



The Complete Mexican Experience



You will be able to experience during four exciting weeks, the benefits of being part of a program that will introduce you to the language and the most representative aspects of the Mexican culture. Indeed, the year 2010 is a very important year for Mexico considering that the celebrations of Independence and Revolutionary War will be taking place. Mexico City will be full of events to celebrate the Bicentenary and Centenary respectively. During the mornings you will take some courses and in the afternoons there will be visits to different cultural, traditional and leisure places of the capital and its surroundings, this will give you a very good opportunity to practice your Spanish in a very natural way.



Academic Program:

Objective:

At the end of the course the students will know the grammatical general rules and the most common Spanish words that will allow them to understand the language and express themselves in the most common situations. The student will also be able to communicate easily with native speakers in different situations. The program consists of 60 hours of coursework and 60 hours of guided visits as well as cultural and leisure

activities, that will make easier the approach with the Mexican culture as well as the immersion into the language.

In 2010, there will be an additional element that will help the students learn not only the language but also improve their knowledge about Mexican art, culture and history. The Bicentenary (Mexican Independence) and the Centenary (Mexican War) will be the historical frame that will identify the course, in the way that the visits will be related with official events of government and cultural authorities of Mexico City. The activities include: visits to historical, traditional, popular culture and gastronomic places as well as archeological sites, museums, main squares, markets, restaurants, leisure and ecological parks, all of them will be carefully chosen in order to reinforce the learning of the language, showing the real image of our social, historical and cultural context.

Topics of the course:

Basic Level:

1. Friends: courtesy sentences, personal pronouns, present tense of the indicative, vocabulary related to identity, etc.
2. Family: adjectives, reflexive verbs, prepositions and vocabulary related to the house, family and work, etc.
3. Shopping: imperative, comparative and movement verbs, vocabulary related to shopping, quantities, means of transport, etc.
4. Holidays: imperfect and future tense, temporal expressions, vocabulary related to holidays, trips, etc.
5. Health: present and imperfect of the subjunctive, adverbs, vocabulary related to health, etc.

Intermediate Level:

1. Everyday situations: interrogative words, present and future tenses of the indicative, comparison and superlative, reflexive verbs, etc.
2. Family, school and work: past compound tenses, use of auxiliary verbs, pronouns such as complements
3. Social and cultural context: present of the subjunctive, imperative and future tense of the indicative, imperfect of the subjunctive, prepositions
4. Fun and entertainment: gerund, agreement (indicative and subjunctive), passive voice


Advance Level:


1. Everyday situations: language register (formal and informal), numeral and qualifying adjectives, connectors, complex sentences
2. School and work: value of the uses of the indicative tense, conditional clause, verbal periphrasis and punctuation marks
3. Culture and Art: simple prepositions, impersonal constructions, adverbs, authority argument
4. Science and technology: concordance of tenses in the indirect speech, pronominal constructions, indefinite pronouns and adverbs
5. Sports and Health: value and uses of the different tenses, structures for making questions, definite and indefinite article

Evaluation Policies:

Homework and activities in class	40%
Tests and oral evaluations	40%
Final Exam	20%

 **Language:** Spanish

 **Date:** May 31st – June 28th, 2010 or
July 19th – August 16th, 2010

 **Location:** Mexico City Campus

 **Schedule:**

The courses will be in the morning (3 hours per day) and the visits will be from Monday to Thursday in the afternoon and Fridays the whole day.

The activities of the program are:

May 31 st and/or July 19 th	Surprise activity
June 1 st and/or July 20 th	Xochimilco and the Trajineras

June 2 nd and/or July 21 st	Bellas Artes
June 3 rd and/or July 22 nd	Supermarket
June 4 th and/or July 23 rd	Museo de Frida Kahlo and Coyoacán Market
June 7 th and/or July 26 th	Salto del Agua Market
June 08 th and/or July 27 th	Templo Mayor
June 09 th and/or July 28 th	Ciudad Universitaria
June 10 th and/or July 29 th	Museo Dolores Olmedo
June 1 st and/or July 30 th	Teotihuacán
June 14 th and/or August 2 nd	Typical Restaurant
June 15 th and/or August 3 rd	Reforma 222 (Mall)
June 16 th and/or August 4 th	Chapultepec Castle
June 17 th and/or August 5 th	Cathedral and Palacio Nacional
June 18 th and/or August 6 th	Museo de Antropología
June 21 st and/or August 9 th	Bosque de Tlalpan
June 22 nd and/or August 10 th	Museo Franz Mayer
June 23 rd and/or August 11 th	Mercado de La Ciudad / City Market
June 24 th and/or August 12 th	Taxco (the whole day)
June 25 th and/or August 13 th	Surprise Activity
June 28 th and/or August 16 th	Final Exam




Cost:

Includes:

- One subject
- Teaching material
- Transport to the different visits included in the program
- International Health Insurance

It does not include:

- Airplane tickets, accommodation, personal expenses, meals and transport to places not included in the program.
- 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?**

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:**

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact:

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