

PROPOSAL FOR SHORT-TERM FACULTY-LED STUDY AWAY PROGRAM

I. CURRICULAR PROPOSAL

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- Title of program: The Mayan World: Guatemala and Honduras; ANT 490: Field Experience in Anthropology
- Course number(s) and names(s); number of credit hours earned by participants: ANT 490: Field Experience in Anthropology
- Travel dates: May 20th, 2014 to June 12th, 2015.
- Countries and cities to be visited: Guatemala City, Guatemala; San Pedro La Laguna, Guatemala; Chichicastenango, Guatemala; Antigua, Guatemala; Copan, Honduras.
- Course objectives: To give undergraduates the opportunity to gain experience in anthropological field methods (especially participant observation, interviews, GPS mapping, and oral histories) and explore the different dimensions and impacts of various forms of tourism in Guatemala and Honduras.
- Purpose of travel component: To achieve the course objectives, students will travel to Guatemala and live with local families in the Mayan village of San Pedro on Lake Atitlan. Student excursions to the colonial city of Antigua, Chichicastenango, Copan and other other cultural and archaeological sites will also further the course objectives. Students will also achieve course objectives through the collection and organization of journal, GPS, and oral history data.
- Outline of course, including pre- and post-travel class sessions and all graded components: Before leaving for Guatemala, students will participate in two meetings briefing them on course content, conduct, and expectations. On May 20th, students will be met in the airport in Guatemala City by the instructor Jason Shepard. Students will live with Guatemalan families in home stay arrangements organized in advance by Mr. Shepard for 2 weeks. During this time, students will engage in one-on-one classes in both Spanish and Kaqchikel, Mayan four days a week, four hours daily. They will collect oral histories and they will also participate in eco, history, heritage, and ethnic tourism. Students

will regularly meet with the course instructor for discussions, planning, and data organization sessions. During the final week of the program, students will travel to the colonial city of Antigua and then into Honduras and the archaeological site of Copan near the border of Guatemala. Then they will return to Guatemala City for their return flight on June 12th.

- Discuss how student performance will be evaluated: Students will be graded based upon the content and organization of daily journals submission of correlated GPS data and oral history recordings. Students will also be evaluated based on 2 brief book reviews over readings assigned in advance.
- Required text(s), including title, author, and ISBN if possible: Students will select two of the following books to read before the beginning the program start date.

Mayas in the marketplace: tourism, globalization, and cultural identity. Walter E. Little. University of Texas Press: 2004. 2004 ISBN 0292705670, 9780292705678

A Forest of Kings: The Untold Story of the Ancient Maya. David Freidel, Linda Schele. William Morrow Paperbacks: 1992. 9780688112042, 978-0688112042.

I, Rigoberta Menchu: An Indian Woman in Guatemala. Rigoberta Menchú, Elisabeth Burgos-Debray. Verso Press: 1984. 0860917886, 9780860917885

A Mayan Life. Gaspar Pedro Gonzalez. Yax Te' Foundation: 1995. 1886502013, 9781886502017

Fables & Other Mayan Tales of Atitlan. Richard Morgan Szybist. Adventures in Education, Inc.: 2007. I0964870622, 978-0964870628

Bitter Fruit: The Story of the American Coup in Guatemala. Stephen Schlesinger, Stephen Kinzer, and John H. Coatsworth. David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies: 2005. 067401930X, 978-0674019300

- Proposed travel itinerary:
- Tues. 5/19 -The instructor will arrive in Guatemala City to arrange for the students arrival the next day.
- Wed. 5/20 -students will be met at the Guatemala City airport by the instructor and spend the night in the city.
- Wed. 5/21 -After a bicycle tour of Guatemala City, students will travel to San Pedro and meet their host families.
- Fri. 6/5 -Students will travel from San Pedro to Antigua. Weekend excursions to climb San Pedro volcano and visit the market town of Chichicastenango will be take place prior to this date while

students are staying with host families in San Pedro.

- Mon. 6/8 -Students will travel from Antigua to Copan in Honduras.
- Thur. 6/11 -Students will travel from Copan to Guatemala City.
- Fri. 6/12 -Students will be shuttled to the airport for their return flights.
- Total program cost: \$ 1,400.00 (15% deposit amount of \$210.00)

What is and is not included, based on the Estimate of Student Costs in **Section II: Budget:**

- Lodging arrangements: Students will spend the first night in Guatemala City at a hostel near the airport. Students will then spend two weeks with a host family in San Pedro. Then students will spend three nights in a hostel in Antigua Guatemala. Then students will spend three nights in a hostel in Copan, followed by a final night at a hostel in Guatemala City.
 - Name of and contact information for travel agent (if any):
 - Minimum/maximum number of student participants required: 5/10
1. Application procedure, including deadlines, prerequisites, and whether the program is available to students outside of your academic department:

This program is open to students from any major upon the discretion of the program director. There are no prerequisites, though coursework in anthropology is preferred. The application deadline is Friday, February 6, 2015.

Students will complete an on-line application through the Study Away online application system. All applicants must be approved by the Program Director through the online application system. After acceptance into the program, the Study Away non-refundable deposit will be billed to the student's university account. Students will be billed by the Study Away office for the balance of the program fee.

For MSU Students: All programs require a non-refundable deposit of 15% of the total program cost, which will be billed to students' University accounts upon application. Student accounts will be billed for the balance of the program cost according to a schedule to be determined in consultation with the Study Away Accounting Specialist and published in the program flyer. Program fees must be paid in full before travel commences. Students with pending financial aid awards may provide documentation of forthcoming funds to the Study Away Office to confirm future payment of fees. Course tuition will be billed to students' University accounts and will be due according to the University payment plan.

For Visiting Students (non-degree-seeking students, including students enrolled at another institution, post-baccalaureate students, and other interested community members): Visiting students must submit their 15% non-refundable deposit to the Study Away Storefront by the application deadline in the program flyer. Payment for the balance of program fees is due to the Study Away Office via the Study Away Storefront by the date listed in the program flyer. Course

tuition will be billed by the University and is paid at the Bursar's Office or online at <https://my.missouristate.edu/cp/home/loginf>. All fees must be paid in full before travel commences. Non-MSU students should complete the "Study Away Enrollment Form for Visiting Students;" they do not need to complete an MSU Application for Admission or pay an admission fee.

All short-term study away program participants are assessed the Missouri Resident tuition rate, even if the student is not a MO resident.

2. Cancellation procedure, including refund protocol:

If the program is canceled due to lack of participants, students will receive a full refund of all monies paid. If a student wishes to withdraw from the program for any reason, s/he must submit a written notification of withdrawal to the Program Director and the Study Away Director; the date of withdrawal will be the date the notification is received by the Study Away Office. The 15% deposit and any monies already spent on behalf of the student wishing to withdraw will not be refunded. Additional monetary penalties for withdrawal will be outlined in the program flyer. Once the program has started, students withdrawing receive no refund under any circumstances. Any plans by a participant not to travel and return with the group must be submitted in writing to the Program Director and the Study Away Office.

- Teaching credit requested (*indicate the teaching credit hours to be assigned to the proposal and the semester in which credit is to be received*): 3

- Marketing plans:

NOTE: The Program Director is primarily responsible for recruiting participants for his/her program. Program marketing may include departmental and/or dedicated program websites, social media, newsletters, posters, classroom announcements, student organizations, informational meetings and other events. All marketing materials must include the statement "Missouri State University is an EO/AA institution."

The Study Away Office will create a program flyer in collaboration with the Program Director, and will support his/her promotional efforts through the Study Away website, Study Away Fairs, Study Away 101 meetings, ads in The Standard campus newspaper, etc.

- All components of this proposal must be approved by the Program Director's dean and department head. Approval should be sent via email to the Study Away Director <<mailto:elizabethstrong@missouristate.edu>>.

See the "Developing a Short-term Faculty-led Study Away Program" page at our website: <http://international.missouristate.edu/studyaway/73013.htm> .

II. BUDGET

All program budgets will be reviewed and approved by the Study Away Office. Program Directors are reminded that they **do not** have permission to make purchases or incur financial obligations on behalf of the proposed study program without the approval of the Study Away Office. Each Program Director is responsible for submitting his/her Travel Expense Report to the Study Away Office within two weeks of the last day of travel.

Please fill out the following budget worksheet to determine program costs:

ESTIMATE OF FACULTY COSTS:

Airfare	\$ 700.00
Land transportation (Land and Boat transportation)	\$ 165.00 + \$50.00
Lodging	\$ 1,175.00
Meals	\$ 700.00
*HTH Insurance	\$ 42.75
Operations	\$ 150
Other (please list)	\$
Total Faculty Cost	\$ 2,982.75

Total Faculty Cost ÷ minimum number of student participants needed = (divided by 6 students) \$ 488.80

The minimum number of student participants needed to make the program financially viable is based on the faculty member's salary calculation. See "Calculating Faculty Pay and Minimum Number of Students" at <http://international.missouristate.edu/studyaway/73013.htm> . The salary and student numbers will be confirmed by Study Away Programs according to the salary policy.

ESTIMATE OF STUDENT COSTS:

Airfare (Note: If students are not traveling as a group, airfare is not included here. It will be a separate expense.)	\$ (not included)
Land transportation	\$ 165.00 & \$50.00
Lodging (Home stay and additional lodging)	\$ 160.00 & 185.00
Meals (Note: If meals are not included in the program cost, they should not be included here. They will be a separate expense. You may choose to include some, but not all, meals.)	\$ (breakfast included in home stay) other meals not included
*HTH Insurance	\$ 42.75
Expenses related to admission, supplies, etc.	\$ 200.00
Reflection Journal	\$ 12.00
Faculty expense per student (from calculation above)	\$ 497.00
Other (please list) (Tours and Entry fees)	\$
Study Away Student Fee	\$ 75.00
Total student cost	\$ 1,386.75

Round to \$1,400.00**

** Tuition is separate cost at \$612.00 for a 3 credit hour course.

**HTH insurance costs \$41.25 per month or \$10.70 per week. That premium includes both medical coverage and political and natural disaster evacuation. When calculating insurance, do not mix months and weeks. In other words, if your program is a seven-week program, you must either pay for two months or seven weeks.*

III. EMERGENCY PLAN

Please see an example of an approved emergency plan at:
<http://international.missouristate.edu/studyaway/126641.htm>

A search tool at the following link also will assist you in preparing your emergency plan: http://www.hthstudents.com/doctor_search/by_location.cfm

- Site assessment:

San Pedro La Laguna: Participants will be staying with host families in San Pedro La Laguna. These families have a long history of providing accommodations and food for language students staying in town. Three meals each day are provided to the participants by the host families. Students will probably eat some food from the many restaurants and street vendors in the village as well. Food born illness is the most likely risk to be encountered by the students. San Pedro has a small medical clinic and trained doctors who make house calls. There are also pharmacies in the village. The village is on Lake Atitlan and students are likely to engage in kayaking and to take various boats across the lake to visit other communities in the afternoons. There is the potential for risk in these activities as well as other outdoor ecotourism activities such as volcano hiking and horseback riding.

Antigua Guatemala: The colonial town of Antigua can be busy with vehicle and pedestrian traffic and some risk of being hit by a slow moving vehicle exists. Participants will also be eating meals from restaurants and street vendors during the weekend stay in Antigua and will likely be exposed to some food born agents. Numerous clinics and pharmacies as well as ambulance services are available in Antigua.

Guatemala City: The capital city can be busy with vehicle and pedestrian traffic and some risk of being hit by a vehicle exists. Participants will also be eating meals from restaurants and street vendors during the weekend stay in Antigua and will likely be exposed to some food born agents. Numerous clinics and pharmacies as well as ambulance services are available in Antigua.

Copan village and the ruins of Copan : During their exploration of the ruins of Copan, participants will hike on rainforest trails, climb on scaffolding, and walk on very old stone structures. Crumbling and damp surfaces make the chance of falling quite possible. The risk of contracting illness from mosquitoes and other insects also exists in the rainforest environment. Participants will also be eating meals from restaurants and street vendors during and will likely be exposed to some food born agents.

- Transit to site: Travel between the listed sites will be by bus or shuttle van. To contact the Provia:(Department of Protection and Security on the Road) you dial 125.
- Local medical capacity: There are hospitals and/or clinics located in or near San Pedro, Guatemala City and Antigua. The country's best hospitals are in Guatemala City. Hospital Centro Médico, 6a Av. 3-47, Zona 10 (tel. 502/2279-4949), is an excellent private hospital, with English-speaking doctors on staff. Alternately, the Hospital General

San Juan de Dios, 1a Avenida and 10a Calle, Zona 1 (tel. 502/2220-8396), is the biggest and best-equipped public hospital in the city. The site of Semuc Champey is within 20 miles of the village of Lanquin which has a pharmacy and small clinic. Life threatening injuries or illness might require medical evacuation to the capital if clinic services are insufficient. There are many clinics and pharmacies in Santa Elena, an hour drive from Tikal park.

- **Most likely health risks:** Ranked list of likely hazards to MSU students and faculty involved in coursework in Guatemala and Honduras.
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1. Food- and water-borne gastrointestinal illness.
 2. Physical injuries due to trips and falls.
 3. Heat injuries, mainly dehydration and heat exhaustion. Possibly heat stroke.
 4. Dermatological conditions due to rashes and insect bites, including infection of bites.
 5. Water-associated injuries, including drowning.
 6. Vector-borne disease, mainly dengue and possibly malaria.
 7. Other infectious or parasitic disease associated with close contact, including TB.
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There is no substantial risk of Malaria in the highlands of Guatemala. However, prior to the beginning of the course, participants who will be traveling to the lowlands for the fourth week of the program will be made aware that there is a risk of contracting Malaria. They will be encouraged to confer with their private physicians about the need for chemoprophylaxis (that is the use of drugs to prevent infection and disease). There is no effective vaccine against malaria.

- **Preparation prior to departure:** Participants will be familiarized with this plan. Concerning insects, participants will be briefed concerning effective personal protective measures such as the use of repellents and bed nets and treatment of clothing with permethrin. This product can be obtained in most sporting goods stores and will last through several washings, providing very effective protection as long as the clothing is worn.. They will be encouraged to bring long-sleeved clothing and long pants to reduce the risk of acquiring other vector-borne diseases such as dengue.

Participants will be encouraged to purchase travel insurance and consult with their physicians regarding travel to Guatemala and to acquire a prescription for Malaria medication if they will be traveling to the lowlands.

- **Emergency plan:** Dial tel. 1500 from anywhere in Guatemala. This will connect you to Asistur, which will have a bilingual operator who can put you in contact with the police, fire department, or ambulance service.

- U.S. Embassy contact information:
Monday through Thursday 8:00 a.m. -5:00 p.m.
Friday 8:00 a.m. -12:30 p.m.
(502) 2326-4000

Embajada de los Estados Unidos de América
Avenida Reforma 7-01, Zona 10
Guatemala Ciudad, Guatemala

- Address of local law enforcement: The regional police headquarters for the department of Solola where San Pedro is located is 6^a Av. 00-100 Barrio San Antonio. Their phone number is 7624000. The San Pedro Police Dept. can be reached at 868-7070 / 868-6165. The primary police station for the zones in Guatemala City where the group will be is at 29 Calle 13-36 San Pedrito and can be reached at the following numbers, 2334-3158, 2331-0203, and 2363-7717. The regional police department for the department of Peten where Tikal Park is located is 62 (Peten) Calle Principal San Benito. Their phone number is 9261365 **To contact the Proviol:**(Department of Protection and Security on the Road) dial 125. The main Antigua station is at the Palacio de los Capitanes Generales (tel. 502/7832-2266), right on Plaza Mayor. The tourism police (tel. 502/7832-0532 or 502/7832-0533) is a division of the larger police force with bilingual officers trained specifically to deal with tourists. Their office is just around the corner on 4a Avenida Norte, and is open 24 hours. The local equivalent to the “911” emergency line in Guatemala is 110 / 120. Tourist police can be reached by dialing 1500 POLITUR is a joint national police/INGUAT initiative and is present in all major tourist destinations.