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OAXACA CULTURAL INSTITUTE – OAXACA, MEXICO

Oaxaca Cultural institute is a nonprofit organization, registered with the federal, state and municipal government offering courses to students who wish to study in an environment which will enhance their understanding of the Spanish language. The Institute's language immersion program offers the opportunity to experience Mexican culture and understand it through the acquisition of Spanish.

Oaxaca Cultural Institute's teachers are native speakers and university educated with years of teaching experience. They are more than prepared to present you with a class that will enhance your speaking, listening and general comprehension skills while introducing you to Mexican culture.

The Institute is located in enchanting colonial **Oaxaca**, where you will discover both modern Mexico and ancient indigenous culture. The indigenous groups who once inhabited the nearby archaeological sites of Monte Albán, Mitla and Yagul continue to influence the language, lifestyle, and art of the area. The heart of the city of Oaxaca is the zócalo (main square) which is surrounded by a mix of colonial architecture and indigenous marketplace.

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Oaxaca Cultural Institute offers seven class levels, from beginning Spanish to advanced Mexican and Latin American Literature, to assure that students will find the correct level of instruction. The school gives placement exams upon arrival to place students in the appropriate class level.

Group 12 & Crafts Course

The Group 12 & Crafts Course consists of approximately 6 hours of daily instruction, including grammar and conversation classes and Cultural Workshops. Class size is kept to a minimum, with the average being 5-6 students per class, and never exceeds 12 students. Sessions last four weeks.

To maximize learning, instructors incorporate a variety of teaching methods including the use of films, role-play, music, etc. Monday through Friday, students participate in three hours morning grammar followed by one hour of conversation.

For detailed information on the Cultural Workshops, please see the NRCSA website, or contact NRCSA.

Tutor Course

20 hours per week, One-on-One. The Tutor Course includes 4 hours daily of Spanish or Zapotec language instruction in a one-on-one setting. Specialized vocabulary and/or cultural interests can be accommodated in this course.

Note: Cultural Workshops are not included in the cost of the tutor program, but are available upon request and at additional cost.

Christmas Course

Oaxaca Cultural Institute's Christmas Course is perfect for those students who want to experience the holidays in Mexico. The course includes 2 weeks of Spanish language instruction combined with cultural activities and workshops specifically relating to the holidays. Spanish classes are held 9:00 - 12:00, with workshops from 12:00 - 14:00. Students share in the celebratory traditions of their host families to compliment their study.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Homestays

Living arrangements can be an important factor of the cultural immersion process. For many students, a private bedroom in a carefully chosen Mexican home is the ideal accommodation. The cost includes breakfast daily. Students may choose to take comida, the main midday meal, and/or cena, the light evening meal, with the family at additional cost.

Hotels, Posadas and Apartments

The Institute can provide an extensive list of hotels and posadas for students, as well as make reservations. Oaxaca has many hotels ranging from one to five stars.

Living in a posada offers the independence of an apartment without the demand of a time commitment. The Institute works closely with two posadas.

Furnished apartments vary in cost, depending on size and location. A \$100 USD deposit is required to reserve an apartment.

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

The Institute arranges weekend tours to various sites around the state of Oaxaca. These tours are optional and available at an additional cost. The Institute's bilingual guide takes students to archaeological sites, indigenous markets, artisan villages, and numerous other destinations where they will find opportunities to explore Mexican culture outside of the city of Oaxaca.

TO REGISTER:

Complete the NRCSA Preregistration Form or contact the National Registration Center for Study Abroad at 207 E. Buffalo Street., Suite 610 * P.O. Box 1393, Milwaukee, WI 53201 USA, or by calling (414) 278-0631; by Fax (414) 271-8884.

Check out our website at <http://www.nrca.com>

or e-mail us at study@nrca.com

Program & Admission Information - Oaxaca, Mexico

The Programs

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Levels:

The Instituto offers 7 levels of classes with many sublevels to ensure proper placement of each student, ranging from the absolute beginner level to the more advanced Mexican and Latin American literature class.

Upon your arrival at the Institute you will be given a written and oral exam, administered by our highly trained staff. You will then be placed according to your written and oral expression and your previous language experience.

Classes are structured to fit the individual needs of each student.

- **Beginning** levels concentrate on mastering vocabulary, simple sentence structure and phonetics. Focus is placed on the students' ability to excel in everyday situations using the Spanish language.
- **Intermediate** levels encompass more complex vocabulary, sentence structure and application of grammatical rules to their reading, writing and speaking.
- **Advanced** level classes place a special emphasis on perfecting each student's oral and written comprehension. On any given day, students may be found discussing topics such as current events, politics, or short stories from homework assigned the previous night, or refining their oral skills through intense review of the grammar complexities of Spanish.

We understand the difficulties that can be encountered when learning a language. Our aim is to assist each student in achieving their personal goal with respect to learning Spanish. Our teachers use a variety of teaching methods to enable students to excel rapidly in their oral and written comprehension.

Group 12 & Crafts Course

The Group 12 & Crafts Course consists of approximately 4 hours of daily instruction, including grammar and conversation classes and Cultural Workshops (see below). Class size is kept to a minimum, with the average being 5-9 students per class, and never exceeds 12 students. Sessions last four weeks.

To maximize learning, instructors incorporate a variety of teaching methods including the use of films, role-play, music, etc. Monday through Friday, students participate in a three hour morning grammar class followed by one hour of conversation class. Through this combination, students will not only learn Spanish grammar, but also how to apply that knowledge in everyday conversational use.



[For detailed information on the Cultural Workshops, please click here.](#)

Tutor Course 20 hours per week, private lessons. The Tutor Course includes 4 hours daily of Spanish or Zapotec language instruction in a one-on-one setting. Specialized vocabulary and/or cultural interests can be accommodated in this course.

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Group/Tutor + Arts & Crafts Includes 20 hours per week of the Group 12 course, plus 10 hours per week of private tutor lessons in the early afternoon, plus participation in Arts, Crafts, Cooking and other cultural workshops during the late afternoon for 8 hours per week.



Programs

Group 12 & Crafts
Tutor Course
Group/Tutor + Arts & Crafts
Christmas Course
Children's Program

Admissions & Academic Credit

Activities

Intercambio/
Conversation
Exchange
Excursions

Comments

"This is an outstanding program. Approximately 140 of my employees speak little or no English. The trip is already helping me in my communication with them."

Manager and Housewife,
Encino, CA

"We are in reverse culture shock and are already talking of going back to Mexico next summer with NRCSA! You have certainly selected a superior school in Oaxaca...Gracias!"

Spanish Teacher, Bend, OR

"I enjoyed being there long enough, and in a home, so that I got a feel for life in a small city. My experience was not just that of a tourist."

Graduate Student,
Chicago, IL

"It was a wonderful experience for me. Every day I use something I learned in my class and my introduction to Oaxaca and environs was as rewarding as it could have been. Thanks!"

Retired Teacher, Montrose,
CO

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the holidays. Spanish classes are held 9:00 - 12:00, with workshops from 12:00 - 14:00. Students share in the celebratory traditions of their host families to compliment their study.

Children's Program This program is designed for children age 8 to 13 years. Participants are placed in classes with up to 8 children per group. Children are placed in different groups based on language proficiency and age.

The program places an emphasis on "learning by doing". Children have morning classes from 9:00 to 13:00. The daily schedule consists of one hour of grammar lessons, two hours of guided excursions within the city to various markets, museums, or other places of interest, and one hour of participation in cultural workshops. In the afternoon from 16:00 to 18:00, the children will receive art classes, which will provide an introduction to some of the different artisans of Oaxaca. On Fridays, the students will take longer excursions to outlying pueblos. Classes are held in a small building 15 minutes from the ICO. Students interested in the Children's Program must travel with parents enrolled in classes at the ICO.

Parents and children stay together in homestays. Families have the option of renting an apartment on a monthly basis during their stay in Oaxaca. Child care services/supervision is also available for children under age 7 who are traveling with parents enrolled in a study program at the ICO. The child care services do not include language lessons, and are available during the times parents take language classes. For updated information, please contact NRCSA.

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 program 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, [please click here](#).
For general information on academic credit, [please click here](#).

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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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PREREGISTRATION FORM – NRCSA PROGRAMS

1. Complete & send to NRCSA, P.O. Box 1393, Milwaukee, WI 53201, USA • Tel. (414) 278-0631 • Fax (414) 271-8884 • Web: www.nrca.com
2. Enclose a non-refundable deposit/registration fee of \$140 per person, per program, payable to NRCSA (\$40 registration fee & \$100 program deposit applied towards the program costs).
3. Register early. Add \$40 per person late enrollment fee if paying in full within 40 days of departure. Within 20 days, payments by certified check.
4. Credit Cards may be used for deposits (see "H" below). NRCSA street address for overnight deliveries is 207 East Buffalo Street, Suite 610, Milwaukee, WI 53202 USA. You are welcome to photocopy this form. Please send separate form for each school if taking multiple programs.

A. Name(s) _____ Sex _____ Birthdate _____ Citizenship _____
Please print
 _____ Employer _____ Occupation _____
If student, school attending and year

Street: _____ Tel. Home: _____
Street address (not P.O. Box) where someone can sign for documents sent to you.

City/State/Zip: _____ Tel. Work: _____
 Fax: _____
 E-mail: _____

In Emergency, notify: _____
(Name, Address, Phone)

B. BACKGROUND: _____
Describe your background in the course you're taking abroad. Check your ability level: Beginner Post Beginner
 Intermediate Advanced

C. LODGING: _____
Schools will try (cannot guarantee) to meet them. Special Diet (may be available) at additional cost.

D. GOALS: _____

E. INSURANCE: Includes prepaid study dates. To extend coverage up to 30 days before/after study dates, add \$5/day or \$19/week and advise dates.

- Check Preferences.**
 Single Share Twin Other: _____
 Yes Smoking No Smoking Either
 Yes Pets No Pets Either
 Yes Children No Children Either
- PREFER:** Homestay Involvement Freedom to Come/Go
ARE YOU? Quiet Outgoing Frequent Traveler
OBJECTIVES: Enrichment Academic Credit Job Related
HOBBIES: Reading Music Cooking Jogging Sports

F. PROGRAM INFORMATION	School/Center
Program Name (use title from Dates & Fees)	City/Country
Date: Start Program	Date: Start Lodging (most start day before)
No. of hours day/week	No. of weeks attending
Disabilities/Allergies/Health Problems	2nd Choice Program
How did you learn about NRCSA?	Social Security Number
Options (see program for choices)	
Your Signature (if you are under age 18, both parents must also sign)	

INSURANCE INCLUDED for PRE-PAID STUDY DATES

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For More Info: <http://www.nrca.com/INS24hrHotline.html>

H. CREDIT CARDS:

For program deposit only (**not final payment**) check:
 VISA Mastercard American Express Amount Charged \$ _____

_____ / _____
Card Number (13 or more numbers) Exp Date

SIGNATURE (as on card) PRINT name (as on card)

CHANGE FEES of at least \$35 apply for each change you make. Some "changes" may result in cancellation fees.

CANCELLATIONS are effective the day received in writing by NRCSA in Milwaukee. All payments less \$140 per program fully refundable up to 60 days prior to departure. For cancellations within 60 days of departure, \$250 per person is not refundable; within 40 days of departure, less 50% of program cost or \$300 per person (whichever is greater); within 14 days of departure, 100% of program cost is non refundable. Airline cancellation penalties, if any, are in addition to those outlined above. Cancellation penalties are per person, per program. Medical, baggage (above that included) and cancellation insurance is strongly recommended. Attach a note if you have a medical condition or Rx which the school/center should know about.

CONDITIONS: Each institution listed herein is independent of the National Registration Center for Study Abroad (hereinafter referred to as NRCSA, controls, and will periodically make changes in the program. Classes may fill, be changed, or dropped by the sponsoring academic institutions. NRCSA is a division of Mibar Ltd. and is not responsible for these changes or other actions beyond its control such as strikes, postal delays or loss, mechanical breakdowns, weather, government actions, delay or acts/omissions of suppliers. NRCSA may make changes or substitutions or cancel any program. In the event of entire program cancellation by NRCSA, liability is limited to refunding all monies paid to NRCSA for said program. Passengers electing not to use portions of a program shall not be entitled to a refund. No agent or representative of NRCSA shall have the right to alter the provisions listed herein. Costs based on tariffs and exchange rates effective the date of printing of this material, and are subject to change. Additional costs resulting from such change will be paid by the participant. Registrations are valid when accepted by NRCSA in Milwaukee. The passage contract used by the airline, when issued, is the sole agreement between it and you. Photographs of or statements by participants may be used by NRCSA. NRCSA, group leaders or foreign coordinators, at their discretion, may get medical assistance for participants, or place them in a hospital, or fly them back to the U.S. for medical treatment. All costs related to medical treatment or evacuation will be paid by the participant. As visitors you are expected to adhere to foreign rules and customs. If the foreign staff feels you are not adhering to these rules and customs, your participation in the program shall terminate immediately without refund whatsoever. A "homestay" is defined as living with a local person(s) in the foreign country and may not be multi generational, multinational, etc. It is the responsibility of the participant to have required proof of citizenship and visa(s) if applicable - check with the consulate of the country(s) you will be visiting.

INFORMATION USE: Information provided to NRCSA will be shared with participating organizations to facilitate your registration.

NOTE: Classes canceled in honor of local holidays are not made up. Foreign Language schools use placement tests. If there is no group at your level, smaller group or tutor classes may be substituted with fewer hours per week. Classes are conducted entirely in the target language. See **Fast Facts Guide** for more information.