

## OSEA MAYA IMMERSION LANGUAGE PROGRAMS

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

**Dates:** June 1 to July 15, 2012

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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:** \$3950 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 Courses are eligible for FLAS Funding**

**Juan Castillo Cocom Tuition Scholarship \$1900 for non-FLAS eligible participants**



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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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Chichén Itzá**

**World Heritage Site  
and one of the**

**New Seven Wonders of the  
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*provides on-site, hands-on training  
in interdisciplinary ethnography*

**Immersion-Based Intensive  
Maya Language Programs**

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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 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**

<i>Course Components (5 days/week)</i>	<b>Level 1</b>	<b>Level 2</b>	<b>Level 3</b>
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]
<b>6 Credit Hours, Total Contact Hours</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>150</b>

Instructional contact hours: Language Lab hours and Field Based Practicum hours are calculated at 2:1 ratio Classroom Contact.

**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 \$1900)

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