

MEXICO

Social Work: Culture and Immigration
OSU Sponsored Study Abroad Program



Program Highlights

Dates

Summer 2010:
June 24 – July 15, 2010

Location

Cuernavaca, Mexico City

Program Costs

- Ohio State tuition
- Program Fee of \$1,320.
- Airfare

See “program costs” section.

Application Deadline

February 1, 2010

Eligibility

- Open to juniors, seniors, and graduate students of all majors, with priority to Social Work students
- Completion of spring 2010 class SOC WORK 695.10
- 2.7 minimum GPA (3.0 for graduate students)

Academic Credit

Social Work

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Program

This intensive three-week program, titled *Mexico: an Ecological Perspective on Cultural and Immigration Issues through a Social Work and Human Services Lens*, focuses on social workers' increasing need to know about people who have immigrated from Mexico or another Spanish-speaking country. Through this program, students will learn about the history and culture of Mexico, the economic pressures Mexicans face, and immigration to the United States and its effects on immigrants as well as families and communities in Mexico. Additionally, the program will introduce students to social work in Mexico to provide a comparison with social work practice in the U.S. and give students a chance to interact with their counterparts in the host country.

Location

The program is offered in conjunction with Augsburg College's Center for Global Education (CGE) and is primarily based in Cuernavaca, a city known for its perennial springtime (70-80 degrees). Cuernavaca, the capital of the state of Morelos, is about a 1½ hour drive south of Mexico City. Both the city and the state are important in Mexican history; the palace of the conqueror Hernán Cortéz borders the central plaza in Cuernavaca. Morelos is known as the “the cradle of the Mexican revolution” of 1910 led by Emiliano Zapata, who was born in a small town near Cuernavaca. A city of more than one million, Cuernavaca is also known for its innovative grass-roots education programs, economic cooperatives, and base communities inspired by liberation theology.

Field Trips and Activities

Students will participate in visits to social work agencies, day and/or overnight trips to Mexico City and rural villages. All are integral to the program and participation is required.

Accommodations

CGE maintains two houses in Cuernavaca which will be your home base during the program. These are located in Colonia San Anton and just a 15 minute walk from downtown Cuernavaca. Two to four students will share a room. There is also common living space for classes, study and leisure time, as well as a small library. Meals (including vegetarian options) are prepared and served on the premises. Students will also spend one or more nights with host families in Cuernavaca and/or a rural village.

Courses and Credit

Students will receive 10 hours of credit in SOC WORK 697.03 for successful completion of the study abroad experience, which includes active involvement in all planned activities, required pre-trip orientation, required written assignments, and post-travel integration sessions in Columbus. The program fee is due May 21, one month prior to the first day of summer quarter classes.

Program Costs

The cost of the program is OSU tuition for Summer 2010 plus a Study Abroad Program Fee of \$1,320, which includes in-country instruction and English translation when needed, room and board (3 meals per day), supplemental health insurance, program-related field trips, and airport pick-up and departure transportation in Mexico. Pre-departure expenses (passport, health appointment and immunizations), airfare, primary health insurance, and personal expenses are not included.

Pre-Departure Orientation

Attendance at all pre-departure orientations is mandatory for participation in the program. Orientation sessions will offer important information on travel, passports, customs, health, and academic expectations. The dates and times of the pre-departure orientations will be announced.

Application Information

Applicants must submit the Office of International Affairs Study Abroad Application online via buckeyelink.osu.edu. Please note that upon application, a \$150 application fee will be assessed to your Statement of Fees and Accounts. The application fee will be refunded only if you are not accepted or submit a written request to withdraw your application prior to the application deadline. If you withdraw any time after the date of your notification of acceptance to a study abroad program, you will be responsible for any non-recoverable costs that have been incurred on your behalf plus a \$200 cancellation fee

Passports

Passports are required for every Ohio State study abroad program. For information about applying for a passport, go to travel.state.gov. For many study abroad destinations, passport information is required to apply for an entry visa (as early as 6 months prior to departure).

Web Sites

Ohio State Funding Opportunities	oia.osu.edu
U.S. Department of State	travel.state.gov (travel warnings/country specific information)
Centers for Disease Control	cdc.gov/travel (geographic health recommendations)

Contact Us

The Office of International Affairs is located in Oxley Hall, 1712 Neil Avenue. Please see oia.osu.edu for information about Getting Started information sessions, Program Exploration walk-in hours, and Study Abroad Coordinator office hours.

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