OSEA Maya Immersion Language Programs

Type: Field Based Intensive Language Learning Program On-Site in Yucatán, México

Dates: May 23 to July 7, 2010

Location: Maya community of Pisté, located 3 kms. from Chichén Itzá, World Heritage Site

Credits: 6 credits, undergraduate or graduate level

Courses: Level 1, 2, 3, 4

Content: Proficiency-Focused Methodologies using ACTFL Competency Assessment Criteria

Eligibility: Undergraduates and Graduate students

Transcripts: Accredited transcripts from OSEA partner Universidad Autónoma de Yucatán (UAdY)

Cost: $4000 FLAS based Tuition/ $3000 Non-FLAS. Tuition includes educational excursions $950 Shared Double/ $1200 Single

Room & Board: Includes breakfast and lunch in Pisté and lodging in the Posada Olalde

Field Trips: Educational excursions to Chichén Itzá, Ek’ Balam, cenotes, ecological sites, nearby rancherias/jungle villages. Specific locations and activities determined at program start.

Break: 4 Day Program Break (out of pocket expense). Weekends are generally free, except for occasional group field trips (cost included)

OSEA Maya Immersion meets US Dept Ed. Guidelines for FLAS Awardees

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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Immersion-Based Intensive Maya Language Programs

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OSA Maya Immersion Language Field School
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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 & 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 include 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.

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

### Course Components (5 days/week)

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6 Credit Hours, Total Contact Hours: 165

### Start:
Start date is the day of Arrival on-site in Pisté for 2pm orientation meeting.

### End:
End date is the earliest date of Departure, after 1pm, for successful completion of program.

### Eligibility:
Undergraduate students and Graduate students with any Major or in any field of study.

### 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 & Level 4 require entrance placement exams or other proof of competency.

OSEA is eligible for FLAS Awards
Apply for Summer FLAS grants at your home university’s Latin American Studies Center, available for Grads & Undergrads

Visit www.ed.gov/programs/iegpsflasf/

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

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