



## UH -Kukulcan VISP Program 2009

The **University of Houston (UH)** and **Kukulcan Educational Spanish Community** offer a unique intensive language and cultural learning experience in Cuernavaca, Mexico. The **VISITING INTERNATIONAL STUDIES PROGRAM (VISP)** has been created for students from other universities in the United States. Students may take courses in the *Beginning* (1000), *Intermediate* (2000) and *Advanced* (3000) levels.

### To apply please follow these simple steps:

- STEP I. ■ You will first need to apply for admissions to the University of Houston and meet all the UH Admission requirements. To fill out the application please go to [applytexas.org](http://applytexas.org). Send all your Official transcripts to the Office of Admissions. You have the option of paying the **\$50** Admission fee online by credit card when you apply, otherwise, you must pay by check and send it to the Office of Admissions. The application deadline for Transfer and Post Baccalaureate (PB) students is December 1 for every year for the Spring semester. The deadline for the Summer & Fall semesters is May 1 for every year.
- Go to [www.uh.edu/studyabroad](http://www.uh.edu/studyabroad) which takes you to the Office of International Studies & Programs (OISP) homepage and click on the **Apply Now** link. Fill out the application and follow the prompts to complete. Choose the **VISP Program** and set up an appointment with the **Office of International Studies & Programs (OISP)** Study Abroad Advisor, Blanca Bradley by emailing her at [bbradley@uh.edu](mailto:bbradley@uh.edu) or calling 713-743-4687 between the hours of 1PM to 5 PM daily. If you are **NOT** from the Greater Houston area the appointment will be by email or phone. Print the application and **FAX** to Blanca Bradley at **FAX: 713-743-9196**.
- STEP II. ■ Go to Forms and click on Course Equivalency form. **Download it** and fill in the courses to be taken at Kukulcan and have the form signed by your university's Advisor, Department Chair or Dean. **FAX** signed copy to Blanca Bradley.
- STEP III. ■ The **\$100 (US) (OISP)** fee will be automatically posted and included in your UH Fee Bill for the semester attended, after your Course Equivalency Form is received by Blanca Bradley.
- STEP IV. ■ Apply for admission to Kukulcan at [www.kukulcan.com.mx](http://www.kukulcan.com.mx). Please indicate that you will be attending under the **VISP PROGRAM**. Please note that a **\$150 US non-refundable** deposit is payable to Kukulcan one month prior to the start of the Program and will be fully credited towards your tuition. The balance of the Program fee is payable upon your arrival there, by cash or Traveler's Checks.
- STEP V. ■ All the items listed below from 1-7 are to be **MAILED AT ONCE** to Blanca Bradley University of Houston, Office of International Studies & Programs, 501 E Cullen Bldg, Rm 501 F, Houston, TX 77090-2039.
- 1) Purchase the **ISIC card (International Student Identity Card)**. Please go to ([myISIC.com](http://myISIC.com)) or call them at 1-800-226-8624 to request the card. It is a Health Insurance Card which also serves as an ID card.
  - 2) Go to Forms and click on **Release & Waiver of Liability Agreement** form. Download pg 8 and take it to a Notary Public. Fill out the form in **FRONT** of the Notary and have them notarize it.
  - 3) Go to forms and click on **Affidavit**. Download to fill out and sign.
  - 4) Go to <https://travelregistration.state.gov/> to **register** with the U.S. State Department concerning your trip. Make a printout of your registration **before** you click the submit button.
  - 5) Go to forms and click on **Health Disclosure** form. Download to fill out and sign.
  - 6) Copy of your **passport** which shows your photo and pertinent details.
  - 7) Send one passport **photo** for your file.

### CREDITS AND PROGRAM COST:

At Kukulcan, **VISP students** have the option to decide which program to apply for depending on the number of credits

approved on the Course Equivalency form. Note that a grade of C or better is required for passing. Transcripts will be sent to UH by Kukulcan and grades will be posted. Students should contact **Leticia Becerril** ([leticia@kukulcan.com.mx](mailto:leticia@kukulcan.com.mx)) for direct online application for the Affiliated Program and **Blanca Bradley** ([bbradley@uh.edu](mailto:bbradley@uh.edu)) Study Abroad Advisor for the University of Houston's, Office of International Studies & Programs (OISP) to apply for admission.

**Included in the cost is:** 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 sights, daily transportation to school, wireless internet access at Kukulcan (when students bring their laptops). Please note that this **does not include airfare or transportation** to Cuernavaca or back to Mexico City, medical insurance coverage, daily transportation from school to host family's home, personal spending money or laundry expenses. **The \$50 (US) Admission Fee and the \$100 (US) OISP Fee are paid separately.** The remaining **Program Fee** will be paid directly to Kukulcan.

**Price breakdown (US \$ per student):**

	<b>3 weeks</b> (1 beg. OR 1 int. OR 1 adv. class)	<b>5 weeks</b> (1 beg. & 1 int. OR 2 int OR 2 adv. classes)	<b>6 weeks</b> (2 beg. classes)	<b>7 weeks</b> (1 beg. plus 2 int. OR 2 int. & 1 adv. OR 1 int. & 2 adv OR 3 adv. classes)	<b>8 weeks</b> (2 beg. plus 1 int. class)	<b>10 weeks</b> (2 int. plus 2 adv.)	<b>12 weeks</b> (2 beg. plus 2 int. classes)*
Range of credits to transfer	3-5	6-10	10	9 - 11	13	12	16
Academic & accommodations cost (US) <sup>1</sup>	\$1,155	\$1,800	\$2,120	\$2,490	\$2,810	\$3,500	\$4,140
Admissions fee (US)	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50
OISP Fee (US)	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100
Hispanic Studies Fee (US)	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100
<b>Total cost (US)</b>	<b>\$1,405</b>	<b>\$2,050</b>	<b>\$2,370</b>	<b>\$2,740</b>	<b>\$3,060</b>	<b>\$3,750</b>	<b>\$4,390</b>

<sup>1</sup> Accommodations are with host families in double room occupancy. If single room occupancy is desired an additional **\$50 (US)** per week must be added to the total cost.

\* 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  
SPAN 2320 Culture of México  
SPAN 2394 Topics in Spanish Language & Cultures

**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).
- **Enrollment** open for all semesters depending on credits required.
- **Intensive Schedule** (30 hrs. a week) with afternoon activities.
- **Three Spanish Levels** of Beginning, Intermediate & Advanced courses. Placement of students in the appropriate level is based on the Course Equivalency form, the online placement exam and the oral interview upon arrival to Kukulcan. There is no need to know Spanish in advance.
- **Daily Activities** include interactive lectures, folk dances, cultural visits, cooking labs, botanical & anthropological lectures; which will make Mexican culture come to life!
- **Native Professors** highly qualified in Spanish language.
- **Everyday Language Practice** enhanced by living with a carefully chosen Mexican Host Family.
- **Excursions** to cultural and recreational spots based on individual choices.
- **Excellent Facilities** with adequate classroom, spacious yards, swimming pool, wireless internet at school for students who bring their own laptops.
- **Affordable Prices.**

**Contact us for further information!**

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