

UH-Kukulcan Spanish Immersion Programs General Program 2009

The University of Houston (UH) & Kukulcan Educational Spanish Community offer a unique intensive language and cultural learning experience in Cuernavaca, Mexico. During this immersion in Spanish and Mexican culture, students may take courses in the beginning (1000), intermediate (2000), & advanced levels (3000).

UH's general program is offered all year long on any Monday through out the academic year. Students can stay for as long as semester or as short as a 3-week immersion for the equivalency of a semester workload. Contact *Maria Saldaña*, advisor at Office of International Studies and Programs (OISP) **mjsaldana@uh.edu** to fill out all paper work and pay all fees necessary to apply for UH credit.

PROGRAM COSTS & TRANSFER OF CREDITS:

At **UH's general program**, students have the option to decide when to enroll and for how long. Note that a grade of "C" or better is required for passing and an attendance policy of 90% is observed. Students should contact Leticia Becerril **info@kukulcan.com.mx** for direct online enrollment to Kukulcan and stop by UH's Department of Hispanic Studies (Dr. Guillermo de los Reyes **jdelosreyes@uh.edu** or Dr. Maria Elena Soliño **Maria.Solino@mail.uh.edu**) and OISP's (E. Cullen Building Rm 501F) with Maria Saldaña to complete all necessary paper work for credit transfer into UH.

	3 weeks	5 weeks	6 weeks	7 weeks	7 or 8 weeks	10 weeks	12 weeks
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Range of credits to transfer	3-5	6-10	10	9 - 11	13	12	16
Academic & accommodations cost (US) ²		\$1,800	\$2,120	\$2,490	\$2,490 or \$2,810	\$3,500	\$4,140
Hispanic Studies transfer fee (US) ³	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100
Affiliated studies fee (US)4	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100
Total cost (US)	\$1,355	\$2,000	\$2,320	\$2,690	\$2,690 or \$3,010	\$3,700	\$4,340

¹ "Spanish background" students can receive credits for the two beginning courses (1501 & 1502) in a 5-weeks immersion. Evaluation to be done by Hispanic Studies (Dr. Guillermo de los Reyes or Dr. Maria Elena Soliño)

WHAT IS INCLUDED IN THE COST:

Kukulcan's registration & tuition, accommodations with a host family in double room occupancy, three meals a day, books, once a week a half day excursion around Cuernavaca's sights, daily transportation to school, wireless internet access at Kukulcan (when students bring their lap-top), the Hispanic Studies transfer fee and OISP affiliated studies fee. Please note that this does not include laundry expenses, medical insurance coverage, daily transportation from school to your accommodations, personal spending money, nor logistics cost for arrival to Cuernavaca.

PAYMENTS:

- The <u>first installment</u> of \$100US is payable at UH's OISP office when fulfilling UH's study abroad course equivalency form.
- The <u>second</u> non-refundable payment of \$150US is due 1 month prior to your arrival to Kukulcan, via paypal at **pay@kukulcan.com.mx**. Please contact **info@kukulcan.com.mx** for account details.
- The <u>third</u> and last one is due upon your arrival to Cuernavaca via traveler's checks or cash. If you want to pay in advance you can also do it via a wire transfer, please contact us for banking information.

²Accommodations are with host families in double room occupancy. If single room occupancy is desired an additional \$50US per week must be added to the total cost.

³ Fee payable at Kukulcan when the student arrives to Cuernavaca.

⁴ Fee payable at DHS (501 E. Cullen Building) when fulfilling UH's transferability forms available at DHS.

*During the summer the student can only take up to 12 credits

COURSES THAT MAY BE TAKEN ARE LISTED BELOW:

Beginning: (5 credits each)

SPAN 1501 Beginning Spanish I SPAN 1502 Beginning Spanish II

SPAN 1505 Intensive Elementary Spanish

Intermediate: (3 credits each)

SPAN 2301 Intermediate Spanish I SPAN 2302 Intermediate Spanish II

SPAN 2307 Spanish for Spanish Speakers I

SPAN 2308 Spanish for Spanish Speakers II

Advanced: (3 credits each)

SPAN 3301 Oral Communication in Spanish

SPAN 3302 Written Communication in Spanish

SPAN 3305 Spanish Grammar Review

SPAN 3307 Public Speaking

SPAN 3341 Spanish for Business & Trade

SPAN 3374 Spanish American Culture & Civilization

SPAN 3394*Selected Topics in Spanish

(Mexican Culture & Civilization)

SPAN 3394*Selected Topics in Spanish

(Mexican Short Stories)

*May be repeated for credit when topics vary

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS:

- Personalized attention (with an average of 5 students per class).
- **Flexible calendar**, student decides when to enroll (Fall, Winter, Spring, or Summer) and for how long (three, five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten, or twelve weeks, depending on the number of credits wanted). Note that during the Summer only three courses can be transferred.
- Intensive schedule (30 hrs. a week) with afternoon activities.
- Language program with various Spanish levels transferable into UH curriculum, covering beginner, intermediate, and advanced classes. Students get placed on appropriate class level via the **Department of Hispanic Studies** input and transfer approval. There is no need to know Spanish in advance.
- **Practical courses** with a **variety of daily activities**, such as interactive lectures, folk dances, cultural visits, cooking labs, botanical & anthropological lectures; which make Mexican culture come to life!
- Native professors who guarantee speaking only in Spanish.
- Everyday practice, by living with a carefully chosen Mexican family.
- Weekday excursions to cultural and recreational sites.
- Excellent facilities with adequate classrooms, spacious yards, swimming pools, wireless internet access, etc.

APPLICATION PROCESS:

- a) Completing the registration form from www.kukulcan.com.mx and sending it via email to Kukulcan's Admissions office info@kukulcan.com.mx at least one month prior to your first day of classes.
- b) Approval from the Department of Hispanic Studies via Dr. Guillermo de los Reyes **jdelosreyes@uh.edu** or Dr.Maria Elena Soliño **Maria.Solino@mail.uh.edu**
- c) Fulfilling UH's **study abroad course equivalency form** available at OISP's with Maria Saldaña. Be sure to make your first \$100US payment at OISP's office payable to UH and to bring to Kukulcan a copy of the signed course equivalency form.
- d) Sending a \$150US non-refundable **deposit** via paypal to **pay@kukulcan.com.mx** at least a month prior to your first day of class. The outstanding balance is due upon arrival to Kukulcan or via a wire transfer prior to your arrival. Contact Kukulcan for bank account information.

Contact us for further information!

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