San Diego City College presents
Summer 2010
Study Abroad in Cuernavaca, Mexico
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San Diego City College is pleased to offer a multiple level, four-week intensive Spanish language program in Cuernavaca, Mexico. Located only 1 1/2 hours from Mexico City at 5,000 feet above sea level, Cuernavaca is known for its world-famous tropical climate, impressive archaeological ruins and spectacular valley scenery. With a pleasant year-round temperature of 70 to 80 degrees, the city has been home for many artists and intellectuals. Among its distinguished residents have been the muralists Diego Rivera and David Alfaro Siqueiros, the Nobel Laureate in literature, Gabriel García Márquez, and the contemporary novelist Carlos Fuentes. The academic program is combined with interesting excursions and group activities. Capable assistance from an on-site coordinator and language school staff will be available to help students with housing, transportation and general support.

The College has affiliated with the Universal Center for Language and Social Communication. “Universal” was founded in 1983 by instructors with a background in teaching Spanish to foreigners who wanted to develop an innovative approach to teaching the language using a cultural backdrop. The classes will be enhanced by excursions to sites of cultural and historical interest. The facilities consist of 20 classrooms, a library, cafeteria, internet access, currency exchange, swimming pool, ping pong table and volleyball court.
San Diego City College Spanish professor Elia Brenda Muñoz will be the instructor of record for all classes. Students enroll in one class for the duration of the four-week program. All classes transfer to CSU, UC and/or private college or university. Instruction will be from 8:00 am to 1:10 pm for all students, Monday through Friday.

Spanish 101 First Course in Spanish 5 Units: This is an entry-level course designed to introduce students to the Spanish language and cultures of the Spanish-speaking world. In this interactive course, students learn and use the language by speaking, listening, reading, and writing at the novice level. Basic language structures and vocabulary for communication are examined and explored in Spanish.

Spanish 102 Second Course in Spanish 5 units: This is a continuation of Spanish 101. In this interactive course, students use listening, reading, speaking and writing at a more complex level. Students further develop their receptive and productive competencies to the intermediate low or mid level.

Spanish 201 Third Course in Spanish 5 units: This course is the first semester of an intermediate level study of Spanish. It stresses further grammatical development in Spanish beyond second semester through oral and written communication. It also provides increased practice in readings of culturally relevant authentic materials.

Spanish 202 Fourth Course in Spanish 5 units: This course is offered as an advanced intermediate level course. It reviews and furthers grammatical features in Spanish through oral and written communication within a cultural background. Readings of literary and/or culturally relevant authentic materials are examined in depth.

Spanish 210 Conversation and Composition Spanish I – 3 units: This course further develops oral comprehension and fluency as well as written communication at a mid-intermediate level in Spanish through culturally relevant materials.

Spanish 211 Conversation and Composition Spanish II – 3 units: This course further develops oral comprehension and fluency as well as written communication at an advanced intermediate level in Spanish through culturally relevant materials.
CUERNAVACA is the capital of the state of Morelos, and is home to many sites of historical significance. Among the sites to visit are the conquistador Hernan Cortes’ summer house and now a Regional Museum; the Borda Garden and residence of Emperor Maximillian of Hapsburg; the Cathedral with its famous Sunday Mariachi Mass, and the Robert Brady Museum, with its wonderful collection of furnishings, paintings and folk art.

PUEBLA has a larger colonial center than any other city in Mexico. It is home to so many mansions, convents and churches that it has been named a UNESCO World Heritage Site. During our full-day excursion, the group will first visit Cholula, a great archaeological site en route, and the great Temple of Santa María Tonantzintla. The group will also tour the Fort of Guadalupe, scene of the famous battle of 5 de mayo against the French army; the former Convent of Santa Monica to learn of the influence of the Catholic church in the region; the Cathedral of Puebla, with the tallest bell towers in the country; and Church of Santo Domingo, with its famous Chapel of Rosario, an outstanding example of baroque religious art.
Our two-day, one night excursion will offer highlights of MEXICO CITY and TEOTIHUACÁN. The first day will focus on Mexico City, with visits to the Frida Kahlo Museum, the Diego Rivera murals, and the city’s famous Anthropology Museum. Although, during her lifetime, Frida Kahlo was known principally as the wife of the muralist, Diego Rivera, today her art surpasses his in popularity. Kahlo dedicated her life to both her painting and her passionate, tortured love for her husband. Her emotional and physical pain was the primary subject of her canvases, many of which are self-portraits. We will visit her former home and studio, where much of the 2002 movie *Frida* was filmed.

Occupying 44,000 square feet, Mexico City’s Anthropology Museum is regarded as one of the top museums in the world. It offers the single best introduction to the culture of Mexico. The ground floor rooms are devoted to history – from prehistoric days to the most recently explored archaeological sites -- and are the most popular among studious visitors. The Aztec calendar stone "wheel" occupies a proud place.
On Sunday, we will visit the ruins of Teotihuacán which are among the most remarkable in Mexico; indeed, they are among the most important ruins in the world. Mystery envelops this former city of 200,000; although it was the epicenter of culture and commerce for ancient Mesoamerica, its inhabitants vanished without a trace. Teotihuacán's magnificent pyramids and palaces covered 12 square miles. At its zenith, around A.D. 500, the city counted more inhabitants than in contemporary Rome.
A shortened two week program will also be offered to Cuernavaca!

The program departs on July 3 and will conclude on July 17. The program will include home-stay accommodations with three meals a day, Spanish instruction, the two day, one night excursion to Mexico City/Teotihuacán, one-way transfer from Mexico City Airport, and Travel Guard Travel Insurance. The program does not include round-trip air. The share twin price will be $1120.00 based on a minimum of 10 participants.

SERVICE LEARNING:

An optional service learning opportunity will be available in Cuernavaca. Participants will have the choice of teaching English to Mexicans of all ages and either helping build a house sponsored by Habitat for Humanity or volunteer in another community service project. The administrative fee is $95. More information will be available later.

A mandatory orientation will be conducted within two weeks of the program’s departure. Participants will be informed later of the date, time and location.
Faculty

Professor Elia Brenda Muñoz, a native of Mexico, holds an M.A. in Spanish Language and Literature with an emphasis in linguistics. Her teaching experience started at SDSU where she taught while studying for her M.A. degree. For the last several years, she has taught concurrently in the San Diego area at San Diego City College and Southwestern College, and in Tijuana, Mexico, at the Universidad Autónoma de Baja California. Professor Muñoz is grateful to have the opportunity to work and live in the U.S. and Mexico in order to take advantage of this unique part of the world which straddles two cultures. She loves the opportunity that every new semester at San Diego City College brings to not only teach Spanish to students who come from diverse multicultural backgrounds, but to also learn from them. She wishes all of them could go to Cuernavaca. Professor Muñoz accompanied a group of City College students to Cuernavaca during summer 2005 and to Ensenada during spring break 2007.

In her own experience learning English and studying Italian in Florence, Italy, she remembers realizing that acquiring a language involves more than learning its grammar and sound system; it also involves being exposed to another culture’s worldview. This is importantísimo and why she highly recommends going to Mexico to study the Spanish that is needed the most in this region’s job market. In addition to teaching, Professor Muñoz has many interests. She holds Certificates in Natural Healing Therapies, Translation Studies, and has a Minor in Latin American Studies, and a B.A. in Architecture. Professor Muñoz has always felt attracted to learning about different cultures and languages. She considers exposure to different cultures to be a way to open doors to experiencing a different set of values, beliefs and ways of approaching the same situation with a different filter. It also offers the potential for better understanding among human beings. Saber es poder. (Knowledge is power).
Program Price Includes:

- Round-trip flight from San Diego to Mexico City on Aeroméxico in economy class, fare basis apex ticket, including all departure taxes/fuel surcharges (currently $118.00).
- 28 nights in family home stay accommodation in Cuernavaca, price per person sharing a twin bedded room or single bedded room, depending on category chosen.
- Three meals a day in Cuernavaca with host families.
- Spanish Instruction: 25 hours per week at the Universal Center, Monday through Friday.
- Services of a Tour Resource Consultants onsite coordinator.
- Round-trip transfers by motor-coach from the México City Airport to Cuernavaca.
- Two-day one night excursion to Mexico City, including Frida Kahlo Museum, the Diego Rivera murals, and Anthropology Museum the first day (sack lunch from host family), and Teotihuacan on the second day, the first full weekend of the program. One night’s hotel accommodations including breakfast.
- One full-day excursion to Puebla, including sack lunch from homestay families the second full weekend of the program.
- Half-Day Cuernavaca walking tour.
Program Price Includes (continued):

- Internet access at the Universal Center, plus 10 hours internet access at an identified internet café in Cuernavaca. School also has wifi access.
- Taxes and service charges as related to the language school, meals and motor-coach transportation
- TravelGuard Travel Insurance. This group travel insurance policy covers travel delay, missed connection, baggage and personal effects loss, baggage delay, medical expenses and emergency medical transportation. Additional optional trip cancellation insurance available with individual policy at an additional cost.

Program Price Does Not Include:

- College registration fees and books.
- Passport fee, if applicable.
- Laundry service.
- Customary gratuity to local guides (minimal cost).
- All other items that are not listed under “The Program Price includes.”
- Service learning fee.
Prices

Prices are based on current (2010) agreements with suppliers of services such as hotels, airlines and others. Pricing based on current exchange rates (as of October 2009). Prices are subject to change. The price is based on a minimum of 20 participants.

Air/Land Inclusive (Share Twin rooming): $2670.
Land Only (Share Twin rooming): $2316.
Single Room Supplement/Shared Bath: $140.
Single Room Supplement/Private Bath: $270.

FINANCIAL AID:

Financial aid MAY be available for the summer program. Contact the financial aid office at (619)388-3501 to inquire. If it is available, contact Tour Resource Consultants to learn about special payment arrangements for financial aid disbursed for the summer. If summer financial aid is not available, financial aid awarded for the 2009–2010 academic year may be used to pay program expenses when “banked” for use during the summer. This means eligible students would save part of their fall 2009 and spring 2010 aid to apply to their summer expenses. Students receiving Financial Aid must still submit the program’s $100 deposit with their online registration. For information about other possible financial resources, please contact Marion Froehlich, mfroehli@sdccd.edu, or call (619)388-3652.
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RESERVATIONS & PAYMENTS:
To register for this program, a $100 deposit is required.
Second Deposit of $500 is due by Friday, April 16, 2010.
Balance Due: Friday, April 30, 2010
Enrollments will be accepted on a space available basis after April 30, 2010

Payments may be made by Credit Card and Debit Card through our website. If website payment is unavailable, please contact Tour Resource Consultants LLC (“TRC”) to learn about procedures for tendering payment. Personal checks and alternative methods of payment (such as PayPal) will not be accepted. Registrations after April 30th may be subject to a Late Registration Fee of $200. If you fail to make any required deposit on time, a Late Fee of $200 may be imposed. If the Balance Due is not paid by the payment deadline, a Late Payment Fee of $200 may be imposed.

CANCELLATIONS:
All cancellations must be submitted in writing to TRC, and are subject to the terms of the Agreement for Services with your educational institution. The cancellation date is the date on which TRC receives the signed written notification of the intent to cancel at its place of business.

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*In addition to these fees, any cancellation charges imposed by the airlines or other suppliers of travel services will be assessed.
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REFUNDS

All refunds will be based upon the cancellation schedule provided above. Refunds may take 30 days or longer to process. No refunds will be made until payments are recovered by Tour Resource Consultants LLC from its suppliers. No refunds will be made on any services, meals or accommodations resulting from a participant’s absence from the tour itinerary or from the non-utilization of these program components by the participant.

TOUR PRICES

All rates, quoted in U.S. dollars, are based upon the exchange rate reflected in the group’s tour proposal. The price will be adjusted and may increase if group airfare reservations, air taxes/fuel surcharges, international tariffs or currency exchange rates are revised. Your study-abroad administrator, teacher or group leader will advise you of any such changes.

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS

U.S. citizens are required to possess a valid passport for international travel. Please see our website, www.TourResource.com for resources helpful in applying for passports and renewing passports, as well as other valuable resources. In some instances visas may be required.

Holders of U.S. passports and passports of countries other than the United States should inquire about individual visa requirements from the consular offices of the countries in which they will be traveling. Tour Resource Consultants LLC does not assume responsibility for obtaining passports or visas, nor responsibility if participants do not acquire the required documentation and must cancel participation in the program as a result. Cancellation fees stated above will still apply.
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PROPERTY DAMAGES

Any damages to homestay, apartment or hotel premises are the sole responsibility of the tour participant and participant agrees to indemnify and hold Tour Resource Consultants LLC harmless from such claims and damages.

GROUP AIR

If you register for group air (included in total program price) you have made a commitment to use the group air reservation. If you later wish to purchase your own airline ticket, you may incur an Air Cancellation Fee of $500. Before making such a decision, please contact TRC to find out if this cancellation fee would apply.

ONLINE REGISTRATION

Updated itineraries and important notices for this group will be posted on the TRC website, www.TourResource.com in a secure members’ area of the website exclusively for this group. The secure members’ area for this group is accessible only to registered members of this group. Please ask your study abroad administrator, professor or group leader for the unique tour code for this group. (If you were given a tour code to view this itinerary on our website, use the same code.) Please note that each website user must have their own email address. More details are available upon request.

Participants in this program must register securely online at www.TourResource.com with this unique tour code. Once you have registered, log back in to the website to access the secure members’ area for this group and your personal page. You will have access to links, resources, the updated itinerary, your personal payment summary, links to make payments, edit your registration, and other important announcements and information about this program.
Details about Group Travel Insurance (Included)

A basic travel insurance group policy covering medical emergencies, lost or delayed baggage, and emergency assistance is included in the tour price. It is provided by a third-party insurance provider.

The specific coverage details are:

**Trip Delay: $750**
Reimburses you up to $150 a day for additional accommodations or travel expenses if you are delayed for more than 12 hours due to a covered reason.

**Baggage & Personal Effects: $1,000**
Reimburses you if your luggage is lost, damaged, or stolen while you are on your trip.

**Baggage Delay: $250**
Reimburses you for the purchase of essential items if your bags are delayed for more than 24 hours.

**Medical Expenses: $25,000**
Covers necessary medical expenses up to one year after the sickness or injury, provided initial treatment was received while on the trip.

**Emergency Medical Evacuation: $250,000**
Covers evacuation and transportation to the nearest adequate medical facility.

**Accidental Death & Dismemberment: $25,000**
Pays for loss of life or limb if occurs within 365 days of an accident during the Insured’s program.

**Pre-trip travel advisories**
Around-the-clock access to passport, visa, inoculation and vaccine requirements; travel advisories; embassy and consulate contacts; travel health advisories; weather and currency information, all for your planned destination.

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**More Details about Group Travel Insurance (Included)**

Offers emergency assistance for your peace of mind anywhere in the world, including:

- advancement of funds to cover on-site medical expenses,
- telephone interpretation services in major languages,
- replacement of lost passport,
- assistance to locate local physicians, dentists or medical facilities,
- professionals to monitor your condition and contact your personal physician,
- evacuation to a hospital treatment facility or back home;
- 24–hour emergency hotline.

**LiveTravel**

24–hour hotline to track lost luggage and more!

**Live Messaging**

Relay of any email or phone message to family, friends or business associates

**Emergency Cash transfers**

Assistance in coordinating an emergency cash advance.

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**Optional Travel Guard Individual Travel Insurance Policy**

Please note: the group policy described above is not trip cancellation insurance.

Optional individual travel insurance policies covering trip cancellation are available at additional cost to supplement the group travel insurance policy included in this program. TRC recommends that you evaluate the benefits of purchasing an individual travel insurance policy to provide more extensive coverage for certain events, such as Trip Cancellation. Please see the TRC website [www.TourResource.com](http://www.TourResource.com) to purchase an individual policy and for more information.
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