

Practicum in Mexico

This two week study abroad program will take place during the Maymester of 2010. It will consist of Spanish language instruction, various fieldwork opportunities, educational readings and seminars, excursions within Mexico, and a home-stay with a Mexican family. The program will be organized through a language-immersion program called Encuentros in Cuernavaca, Mexico. Encuentros specializes in providing tailored programs to people in the education and mental health fields. They have many connections within the community and are highly invested in teaching participants about the Mexican culture. The program also consists of Spanish language classes conducted through licensed teachers at Encuentros program site. In addition, participants will stay with a host-family in either a single or double occupancy arrangement. The organization of these home stays is done extremely carefully and consists of multiple family interviews, home visits, and student evaluations of home stays. Participants are provided meals with their home stay.

Encuentros website:
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Cuernavaca, Mexico

Dates

May 22 through June 5.

Course Number & Credits

SPSY 6915: Practicum with Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Students.

Cost: \$2,125

Cost Does Not Include: Airfare, travel insurance (trip cancellation), personal miscellaneous items, passport, and exit fees (currently US\$30).

Application deadline

March 12, 2010. Rolling admissions. Limited space available. Late fee of \$50 applies after March 12, 2010.

Prerequisites

A participating student must have been accepted into the school psychology graduate program at UCD, completed two semesters of full-time participation in the school psychology graduate program, and be in good academic standing.

Contact the faculty

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Course Objectives

This course is designed to provide students with experiences and support throughout their practicum experience. This practicum experience will be focused on developing competencies with culturally and linguistically diverse students through a cultural immersion experience in Mexico. As a group, students will share with each other their practicum experiences, both positive and negative and discuss ways in which to problem-solve situations.

- Increase understanding of various educational and mental health models and practices and apply this knowledge to personal and institutional practices within the United States
- Increase Spanish language proficiency
- Increase knowledge of the cognitive, social, and emotional development of children from Mexico
- Developing a personal awareness by confronting biases and prejudices



Course Requirements

1. Students will observe and gain awareness about educational and mental health practices in Mexico. Students will compare services and interventions in Mexico to those in the United States.
2. Students will be required to prepare questions in Spanish for education and mental health personnel in Mexico. These questions will be asked during specified meeting times in the various settings and will attempt to increase awareness about the educational and mental health systems in Mexico.
3. Students will be required to spend 150 clock hours in activities related to this practicum, and will turn in logs documenting their activities.



Tentative Daily Schedule

- 8:30-11:30** Spanish Language Courses: Students will be evaluated and divided into courses appropriate for their language ability.
- 11:30-12:00** Lunch/Free time
- 12:00-3:00** Observation of Educational and/or Mental Health Agency
- 3:00-4:00** Group Meeting (participants and Dr. Harris)
- 4:00-5:00** Meal with Host Family/Free Time
- 5:00-7:00** Community Events (such as meeting with parents, Cooking class, Dance class, Movie night)
- 7:00 pm to 8:30 am** – Participant Free time/Sleeping time

