

Morelia, Mexico (Fall Semester)

Morelia, Mexico: Offering Spanish Language & Culture and Honors

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- Program Dates: September 7 - December 5, 2010

- Application Deadline: March 15, 2010

- Program Fee:

Option 1 (without airfare) \$5,495 OR

Option 2 (with airfare) \$6195

,PLUS \$150 application fee

- APPLY EARLY & SAVE \$100: Apply by March 1 and save \$100

- Payment schedule:

April 15: \$1000 due

May 15: Total remaining balance

APPLY NOW

*Please note: There are a limited number of seats available on the group flight (Option 2). If you select Option 2 and there are no more group-flight seats available, KIIS will help you find a good flight alternative.

{mospagebreak title=Description}

During the fall semester, KIIS will offer a 13-week program in Mexico. The site of the program, Morelia, is the capital of the state of Michoacán and a showcase of Spanish colonial architecture.

A colonial city virtually untouched by tourists, Morelia has many monuments and sites of considerable cultural and historic interest. In the center of the city stands the plateresque cathedral, dating back to the late 17th century. Just two blocks away are the main buildings of the University of San Nicolás, founded in 1540, which many consider the oldest university in North America. The first conservatory of music in North America, established in 1743, is also in Morelia. On the east side stretches the 254-arch aqueduct, almost two miles long, which at one time was the chief supplier of water to the city. The Purhepecha Indian civilization surrounds Morelia, and many indigenous crafts are practiced in the neighboring villages that skirt nearby Lake Pátzcuaro.

There will be two options of study from which students may choose. The Spanish Language Option will offer courses taught in Spanish, while the Honors Option will offer courses taught in English combined with the intensive study of Spanish at both the elementary and intermediate levels.

Morelia's location makes it ideal for excursions to other cities and sites of cultural interest in the region. In addition, cheap and frequent bus service makes it easy for students to travel. Excursions are tentatively planned to Pátzcuaro, Santa Clara del Cobre, Guanajuato, Janitzio, Quiroga, Uruapan, the Volcano Paricutín, and the celebrations for the Day of the Dead. While in Mexico City, students will visit the pyramids at Teotihuacán, the Basílica of Guadalupe,

the Frida Kahlo Museum, and monuments and museums in the downtown district.

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The program fee includes the cost of:

- Round-trip airfare to Mexico (Option 2 only).
- Room and board in Morelia during the entire period of the program.
- Organized excursions.
- Comprehensive medical insurance through CMI Insurance
- Up to 15 credit hours.

The program fee does NOT include:

- Round-trip airfare to Mexico (Option 1 only).
- Basic personal expenses (\$200 per month recommended).
- Independent travel expenses.
- Textbooks.
- Passport fees.
- Transportation to and from the U.S. city of departure usually Louisville or Cincinnati.
- \$150 application fee
- Any mandatory fees from the student's home institution.

Please see the Payment Policy section for more details.

For semester programs, KIIS does not charge an additional fee for participants from non-consortium institutions. Also exempt from additional fees are teachers at Kentucky schools and alumni of consortium member institutions. Although KIIS has tried to foresee all possible expenses in formulating program fees, it should be clear that the total cost is subject to change necessitated by fluctuation in airline fares and/or foreign currency valuation.

{mospagebreak title=Accommodations}

Accommodations

A key feature of the KIIS program is that all students will live with Mexican families, single or double occupancy.

All meals are taken with the host family, who will also provide towels and bed linens. Host families will attempt to accommodate requests for special diets and smoke-free environment, but KIIS cannot guarantee that those requests will be met. Students with serious dietary restrictions or acute need for smoke-free conditions should bear this in mind when considering whether the program is suitable for them.

Laundry must be done at a local laundromat, or an arrangement may be negotiated with the host family.

{mospagebreak title=Courses}

Course Offerings

Spanish Language Option

Twelve credit hours of college-level Spanish is required before enrolling in this program. (Students with a minimum

cumulative 3.0 GPA may take courses from the honors option as well.)

SPAN 370 Spanish Conversation
SPAN 371 Spanish Composition and Grammar
SPAN 372 Latin American Civilization and Culture

SPAN 376 Literature and Culture of Latin America
SPAN 455 Topics in Hispanic Literary and Cultural Studies: Mexico Past and Present
SPAN 470 Advanced Oral Spanish
SPAN 471 Advanced Spanish Composition

SPAN 499 Advanced Studies in Spanish

Honors Option

Students taking these courses must be enrolled in an honors program and/or have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher.

HON 300 Honors Colloquium: Arts and Literature Abroad

HON 301 Honors Colloquium: International Studies Abroad

SPAN 101 Honors Elementary Spanish I

SPAN 102 Honors Elementary Spanish II

SPAN 201 Honors Intermediate Spanish I

SPAN 202 Honors Intermediate Spanish II

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General Travel Links

Morelia Specific Links