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CENTRO SURESTE – MERIDA, MEXICO

Centro Sureste, is a well-established school in Merida, the largest and most cosmopolitan city in the Yucatan Peninsula of Mexico. The school has been exclusively devoted to the teaching of languages since its founding in 1974 and is fully accredited through the Yucatan Secretary of Education. Instructors are experienced native-speaking teachers, well-trained and enthusiastic about their profession. Beginning, Intermediate and Advanced levels of study are available and groups are quite small allowing for maximum individual attention.

Centro Sureste has three locations:

CIS Centro, the downtown school, is air conditioned, located in a commercial building, and has a language lab and small resource area. Its in easy access to the many attractions of the city itself.

CIS Norte and Poniente are converted homes with classrooms and resource area. Suburban locations offers students a more secluded study setting and closer access to housing. Students are welcome to request either the downtown or suburban locations - but the school reserves the right of final placement.

Rich in history, abundant in subtropical beauty, and serving as the gateway to the world-famous Mayan archaeological ruins, Merida is only minutes by air from the Gulf Coast of the US and is convenient by land or air to the beach resorts of Cancun and Cozumel. The "Land of the Mayas" is a favorite of archaeologists and historians, and for everyone it offers a fascinating past-to-present view which is unique in all of Mexico. Today, towering pyramids, ceremonial sites, palaces and imposing temples are scattered throughout the region, some still to be excavated. At every stop, you'll gain a wealth of information and insight into lifestyles gone or nearly forgotten.

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Centro Sureste teaching approach is called "total immersion" and there is no surer way to learn a language; you will be speaking Spanish from the start. Students are encouraged to stay with local families, located and supervised by the CIS, so that academic input is reinforced by practical usage 24 hours a day. Course work is carefully structured and designed to assure rapid improvement through the most effective and modern teaching techniques. To complement the classroom work, language laboratory sessions are available to reinforce skills.

Group 15 hours per week Program

Classes are three hours per day, five days a week and are loaded with up-to-date information concerning life in the Yucatan as well as general cultural knowledge about the Spanish-speaking world. Students are placed in small group classes, usually 2-4 students, allowing for individual attention.

Group 25 hours per week Program

This program combines the Group 15 hours per week Program with two additional hours per day of Spanish study. At the request of the student, these additional two hours of study may focus specifically on medical, legal or business vocabulary.

Centro Sureste utilizes its own textbook for study, and uses Schaum grammar book for homework assignments. Courses start every Monday year-round, for a minimum of two weeks.

Centro Sureste also teaching English to local Spanish-speakers, so the opportunity for language exchange is open for all students.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Homestay

Centro Sureste heartily recommends students opt for housing with local Spanish-speaking families. Housing accommodations are comfortable and provide an invaluable opportunity for participating in local life and for practicing Spanish every waking hour. Food is Yucatecan-style, but no hot peppers are used, unless specifically requested. Drinking water is safe and hot water is available for bathing. Families enjoy making foreigners feel at home. A short, inexpensive bus ride is necessary to reach school from homes in certain locations. Those students who prefer to live within walking distance may so specify, but are reminded that all housing accommodations are subject to availability.

Medium priced hotels are also available at convenient locations and may be reserved through the school if a first-night room deposit is received at least three weeks in advance of arrival.

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

The bulletin board at CIS keeps students up-to-date on things to do in Merida and the surrounding vicinity. The possibilities are endless! The Cathedral, the State Building and City Hall, the University, the Museum of Anthropology & Archaeology, parks and private mansions. The famous Merida marketplace shouldn't be missed. It's a vast complex of booths, shops and street vendors, combining the exotic excitement of an oriental bazaar with the pleasant earthiness of a country fair. There are open air concerts and art exhibits.

TO REGISTER:

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Program & Admission Information - Merida, Mexico

The Programs

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Admissions & Academic Credit

Students age 17 years and older are welcomed regardless of educational background, occupation or nationality. Students under the age of 17 must be accompanied by an adult. No previous knowledge of Spanish is required except where otherwise indicated.

Students desiring credit for their study programs should contact their home school or request the NRCSA Credit Fact Sheet. Generally, U.S. universities consider 15 hours of study to be equal to 1 semester credit.

[For more information about academic credit in Spanish speaking countries](#)

[For information about Academic Credit for International Studies](#)

Programs

Group 15

Group 25

[Admissions &
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Activities
Cultural & Social
Activities](#)

Comments

"The material was excellent; it did a good job of preparing me for my trip. The total immersion program is a great way to learn. A great learning experience. It makes other methods of learning seem pale. The school had excellent teachers and administrators."

Teacher, Houston, TX

"The one on one classes provided me much opportunity for conversation, which was great. Overall my experience was a very positive one. Being able to speak Spanish is a critical skill in working with people in California."

Union Representative,
San Jose, CA

"We are not, I suppose, the typical 'students.' I am 80 years old and my wife but ten years junior. The recall of a wonderful stay in Merida is vivid."

Retired, Milden, CT

"I had the fortune of being placed with a wonderfully warm and considerate family. I would stress the value of homestay vs private accommodation. I am without a doubt more at ease with the Spanish language press as a result of this experience, and more aware of conditions in Mexico. My overall reaction to the experience is extreme satisfaction."

Editor, Brooklyn, NY

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ALL NRCSA PROGRAMS INCLUDE:

- ✓ Foreign language immersion classes
- ✓ Small interactive group and/or one-on-one instruction
- ✓ Culture program integrated into conversation classes, activities
- ✓ Meet-the-People interaction at school, homestays, & community events
- ✓ Orientation covering attractions, how to, health, safety, entertainment
- ✓ Academic assessments, placement-exit tests, Achievement Certificate
- ✓ Lodging (reduced fee if no lodging needed)
- ✓ Meals and/or cooking facilities at most centres
- ✓ Insurance: medical and accident - see below
- ✓ Emergency Hotline staffed 24 hours/day - see below
- ✓ Housing Coordinator familiar with area homestays, apartments, hotels
- ✓ Activity Coordinator facilitates transfers, cultural/social activities, tours
- ✓ Program Director experienced working with foreign participants
- ✓ Qualified, experienced, and certified educators
- ✓ Weekly proficiency goals and progress assessments
- ✓ Planning and Orientation materials
- ✓ International Ambiance, participants from around-the-world welcome
- ✓ Telecom assistance, web/e-mail access, usually on-site
- ✓ Local taxes for included services
- ✓ 24:7 Culture Immersion w/ native speakers: class, homestay, community
- ✓ **ALL NRCSA PROGRAMS INCLUDE the following INSURANCE***

ACCIDENT INSURANCE up to \$10,000 SICKNESS INSURANCE up to \$10,000

EMERGENCY MEDICAL EVACUATION up to \$25,000

EMERGENCY REUNION up to \$5,000

REPATRIATION up to \$7,500

LIFE INSURANCE \$5,000

plus

24 HOUR EMERGENCY WORLDWIDE MULTI-LINGUAL TELEPHONE ASSISTANCE

MANY ALSO OFFER

- ✓ **Tours:** cultural visits, day and weekend fieldtrips
- ✓ **Art:** classes/workshops, craft, dance, theater, fashion, music, photo
- ✓ **Humanities:** culture, area studies, hist, lit, gov't, educ, comm, plus...
- ✓ **Health:** golf, swimming, tennis, diving, skiing, riding, plus...
- ✓ **Special:** vocabulary classes tailored to your professional needs
- ✓ **Lodging:** homestay, apartment, dorm, hotel, special diet
- ✓ **Food:** home cooking, cooking classes, dine-around, wine tasting
- ✓ **Family:** services, daycare, child classes, community services
- ✓ **Teacher:** training, workshops, practicums, practice teaching, ECH
- ✓ **Teen:** camps and youth programs (including experiential)
- ✓ **University:** credit, undergraduate and graduate
- ✓ **Professional:** development credit in many fields, licensure, CEU
- ✓ **Volunteer:** medical, social service, ecology, teach plus...
- ✓ **Internships:** business, media, arts, eco, tourism, computer, plus...
- ✓ **Business:** classes, visits, networking, executive support services
- ✓ **Peer-to-Peer:** share interests, network by profession or hobby
- ✓ **Current Events & Professional Workshops, Holiday Courses**
- ✓ **Distance** educ liaison service, independent studies, research assist
- ✓ **Free** books and course materials. Return at end of studies
- ✓ **Free** airport transfers and internet access
- ✓ **Assessment** reports for attendance, progress, acculturation if needed
- ✓ **Medical:** professional training, law, social work, sciences etc.

** If you have a problem while studying abroad, call the 24 hour hotline! Call Any Time from Anywhere! Medical or travel emergencies, legal or medical or embassy referrals, lost passport or luggage, emergency message relay, coordinating emergency prescription replacement or cash transfer, emergency translations, 24-hour medical monitoring. Problems seldom occur, but when they do, it is nice to know insurance and worldwide assistance are included in your cost for study dates prepaid through NRCSA as reflected on your NRCSA confirmation. Additional optional insurance available upon request. Refer to the certificate for specific terms, conditions and other details regarding benefits, limitations, eligibility and exclusions of this plan. Questions? Contact NRCSA: Tel: 414-278-0631 ... E-Mail: info@nrcca.com ... Web: <http://www.nrcca.com>*

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