



The Open School of Ethnography and Anthropology
Community Institute of Transcultural Exchange

osea is a non-degree school “without walls”
For Undergrads and Graduate Students.

osea specializes in on-site, interactive learning in
Yucatán, México.

osea provides you a way to attain your out-of-classroom
educational objectives with expert guidance and
innovative learning strategies.

osea is ideal for those working in Anthropology, Latin
American Studies, Cultural Studies, and related
humanities, social sciences, and arts.

osea is ideal for Undergraduates seeking study abroad
experience and cultural immersion among the Maya
people of México.

osea is ideal for Graduate Students seeking
advanced, on-site training and experience in the design
and practice of research.

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Student Endorsements:

“During the final days of field school when I had submitted my ethnography, I was able to understand the remarkable academic experience I had just achieved. For me, OSEA field school was a life changing experience. In two months I grew as an individual and managed to conduct and finish research in my area of study. Currently, I am applying to professional school and I can honestly say that OSEA has ranked as my most meaningful experience on all of my resumes. I recommend OSEA to any student, no matter what their area of study may be.” Gabi (OSEA 2010)

“I have been hired by a new non-profit and it is the most perfect job I could imagine for myself. But what did we talk about in the interview? Why did my new boss hire me? The first question he asked was, “What is this time you spent in Mexico?” He hired me because of the anthropological viewpoint I brought to the issues we discussed and because of the great story I told him about what I learned in Pisté. Yes, I’m sure four years of college was a part of what made me qualified. But those two months mattered, disproportionately so. Not only that, but I have OSEA and you to thank for pointing me in the right direction and arming me with a lens with which to view the world on a personal level. I’m so excited about this job, I can’t help but bubble over.” Michelle (OSEA 2010)

osea is based in Bloomington, Indiana, and field study programs are conducted in the Maya community of Pisté, Yucatán, México, three kilometers from Chichén Itzá.

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osea provides training in ethnography
cultural anthropology, collaborative
fieldwork, inter-disciplinary
methodologies



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**OSEA ETHNOGRAPHY
FIELD STUDY ABROAD**

7 Week and 4 Week Programs

June 8 to July 26

June 8 to July 3

July 8 to August 4

**Chichén Itzá, Yucatán,
México**



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“The program had a very flexible structure, always tailored to our wants and needs... extremely accommodating to a variety of learning and working styles. The educational experience was invaluable”

• Maya Health, Healing & Belief

Study how Maya negotiate their traditional beliefs about health, healing, and illness in relation to Western allopathic medicine and transnational culture. Projects include Anthropology of Food and fieldwork with traditional healers such as midwives, bone-setters, herbalists, ritual-spiritualists

Ethnography Field School

(7 or 4 week program) participants are trained in ethnographic fieldwork while conducting research in ongoing interdisciplinary research projects.

Participants can work on individual research projects or do team-based research

Design and Conduct a Fieldwork Project in one of three areas

• Sustainable Community Tourism

Action Research in visual ethnography and focus groups to document tourism resources, attractions, and activities; create community tourism websites; Interview tourists & tourism workers to analyze and develop plans for sustainable community tourism

• Emerging Cultures & Subjectivities in Contexts of Globalization

Using participant observation investigate changing subjectivities, sexualities, popular culture, values, language, and world views in relation to globalization, specifically new smart technologies, interactive media and consumerism

OSEA Field Study Program

7 or 4 Week Program

Three Session Dates to choose from

- ⇒ June 3 to July 26, 2014 (7 wk)
- ⇒ June 8 to July 3, 2014 (4 wk)
- ⇒ July 8 to August 2, 2014 (4 wk)

7 week offers 8 credits in Anthropology
4 week offers 6 credits in Anthropology

- Accredited University Transcript by OSEA Partner Universidad de Autónoma de Yucatán

osea Program Fees include:

- Cultural and Linguistic Immersion
- Homestay with a Maya Family

Open to:

- Undergraduates (students in any social science and humanities fields)
- Persons who have completed BA/BS
- Graduate Students (Masters or Ph.D. any field)

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- Minimum 1-year college-level Spanish or 2-years of high school Spanish
- GPA of 2.3 or higher

“This experience was one of the most memorable of my life!”

Experience Cultural Immersion



“Pisté is an amazing place to do fieldwork. The people are so friendly, open and helpful.”



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