Mexico Study Abroad

Spring Break & Summer 2020

Information Sessions
➢ Tues, December 3rd, 2019 @2:00 pm, Mundelein 507. Pizza will be provided
➢ Fri, December 6th, 2019 @10:00 am Damen 122. Donuts will be provided.

Summer 2020 Mexico City
SOWK 733 & 509

Course predeparture sessions:
Spring semester 2020 @ Loyola

Mexico City: May 17, 2020 – May 30, 2020

SOWK 509: Policies and Strategies of Community Intervention
SOWK 733: North American Migration Dynamics
*Students must enroll in both courses

Classes co-taught by Dr. María Vidal de Haymes & Prof. Ivan Medina

Spring Break 2020
Arizona – Mexico Border
SOWK 502/370

Course predeparture sessions:
Spring semester 2020 @ Loyola

Trip: March 1 – March 7, 2020

SOWK 502/370*: The Intersection of Oppression, Privilege & Diversity

Class co-taught by Dr. María Vidal de Haymes & Prof. Ivan Medina
*Can be taken as an Independent Study

Fieldwork in Mexico
Fulfills 1st or 2nd level field placement
Dates: June 1 – Aug. 10, 2020
*Students must have minimum of conversational Spanish*

For more information and to enroll, contact Dr. Vidal de Haymes
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Mexico Study Abroad Options

SPRING BREAK ARIZONA-MEXICO BORDER COURSE
Social Work 502/SOWK 370: The Intersection of Oppression, Privilege & Diversity: Team taught by Dr. Maria Vidal de Haymes and Professor Ivan Medina. This class allows students a visit to the Arizona-Mexico border to take an immersion course that examines race, gender, and ethnicity as it relates to migration. The class is composed of two three sessions in the Spring Semester in Chicago and then the immersion period in Tucson, Arizona and both Nogales, Arizona and Nogales, Sonora Mexico during Spring Break. A valid passport is required since part of the immersion takes place in the Mexico side of the border. This class can be taken by both undergraduate and graduate students as either SOWK 370-010(BSW)/SOWK 502-010(MSW)* Students also have the option of taking the course as an independent study.

DATES OF TRIP: Sunday, March 1 - Saturday, March 7, 2020
PROGRAM FEES $900 Includes breakfast, lunch, and dinner, local transportation, field trips, site seeing trips, and group reception.
DEPOSIT $350 (non-refundable), which goes toward your program fee. OTHER FEES Airline ticket, health insurance (special international health insurance through Loyola), and tuition.

SUMMER MEXICO CITY COURSES
Students are required to enroll in both courses.
SOWK 509: Policies and Strategies of Community Intervention: taught by Professor Ivan Medina. This is a 3-credit social work required course.
Description: This course will focus on providing an understanding of community as a major element in the social environment that influences an individual’s development and behavior. Theoretical understandings of community are explored include ecological systems, communitarian, and transnational perspectives. Organizational theory and theories about community change and the tactics and strategies are examined through an exploration of various local, national, and regional governmental and nongovernmental organizations focused on migration.
*If you have already taken SOWK 509 you can sign up for an independent study (SOWK 690). Please e-mail sowkmx@luc.edu
SOWK 733: North American Migration Dynamics: Challenges, Opportunities, and Alternatives: taught by Dr. Maria Vidal de Haymes. This is a 3-credit migration elective.
Description: This course will focus on central themes concerning opportunities as well as challenges for fundamental social institutions presented by the contemporary migration dynamics and polices of North America. The course will be organized around several major migration themes of concern to North America.
PRE-REQUISITES: If you are an undergraduate student or non-social work graduate student please e-mail the professor at: sowkmx@luc.edu
DATES OF TRIP: Sunday May 17 - Saturday May 30, 2020
SITES OF INTEREST The immersion course includes field visits to government and non-governmental agencies.
In addition to many educational site visits, students will have one day of site-seeing on the hop on and off tour bus to visit important historical and cultural sites around Mexico City, and one additional free day to see the city. Students will also have several evenings free to explore the city. The course-related sites vary by year.
PROGRAM FEES $1400 Includes housing at a retreat center, breakfast, lunch, local transportation, field trips, site seeing trips, and group reception during the stay in Mexico City. DEPOSIT $350 (nonrefundable), which goes toward your program fee. OTHER EXPENSES Airline ticket, dinners (students have dinner on their own most evenings), health insurance, and tuition.

SUMMER BLOCK FIELD PLACEMENTS IN MEXICO
For the past twelve years, Loyola University Chicago students have been involved in intensive summer block-field placements with the people and communities of Mexico. These field-work placements have challenged students to apply classroom knowledge to real-life situations that transcend borders. These transnational opportunities also facilitate comparative and complementary understanding of social issues, social work interventions, and the role of NGOs and the public sector can play in addressing social problems and promoting human capabilities. The Mexico internship can be used as a 1st or 2nd year placement (except for students pursuing a schools specialization; this internship must be taken in the U.S.) At a minimum, students should have a conversational level of Spanish. Check-ins will be used to verify the advancement of Spanish language skills. If the minimum requirement is not obtained, students will not be able to complete their field placement in Mexico. Students can take Spanish classes at UNAM in Chicago during the spring semester in order to prepare for summer. See https://www.unamchicago.org/spanish
Loyola students may work and/or live with students from the ITESO-Jesuit University of Guadalajara who are completing their social service requirement. Placement options will be arranged by Loyola faculty in collaboration with professional staff from the ITESO to place students based on their level of Spanish fluency and population and practice area interests.

FIELD WORK DATES Mon. June 1 thru approximately Mon. August 10, 2020 (There will be preparatory pre-departure meetings). Fieldwork in Mexico will be until approximately July 31, 2020 and there will be a week Institute in Chicago, IL that students will attend.
Housing: Students will be assisted by Loyola University and ITESO University to secure housing. Cost is approximately 250-300/per month. Housing cannot be finalized until the group size is finalized. Price may or may not include utilities. Meals: Are not covered. Students can buy food and cook at apartment or eat at local restaurants. PROGRAM FEE/ DEPOSIT: $350 (nonrefundable) Note: Students signing up for both Mexico City course and field options only pay one deposit of OTHER FEES Airline ticket, housing including utilities, local transportation, food, leisure, health insurance.