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Study Abroad in Guatemala

The Guatemalan program in Central America emphasizes immersion in and intensive study of Spanish language and Latin American culture. It is based in the city of Quetzaltenango in the Guatemalan highlands (7600 ft. above sea-level) near the Santa Maria and Santiaguito volcanoes. Also called by the ancient Mayan name of "Xela," Quetzaltenango is Guatemala's second largest city (pop. 165,000), a university town surrounded by Quiche and Mam indigenous villages.

The academic program has two phases: first, five weeks of intensive, one-on-one instruction in Spanish, followed by ten weeks of continued Spanish instruction involving a Service Learning experience (for a total of 8 credits in Spanish). In addition, students take coursework from a range of subjects: cultural and political anthropology, Mayan "Cosmivision," and Central American history, politics and/or literature. The Study Abroad Seminar course, activities and program excursions span both phases. The program serves students of Spanish, Latino/Latin American Studies, Peace Studies and a wide range of humanities and social sciences. Each student will live with a Guatemalan family. Courses will be taught by language academy teachers and faculty recruited from local universities.

Housing Arrangements

Housing is arranged for program participants by the Office for Education Abroad. In accordance with institutional policies, co-ed housing is not an option on any CSB/SJU study abroad program. Participants will live one to a family in homes in Guatemala. Meals will be provided in their home. This meal arrangement covers the duration of the academic program and is included in the cost of the program. On excursions the director will arrange for some group meals, but students will be responsible for other meals.



Selection Criteria

- Minimum GPA of 2.5, unless there are special circumstances.
- Letters of recommendation from the academic advisor, a non-faculty member, a faculty member and a language instructor.
- Interview with the program director.
- Language proficiency: HISP 211 or equivalent
- Preference is given to qualified seniors, qualified juniors and qualified sophomores in that order.
- Qualified CSB/SJU students receive preference over students from other colleges and universities.
- CSB/SJU students who have never been on a CSB/SJU semester-long study abroad program receive preference over students who have already participated on a CSB/SJU semester-long study abroad program.
- In accordance with institutional policies, co-ed housing is not an option on any CSB/SJU program. In some instances, selection of men and women participants must be based on housing accommodations available on site.
- A student cannot be accepted to a program if he/she has not completed the application process.
- A disciplinary violation could affect acceptance to a study abroad program.

Things You Should Know:

- Language prerequisite: HISP 211 or equivalent.
- Students can study abroad in Guatemala during the spring semester. (Early-January to early-May)
- The deadline for applications for all study abroad programs is January 15, 2010
- Admission to the Guatemala program is competitive.



Policies

Students are required to attend all class meetings of courses for which they are registered. It is the student's responsibility to contact an instructor—preferably in advance—of a necessary absence. A student absent from class for any reason assumes the responsibility for work which has been missed. Personal travel is not considered a reasonable absence from class.

The instructor determines the attendance policy for his or her class. An instructor may fail a student if the instructor determines that unwarranted absences have earned the student a grade of "F", based on grading standards and attendance requirements defined in the course syllabus.

Disregard for either the academic character of the program or the basic social and legal obligations of a guest residing in another country will result in the termination of the student's program abroad.



How do I get to Guatemala?

Students will make their own flight arrangements and must meet in Guatemala at a place and time to be designated by the program director.

Check with your local travel agent or the following websites:

- www.studentuniverse.com;
- www.statravel.com;
- www.orbitz.com;
- www.expedia.com;
- www.travelocity.com; or
- www.kayk.com.

Important Information

Program Fees

The program fee for the 2009-2010 year was \$19,473 plus round-trip airfare. The program fee will increase by the same percentage as tuition, room and board on campus for the 2010-2011 academic year. The fee is subject to change due to unanticipated increases in expenses and exchange rate fluctuations. Please note the items included/not included in the program fee.

Included in the Program Fee:

1. CSB/SJU tuition for the semester
2. Orientation program expenses
3. Housing while the program is in session
4. On-site tuition and instructional costs
5. Course-related excursions
6. Meals with homestay family

Not Included in the Program Fee:

1. Non-program travel or housing
2. Passport application fee (\$97)
3. Round-trip airfare
4. Medical/travel exams/consultations
5. Food/meal expenses on group excursion

Financial Aid

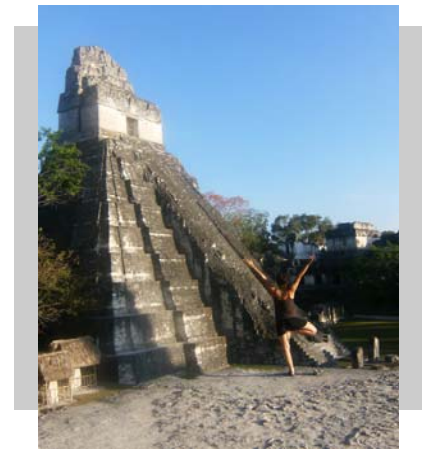
Regularly enrolled CSB/SJU students are eligible for financial aid on this study abroad program just as if they were on-campus, with the exception of work-study and the housing grant. For further information, students are directed to the *Academic Catalog*, available online. You are also encouraged to discuss your eligibility with the financial aid office. For information on study abroad scholarships, please visit the Office for Education Abroad Website:

www.csbsju.edu/internationaleducation/scholarships.htm



Travel Medical Consultation

Health exams to satisfy visa requirements, travel consultations, and immunizations are the financial and personal responsibility of the traveling student. Students should make an appointment for a pre-travel consultation with the SJU Health Center, CSB Health Services, or another medical professional. Be sure to allow sufficient time as some vaccinations are given in a series with certain intervals between vaccinations. OEA staff are not qualified to make a recommendation about travel medical care. If a medical exam or medical information is required to fulfill visa application requirements, the specific information will be given to the students at pre-departure orientation. For more details about medical health concerns while traveling, consult the Center for Disease Control and Prevention website at www.cdc.gov.



Athletic Eligibility

Grades from study abroad programs must be received by the CSB/SJU Registrar's Office to determine athletic eligibility. If, for any reason, the necessary grades have not been received at the start of the athletic season, the student will not be allowed to participate (including practice) until it is determined that the student has met all eligibility requirements.

Orientation Program

All CSB/SJU students must participate in orientation sessions during the semester prior to going abroad. These sessions are arranged by the program director and the Office for Education Abroad. Attendance at all orientation sessions is mandatory for all CSB/SJU students.

Spring 2011: September, 2010

Academic Program

In keeping with the goals of a liberal education, CSB/SJU study abroad programs offer off-campus intellectual environments in which students are able to explore the human condition. Students are exposed to unique opportunities to examine the fundamental, recurring questions about themselves and the world.

Language Instruction

Spanish instruction will be divided into two phases, each earning 4 credits: Phase I: 5 weeks of 5 hours per day, one-on-one intensive instruction, with content adapted to each student's language ability and previous coursework. Phase II: 10 weeks of 10 hours per week, one-on-one instruction, again tailored to

each student's curricular needs. Service Learning with placement in Guatemalan service agencies will be an integral part of this phase. Because of the individualized instruction, students can register for courses in combinations suitable for the CSB/SJU Hispanic Studies major/minor sequence.

NOTE: Courses marked LLAS count towards the LLAS minor.

HISP 216	INTERMEDIATE SPANISH II (4 credits). This course emphasizes all four skills: listening, speaking, reading, and writing. It is intended for students with the equivalent of three semesters of college Spanish and who need review and reinforcement before moving on to a higher level.
HISP 315	SPANISH CONVERSATION ABROAD (4 credits). This course will emphasize conversational Spanish, grammar review, idiomatic expressions, and oral practice, using newspapers and magazines, discussions and oral presentations. It is the equivalent of HISP 311 as taught at CSB/SJU.
HISP 316	SPANISH COMPOSITION ABROAD (4 credits). This course is designed to help students improve their command of written Spanish. It is the equivalent of HISP 312 as taught at CSB/SJU, a prerequisite for earning higher-level Spanish credits. PREREQ: HISP 311 or 315.
HISP 321	GUATEMALAN INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES (4 credits, LLAS). The specific topic for this course will be "Mayan Cosmivision and Culture in the Guatemalan Context." It will be team-taught by a Guatemalan-Mayan couple who teach at the Jesuit Rafael Landívar University. He is a Mayan Priest/Time teller and promoter of alternative development, and she is a Cultural Anthropologist. (Taught in Spanish).
HIS 356C	GUATEMALAN HISTORY (4 credits, LLAS) This course will introduce students to important issues in Guatemalan history. Topics will range from pre-Columbian indigenous communities to contemporary Guatemala. The course, however, will focus largely on Guatemala in the 20th and 21st centuries. (Taught in Spanish) <i>Cross listed with HIST 324</i>
HISP 363	ADVANCED SPANISH ABROAD (4 credits). Idiomatic and structural usage of Spanish. Students will have written and oral practice on firsthand experiences and situational encounters. PREREQ: HISP 312 or permission of Spanish section.
Students should consult a Spanish professor or the section head before registering for Hispanic courses. Normally, each student will take one course from among HISP 216, 315, 316 or 363 and a second course from HISP 315, 316, 321 OR 363.	
OTHER COURSES: All students will select at least eight (8) credits from the following:	
HIST 324	GUATEMALAN HISTORY (4 credits, LLAS) This course will introduce students to important issues in Guatemalan history. Topics will range from pre-Columbian indigenous communities to contemporary Guatemala. The course, however, will focus largely on Guatemala in the 20th and 21st centuries. (Taught in Spanish) <i>Cross listed with HISP 356</i>
SA 375A HM	ETHNOLOGY OF SELECTED CULTURE AREAS (4 credits, LLAS). This course examines the interaction of different cultures in Guatemala in the context of the country's armed conflict, peace accord, and the human rights documentation process that produced the Nunca Más report (Guatemala Never Again). The course combines lecture, field trips, visiting speakers, and discussion. Key topics will include indigenous law, Mayan identities, the cultural impact of the armed conflict, oral traditions, migration, and conflict resolution. The main text for the course will be the English translation of Nunca Más. Taught in English.
MGMT 389	SA EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING (1-2 credit/s). This course is designed for students participating in Study Abroad. Students will write a series of essays integrating their knowledge of theory with their personal observations and reactions. Particular emphasis will be placed on the impact of culture on business. The course will be taught by a professor at CSB/SJU, using distance learning to maintain contact with students located in a variety of countries. Students should purchase the required textbook, Adler's <i>International Dimensions of Organizational Behavior</i> , from the CSB Bookstore before departure for the program site. Restricted to MGMT majors/minors.
SA 390 REQUIRED IC EL	STUDY ABROAD SEMINAR (4 credits): The goal of the Study Abroad Seminar program is to expose students to the richness and diversity found on-site in their host culture and to more fully immerse the students into that culture. The course will include pre-departure, on-site and re-entry activities. A course description will be provided by the program director after students are accepted for the program. This course will be designed to develop intercultural skills and awareness and will meet the requirements of the Intercultural Requirement in the Common Curriculum. In some cases this course will fulfill the Experiential Requirement of the Common Curriculum.



Steps to a Successful Application

1. Attend a *Study Abroad 101* session, check out our website for a schedule.
2. Complete the online request for the letters of recommendation from the applicant's academic advisor, a non-faculty member, and an instructor of the applicant's choice.
3. Complete the online application.
4. Submit to OEA, Main Building G004 at CSB, the following:
 - \$225 application fee
 - Four official colored passport photos on a plain white background
 - Signature/Waiver form (Applicant & Parent signatures required). The fee is nonrefundable if the applicant is accepted, but is refunded if the applicant is not accepted.
5. Attend an interview with the director of the study abroad program.

Cancellation Policies

Withdrawal from a study abroad program must be made in writing to the Office for Education Abroad. OEA reserves the right to not fill a space resulting from a student's withdrawal.

Refunds for tuition and any recoverable fees on the program site are made to any student who withdraws during the semester abroad by formal written notice according to the general refund policy in the Course Catalog.

In the case of withdrawal due to serious health matters and accidents, all recoverable fees will be refunded with the exception of the \$225 application fee. Written notification from the student is required in addition to a doctor's statement.

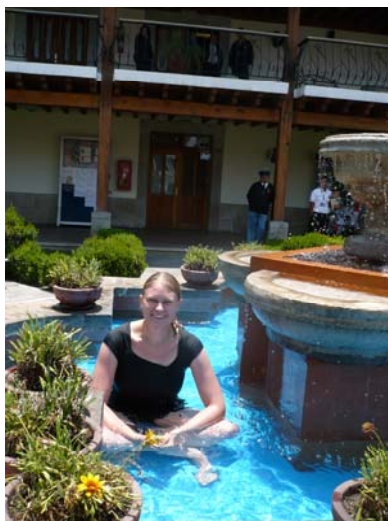
Cancellation Fees

- \$250 for cancellation between April 1 - September 30, 2010
- \$500 for cancellation between October 1 - December 15, 2010
- \$500 plus any fees unrecoverable for cancellation after December 15, 2010



Important Web Resources:

OEA: www.csbsju.edu/internationaleducation
U.S. passport information available online:
www.travel.state.gov/passport/
Official Visit Guatemala website:
www.visitguatemala.com/nuevo/mainE.asp



Application Timeline

November 9th, 2009

Application available online.

January 15th, 2010

Study abroad application deadline 4:30pm.

Beginning January 25th, 2010

Interviews with the program director.

February 5, 2010

First round notification of acceptance by email. Students may be considered for a second program after this date.

March 8th, 2010

Official written notification of acceptance.

March 11th, 2010

\$200 (non-refundable) advance registration/housing deposit due in Student Accounts Office. All CSB/SJU students make this payment to confirm they are returning to CSB/SJU the next year. This is not a separate study abroad fee.

September 2010

Required orientation for spring programs.

December 2010

Final billing by Student Accounts Office. This is part of your regular billing cycle. You will receive notification in the mail.