

OSEA MAYA IMMERSION LANGUAGE PROGRAMS

Type: Six Week Field Based Intensive Language Learning Program On-Site in Yucatán & QRoo México

Dates: Flexible Start Between June 10 & 23, 2014

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Location: Maya community of Pisté, located 3 kms. from Chichén Itzá, World Heritage Site & neighboring communities. Extended overnight immersion trip in Tuzik, Cruzob Maya community

Credits: 6 credits, undergraduate or graduate level

Courses: Level 1, 2, 3

Content: Proficiency-Focused Methodologies using ACTFL Competency Assessment Criteria

Cost: \$4400 Direct OSEA Enrollment

Transcripts: Accredited transcripts from OSEA partner institution, the Universidad Autónoma de Yucatán (UAdY), based in Mérida, Yucatán, México

Eligibility: Undergraduates and Graduate students

Lodging & Meals: Option for Maya Home-Stays Posada & arranged Maya speaking families;

Break: Weekends are free for independent travel; expenses are out of pocket

OSEA Immersion-Based Intensive Maya Program is eligible for FLAS Funding

Juan Castillo Cocom Tuition Scholarship \$2100 for non-FLAS eligible participants



OSEA Maya Immersion Language Field School Six Week Program

The Open School of Ethnography and Anthropology

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OSEA is located in the Maya community of Pisté, Yucatán, México. Pisté is a town of 5,000 persons situated within walking distance of the archaeological ruins of Chichén Itzá. Pisté is the service center for tourism at Chichén. In close proximity are a half dozen smaller towns and villages – including Yaxuna, Xocenpich, Xkalacoop, Yokdzonot, Popolá – that form the socio-economic periphery of Pisté-Chichén. This unique setting provides a valuable mix of rural and urban life, linguistic purity and diversity, as well as traditional and multicultural Maya in which OSEA students experience and learn through cultural and linguistic immersion.



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**Three Kilometers from
Chichén Itzá**

**World Heritage Site
and one of the**

**New Seven Wonders of the
Modern World**

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*provides on-site, hands-on training
in interdisciplinary ethnography*

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OSEA MAYA IMMERSION LANGUAGE FIELD SCHOOL

OSEA Field School is based on LANGUAGE IMMERSION in Maya speaking communities & families.

OSEA teaches students how to make the most of hands-on, immersion experience by teaching them not only the basic elements of Maya language, but also the tools derived from ethnographic fieldwork by which to create on-going self-directed learning through linguistic immersion. The OSEA Language Program builds on daily classroom learning combined with structured methods that students use to initiate patterned, systematic learning in everyday speech situations and immersion contexts. These methods focus on student elicitation of vocabulary and communicative speech from native speakers.

OSEA provides students tools to: learn how to initiate and sustain situated discourse; develop conversation on abstract issues; elicit, record and analyze genres of story-telling; develop meta-conversation with native speakers about Maya grammar and language use; create on-going field dictionaries; use native speakers as language trainers to check meanings and syntax in recorded materials; create archives of recordings with translations and transcriptions for continued learning.

Course materials included in tuition are: Chicago Spoken Maya audio tapes and text, Maya-English & Maya-Spanish dictionaries, and OSEA Maya Learning Tools developed by Prof. Castañeda and used in his Maya courses at Indiana University. Students only purchase two dictionaries (Montgomery and the Hocaba dictionary) out of pocket.

OSEA uses ACTFL Proficiency Assessment Criteria for pedagogy and evaluation of competencies

Course Components (5 days/week)	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Classroom Based Language Course Coursework	4 hrs/day 120 contact	3 hrs/day 90 contact	2 hrs/day 60 contact
Language Lab Contact Hours Translation & Transcription of student recorded speech; drills w/native speakers	2 hrs/day 30 contact [total 60]	2 hrs/day 30 contact [total 60]	2 hrs/day 30 contact [total 60]
Field Based Language Practicum Structured learning assignments with native speakers in language immersion contexts.	1 hr/day 15 contact [total 30]	2 hr/day 30 contact [total 60]	4 hr/day 60 contact [total 120]
6 Credit Hours, Total Contact Hours	165	150	150

Eligibility: Undergraduate students and Graduate students with any Major
Requirements: GPA of 2.5 Completion of Freshman year of college or university. No prior coursework or knowledge in Maya language is necessary for **Level 1 Maya. Level 2, & Level 3** require entrance placement exams or other proof of competency

OSEA accepts student awarded FLAS:

Apply for summer FLAS grants at your home university's Latin American Studies Center, available for Grads & Undergrads

Non-FLAS eligible students can apply for the Castillo Cocom Tuition Reduction Scholarship (award value of \$2100)



Learning by immersion does not happen by itself! OSEA GIVES YOU THE TOOLS YOU NEED for continual self-initiated learning in Immersion Contexts