

Merida, Mexico (Fall Semester)

Merida, Mexico: Offering Spanish Language & Culture and Honors

- Director: Dr. Fred de Rosset
- Email: fredkiis@hotmail.com

This e-mail address is being protected from spam bots, you need JavaScript enabled to view it
 - Program Dates: September 7 - December 5, 2010

- Application Deadline: May 30, 2010

- Program Fee:
 Option 1 (without airfare) \$5,495 OR
 Option 2 (with airfare) \$6195
 ,PLUS \$150 application fee

- 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, Merida, is in the state of Yucatan. Merida is a tropical city at sea level, just twenty minutes from the beach. It is in the midst of the ruins of the Mayan civilization and a wonderful place to learn about and experience Mexican culture, see magnificent sites, and perfect your Spanish.

Merida is a very safe city that is home to a number of other study and travel abroad programs for American universities. Students will be housed with Mexican families and will have a wealth of things to do and see ranging from visits to the beach to visiting the spectacular Mayan ruins at Uxmal and Chichen Itza, all of which are close to Merida.

Students may choose 3-4 courses offered in Spanish exclusively to KIIS participants. They may also choose to take one course with Mexican students at the Colegio de Negocios Internacionales (CNI), a private business college.

Excursions are tentatively planned to Puerto Morelos o Isla Mujeres, Salida a Valladolid E-Balam o Tulum de paso, Salida a Chichen Itza, Uxmal, Celestun, and Mayapan

{mospagebreak title=Cost}

Cost:
 - Program Fee:

Option 1 (without airfare) \$5,495 OR
 Option 2 (with airfare) \$6,195
 PLUS \$150 application fee

The program fee includes the cost of:

- Round-trip airfare to Cancun, Mexico (Option 2 only).
- Transportation to/from Cancun to Merida for those meeting group flight.
- Room and board in Merida 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

Twelve credit hours of college-level Spanish is required before enrolling in this program. KIIS students will enroll in four courses during their Fall Semester in Merida. They may select 3-4 options from the KIIS courses and one option from the CNI courses.

KIIS Courses

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 499 Advanced Studies in Spanish: Mexico Past and Present

CNI Courses

Students may select one of the following courses to round out their four semester courses. Note: All courses are taught in Spanish and taken with Mexican university students from the Colegio de Negocios Internacionales (CNI - <http://www.cni.edu.mx/>), a private business college in Merida.

Introduction to Political Science

General Sociology

Advanced Writing

Contemporary Political Theory

Contemporary Mexico

Economic and Political Geography

Seminar in International Commerce

Globalization and Regionism

Linguistics

Cultural History of Mexico

Etymology

Strategies of Marketing

International Agencies and Institutions

{mospagebreak title=Useful Links}Useful Links:

General Travel Links

{mospagebreak title=Admitted Students}

Congratulations on your acceptance into the KIIS Merida, Mexico Fall Semester program! Here is your KIIS Student Handbook -- please read it to find answers to many of your questions. To finalize your KIIS application, complete and mail to KIIS the following 5 forms by May 21, 2010. Note: Two of the 5 forms need to be notarized. You may locate a Notary public at your university, public library, local bank, etc. (You'll need to send the forms 10 days in advance to ensure the materials are received by May 21.) 1. Program Contract 2. Medical Surrogacy 3. Agreement & Assumption 4. Medical History 5. Merida Housing Questionnaire Orientation and Payment Info: Mandatory KIIS student orientation: (see your Student Handbook for details) Reminder: Your first \$1000 payment is due by Tuesday, May 4. The remaining balance is due on Friday, June 4. If paying by check or money order, mail your check to KIIS 10 days in advance to ensure it arrives by the deadline. Make checks payable to "Western Kentucky University" with your name/program listed on the memo line. If paying by credit card: (1) you may now pay online through your MyKIIS account by clicking on "payment details." (2) or call KIIS at 270-745-4416 between the business

hours of 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM (CST). Questions: Contact KIIS at 270-745-4416 or
john.dizgun@wku.edu This e-mail address is being protected from spam bots, you need JavaScript enabled to view it
This e-mail address is being protected from spam bots, you need JavaScript enabled to view it Contact your
program director at fredkiis@hotmail.com This e-mail address is being protected from spam bots, you need JavaScript
enabled to view it Mailing Address: John Dizgun Western Kentucky University - KIIS 1906 College Heights Blvd.
#11030 Bowling Green, KY 42101-1030