



with **Universidad Internacional (Uninter)**

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DESTINATION: UNIVERSIDAD INTERNACIONAL

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Study with Mexican and other International students, while earning SMC credit
- A variety of academic options accommodate intermediate to advance Spanish speakers
- Gain insight into Mexican daily life and forge life long friendships by staying with a host family

CITY INFORMATION

Cuernavaca is the capital of the State of Morelos which is about 53 miles from Mexico City and is one of the beautiful and historical centers of Mexico. It is a small city with approximately 600,000 inhabitants and has many advantages of a large city. Because of its mild climate year-round, it is known as "The City of Eternal Spring." It is geographically centered in Mexico making it very easy to reach other cities of cultural and recreational interest. Within close reach of the city are important archaeological zones of the great Mesoamerican cultures and architecture of the Colonial period. It's proximity to Mexico City and Acapulco gives you the opportunity to take full advantage of the capital and several resort areas.

UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

More than 25 years of experience— Universidad Internacional was founded in 1980 as The Center for Bilingual Multicultural Studies (Centro Bilingue). Its mission was the teaching of Spanish Language and Mexican Culture exclusively to foreign students. Later Centro Bilingue expanded its academic opportunities to Mexican students as well. Today, Universidad Internacional has national recognition and accreditation and its students pursue both undergraduate and graduate studies.

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STUDY ABROAD IN CUERNAVACA, MEXICO

Application Requirements

2.8 GPA, open to sophomores, juniors, and seniors.

Application Deadline

October 23rd, 2009 for Spring 2010 study abroad

Cost

SMC tuition, international room and board and half the cost of roundtrip airfare

Financial Aid

Federal, State, and SMC aid will travel with you

Spring 2010 Calendar*

January 8 Arrival

January 9 Orientation

January 11 Classes Begin

March 27 - April 4 Spring Break

May 5-7 Exams

May 8 Housing Move-out and departure

*Please note: due to the academic calendar in Cuernavaca, students will not enroll in a Jan-term course. Instead, they will take a fifth course while abroad, pre-approved by the Jan-term office, to satisfy their requirement.

Courses Offered in:

All students will enroll in five classes, one of which will be taught in English by Prof. Alvaro Ramirez. The other four courses can be chosen from a wide variety of classes taught in Spanish in the areas of; Anthropology, Art, Business, Economics, History, Latin American Literature, Math, Politics, Psychology, Religious Studies, Sociology, and Spanish

PROF. ALVARO RAMIREZ, PH.D., IS THE ON-SITE PROGRAM DIRECTOR. He provides participants with an in-country orientation, academic counseling, on-going support during the semester and oversees housing arrangements. He has coordinated this program for many years. His research and scholarly interests are: Spanish golden age literature, and Latino and Mexican cultural studies.

CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

TO ENHANCE THE STUDENTS' ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE the program includes cultural excursions to Mexico City where they will visit, among others, La Basílica de la Virgen de Guadalupe, the Frida Khalo Museum, Chapultepec Castle, and the Museum of Anthropology. Also included are trips to the states of Michoacán, Guanajuato, Puebla, Guerrero and Morelos as well as to famous archeological sites such as Teotihuacán and Cholula.

SERVICE PROJECT

STUDENTS WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY to give back to their host-community in meaningful ways by working on various ongoing projects within and around Cuernavaca. In collaboration with Lasallian partner, *Universidad La Salle* and *Caminando Unidos*, students will work on such projects as building schools or designing computer education programs in impoverished neighborhoods.

HOUSING

STUDENTS WILL BE HOSTED BY LOCAL FAMILIES and will share a bedroom and bathroom with another student of the same gender. Homestay families have been carefully chosen based on their friendliness and helpfulness towards past students. Rooms are fully furnished, including bed, linens, a desk, and closet.

CRITERIA FOR ALL HOST FAMILIES:

- Willingness to incorporate students into daily family life
- Provide clean and comfortable accommodations
- Be located no more than 15 minutes from the school by car
- Provide transportation to students not within walking distance
- Provide three meals daily