

2020 OVPDEMA Study Abroad Program to Mexico



Program Sites: Mexico City, Puebla, Cuetzalan

Instructors: Dr. Javier Leon, Dr. Cesar Felix-Brasdefer

Mandatory Pre-travel Class: March 27, April 3, 10, 17, 24 and May 1, 2020 (3:00 – 5:00 pm)

Travel Dates: May 17 – May 29, 2020

Program Cost: \$1,450 – selected students in OVPDEMA academic scholarship program.

Program fee includes:

- 3 IU credit hours
- Airfare
- Breakfast, lunch, and dinner in Mexico
- Accommodation in Mexico
- Ground transportation in Mexico
- Attractions and site visits, excursions, workshops and lectures in Mexico

Not included: passport, vaccine, and other travel associated expense

Application Deadline: **Monday, February 24, 2020**

Information Session: **Wednesday, February 12, 2020, 4:00-5:00 p.m.**
300 N. Jordan Ave, Room 110

Course Description: The Latin American Experience: Cultural Diversity and Intangible Heritage in Mexico

The Mexico Study Abroad Program introduces students to history and diversity of Mexican communities and the complex relationship that they historically had/have, race politics and debates over national belonging and concert of cultural heritage. Students will also explore the benefits and challenges associated with the recent promotion of cultural heritage and diversity by NGOs, grassroots organizations, the government, and international cultural policy entities as a potential engine for economic development. The trip includes visits to historical and cultural sites, academic institutions, NGOs, and interactions with local musicians, dancers, artisans, and craftspeople. Students will focus on the causes and effects of cultural policies and its role in simultaneously contesting and reinforcing social perceptions and attitudes regarding race, social class, and gender in Mexico. In general, students benefit from the program in the following areas: intellectual and academic growth, career enhancement, personal growth, development of cross-cultural skills, and acquisition of new perspectives on world affairs, and by developing an awareness of the culture in the US and in other countries.

Eligibility:

- IUB undergraduate students
- Students must be in one of the following programs: Hudson and Holland Scholars Program (HHSP), Groups Scholars Program, IU Bloomington 21st Century Scholars Program, mentors of the Faculty and Staff for Student Excellence (FASE) Mentoring Program, and OVPDEMA-funded tutors of the Academic Support Center
- At least 18 years old
- Have a minimum IU CUM GPA of 2.7

Course Requirements: Students must apply and be accepted. Students must have or obtain a valid passport.

A non-refundable deposit of \$500 is due March 16, 2020 (applicable to the total course cost).

Course Credit: 3 credits (LTAM-L210)

Additional Course Information: demaschl@indiana.edu

Application form: <https://ovpdemaoverseas.indiana.edu/programs/mexico-application/index.html>