



Immersion within an Indigenous Community

A unique and unforgettable experience that consists in being part of an indigenous community for 2 weeks. To make this experience as fulfilling and rich as possible you will receive a previous three-week training course which includes history, customs and all subjects related to indigenous communities in Mexico, all of these in order to make easier and more profitable your integration into the community. You will not only practice all your knowledge but also work, live and share with this community at the same time that you practice your Spanish.



Academic Program:

Objective:

To help international students get a better idea of Mexican reality, based on the study of specific problems such as migration, democratization, poverty, drug

trafficking and environment. Through the study of different topics, the students will become aware of how the possibilities of development in any country can be affected by these phenomena and in the future, they will be able to use this awareness in their professional activities, considering how decisions in the business field can improve or worsen people's lives. At the same time, the program tries to help students assume their responsibilities as citizens of the world in the promotion of the development of historically marginalized groups, such as indigenous people, using specific actions that will help to improve people's lives especially in these communities.

Topics of the course:

Mexico: Its people, customs and regions

The democratic transition: an accidental way

Distribution of the income and welfare level: the problem of poverty in Mexico

The migratory phenomenon in Mexico: drug trafficking, Cartels and other armed groups

The problem of development in Mexico: migration, economic growth and environment

Community Work:

The community work of this course will depend on the necessities that the indigenous community would need at the moment of the program. Some of them could be: implementation of courses such as hygiene habits or infant nutrition, pruning of glasshouse or installation of drip irrigation systems. It is difficult to know in advance what would be these activities, but we are always looking for them to be done with the help of the community and to have a positive impact on students and people's lives.

The community work tries to improve the well being of the people and it will never be linked with political or religious matters.

Evaluation policies:

Topics of the course: 50%

Indigenous community work: 50%

The level of knowledge of the topics of the course will be evaluated through tests and an essay.

The indigenous community work will be evaluated depending on the quality of the work done in the communities and it is important to know that the design and the preparation of the material used in the community work will also be taken into account.

Teaching Material:

Different reading subjects in order to get an approach of the content of the course.



Language: Spanish (advanced level)



Date: May 31st -July 07th, 2010



Location: Mexico City Campus and Indigenous Community



Schedule:

From May 31st to June 18th: Training course (2 hours/day)

From June 19th to July 03rd: Stay in the community

July 07th: Delivery of the essay



Cost:

It Includes:

- One Subject
- Teaching material
- International Health Insurance
- Accommodation in the community
- Transport to the community (June 19th and July 03rd)

It does not include:

- Airplane tickets, accommodation in Mexico City, personal expenses and meals.
- **Student Visa:** all students are required to have Student Visa at their arrival to Mexico, for which they can apply when they receive the acceptance letter.
- Registration process of the Student Visa, if applies.



How can I apply?

Please follow the process on the next link:

<http://www.ccm.itesm.mx/internacional/solicitud.html>

The deadline for receiving the complete application is April 1st, 2010.



Contact:

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