**MAYMESTERS ABROAD**

Maymester Abroad courses are intensive four-and-a-half week courses taught at an international course location by UT Austin faculty. Maymester Abroad courses begin after the spring exam period and conclude prior to the second summer session. Maymester Abroad courses are Spring semester courses.

**THE DESTINATION**

**Cuernavaca, Morelos, Mexico** - “The City of Eternal Spring,” boasts year-round sunshine and flowers that spill over walls in abundant color. Located in central Mexico, just 50 miles/90 km south of Mexico City on the route to Taxco and Acapulco, Cuernavaca is known as a resort city where both Mexicans and foreigners come to relax and enjoy the clean air and incomparable climate. The city is filled with gardens, spas, resorts, restaurants, and fine hotels.

Cuernavaca boasts a rich history. Originally called “Cuauhnahua” in the indigenous Aztec language of Nahuatl, it was founded seven centuries ago almost a mile high in the Sierra Madre mountains. During the Spanish conquest of the 16th century, Hernán Cortés built a palace and villa in the city. Ancient pyramids, colonial Spanish villas, and historic churches and palaces mix with modern residential neighborhoods, business and industry to create a fascinating mosaic. Boasting more than 17 universities, Cuernavaca attracts people who seek a sunny place for creative or intellectual inquiry.

Our southern neighbor, Mexico, is an open door for Latin America where more than 200 million people are Spanish speakers. Mexico shares a vast border with the United States, the greater part of which is with Texas. More than 35 million people of Latino origin live along the US/Mexico border. The shared history in this region has been tremendously important for the development of both countries. In addition, with the large and growing number of Mexican nationals immigrating to the United States, developing cross-cultural ties and cross-linguistic understandings with Mexico is increasingly important.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION**

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**PROGRAM AT A GLANCE**

**Course(s)**
- ALD 325 Second Language Acquisition
- UGS 119 International Learning Seminar
  
  Tuesdays 6:00 to 8:00 PM

**Credit**
- UT Austin in-residence credit
- For degree applicability for your major, see your departmental advisor

**Approximate Program Dates**
Late May-Late June

**Housing**
Homestay with a Mexican family

**Costs**
- Spring flat-rate tuition applies for undergraduates
- Program cost: $3700
  Travel, meals and personal expenses

**Study Abroad Scholarships**
- For Co-op GOES and other scholarship information, visit: www.utexas.edu/student/abroad/funding

**Eligibility**
- All UT students
- Good academic standing

**Co-op GOES Deadline**
November 1, 2007

**Application Deadline**
November 1, 2007

**FOR MORE INFORMATION**

**UT College of Education**

**ALD 325: Second Language Acquisition**

Immerse yourself in Spanish and live with a Mexican family

Study in “the City of Eternal Spring”

Taught by UT Faculty Member
Dr. Luis Urrieta Jr.

Open to all UT students

**Maymester Abroad in Cuernavaca**

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May–June 2008
Students register for SAB400 as part of regular spring 2008 registration.

Step 2: Register for SAB400, the Maymester course placeholder, during regular spring 2008 registration. If accepted into a Maymester, C-GEO will alter your SAB400 registration to the specific course number in January.

Step 3: Apply! Complete all program requirements online by November 1 under MY C-GEO. As part of the application process you will write two brief essays and provide a letter of reference from an instructor. You will submit these parts electronically once you are authorized to enter the application. To learn more about these requirements, please see: www.utexas.edu/student/abroad/mm.html.


| IMPORTANT DATES |  
|-----------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| Oct. 29- Nov. 9, 2007 | Students register for SAB400 as part of regular spring 2008 registration |
| Nov. 1, 2007 | Deadline for Co-op GOES application  
| | Deadline for program application |
| Nov. 19, 2007 | Students notified of program acceptance decisions and Co-op GOES award decisions |
| Dec. 2007 | Program cost posted on students’ “What I Owe” page |
| Jan. 7-8, 2008 | C-GEO changes SAB400 placeholder to actual Maymester and UGS 119 courses |
| Jan. 2008 | UGS 119 International Learning Seminar begins [Tuesdays 6:00 to 8:00 PM] |
| Jan. 30, 2008 | $500 non-refundable deposit due |
| Feb. 15, 2008 | Program balance due |
| March 1, 2008 | Predeparture forms due |
| Late May–Late June | Approximate program dates |

PREDEPARTURE PREPARATION

UGS 119 INTERNATIONAL LEARNING SEMINAR
The UGS 119 International Learning Seminar prepares students for the cultural experiences of studying and living abroad. Students are introduced to academic, cultural and personal aspects of foreign study through lectures and orientation activities coordinated by Maymester Abroad faculty and C-GEO staff. This one credit hour seminar meets for two hours each week during the first eight weeks of the semester; it requires readings and regular writing assignments. Attendance is mandatory and the course must be taken for a letter grade.

COSTS

Fixed Expenses:  
Program cost (includes $500 deposit)* $3700  
*Program cost includes accommodation, some meals, field trips, program activities, and international health insurance.

Estimated Expenses:  
Roundtrip airfare $500  
Some meals $50  
Local transportation $50  
Books, supplies, internet, printing $200  
Passport and ISIC card $130

Total Fixed & Estimated Expenses: $4630

| Students register for SAB400, the Maymester Abroad placeholder, as part of their regular spring semester registration. Flat-rate tuition applies for undergraduates. |

Financial Aid: Students’ spring financial aid awards may be applied towards the cost of studying abroad. Spring semester financial aid packages can be recalculated based on the additional costs of the program. More information on financial aid will be available at the various study abroad information sessions throughout the fall semester and on the C-GEO website. Questions regarding financial aid should be directed to a C-GEO Study Abroad Advisor.

Scholarships: Various scholarships are specifically designated for international study.

For information on Co-op GOES awards and other scholarship opportunities, please visit: www.utexas.edu/student/abroad/funding or contact a C-GEO Study Abroad Advisor.