without a passport at the time of application must submit a dated copy of a passport application.

5. Non-refundable deposit fee of $1,000.00.

All materials, except the deposit, should be submitted together
in an envelope with the student’s name and ID, to:

Dr. Mario Ortiz
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McMahon 208

STUDY ABROAD SCHOLARSHIPS FOR LANGUAGE MAJORS

The Department of Modern Languages and Literatures awards every year a small number of the Alessandro Crisafulli Travel Grants to meritorious undergraduate majors in modern languages. More information and application forms are available in the department’s office at McMahon 208.

Application deadline for summer travel: MARCH 17.