

# Guatemala & Honduras

Short-term Faculty-led Study Away Program • Summer • June 3-25, 2014

Course Name: **The Mayan World: Guatemala and Honduras; ANT 490: Field Experience in Anthropology**

Course Numbers: **ANT 490** Field Experience in Anthropology, **SPN 297**

Credit Hours: **3** undergraduate

## Course Overview & Objectives:

Participants in this program will:

- gain first-hand knowledge of modern and traditional Guatemalan cultures by staying with local families, studying both Spanish and Tz'utujil Mayan languages, and touring diverse Mayan villages surrounding Lago de Atitlan
- examine various forms of tourism and their economic, environmental and cultural impacts
- acquire an overview of Honduras and Guatemala's geography, climate, natural resources, biodiversity, and agricultural practices
- explore pre-Columbian archaeological sites, the Spanish colonial city of Antigua, and Chichicastenango on market day; hike one of Guatemala's 37 majestic volcanoes
- see how diverse religious and cultural traditions have found expression through the architecture, arts, crafts, music and literature of Honduras and Guatemala
- gain a deeper understanding of the country's tumultuous history, how the current sociopolitical structure evolved and what forces are shaping its future

## Program Fee: \$1,400

**Program Fee Includes:** In-country land transportation, some meals, guide and entry fees for parks, museums, and eco-tourism outings, one-on-one language instruction, lodging, Study Away student fee and basic medical insurance.

**Program Fee Excludes:** Passport, airfare, ground transportation in Springfield, meals (other than those served by the host family), incidentals/misc personal expenses, and souvenirs. \$612/741 MSU tuition for 3 hours of undergraduate credit. Both Missouri residents and non-residents pay the Mo. resident per-credit-hour tuition rate, per University policy.

## Applications are due by February 28, 2014.

A **nonrefundable deposit of \$210 will be billed to your student account.** Please see Application & Payment Procedures for MSU and Visiting Students on reverse.

## Scholarship Eligibility & Financial Aid

Students may apply for the College of Humanities and Public Affairs Study Away scholarship. Applications are due to the Study Away office by April 11, 2014. Please see the scholarship page on the Study Away website. Additionally, students who receive financial aid may apply aid to this program. Contact the Office of Financial Aid at 836-5262 for more information.

Informational Meeting:

TBA

Application Due:

**February 28, 2014**

Pre-Travel Meetings:

TBA

Depart Springfield:

**June 3, 2014**

Return to Springfield:

**June 25, 2014**

Post-Travel Meetings:

TBA

## Interested in going?

Contact the Program Director, Jason Shepard, Department of Sociology & Anthropology  
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## Course Schedule & Itinerary

Before leaving for Honduras and Guatemala, students will participate in two meetings briefing them on course content, conduct, and expectations. A brief historical, economic, geographical and cultural overview of Guatemala will also be presented and a pre-departure briefing will cover the practicalities of international travel to Guatemala.

On June 3, 2014, students will be met in the airport in Guatemala City by the instructor Jason Shepard. Students will then be transported to the village of San Pedro on Lake Atitlan where they will live with local families and study Spanish and Tz'utujil Mayan for two or three week.

All students will have opportunities to climb volcanoes, take historical tours, visit museums, coffee plantations and other industrial and agricultural projects. All students will take excursions to the colonial city of Antigua and the colorful outdoor market in Chichicastenango.

### STUDY TOUR

**June 3, 2014:** Students will be met at the Guatemala City airport by the instructor and spend the night in the city.

**June 4, 2014:** Students will travel from Guatemala City to San Pedro to meet their host families.

**June 18, 2014:** Students will travel from San Pedro to Antigua.

**June 21 2014:** Students will travel from Antigua to Copan in Honduras.

**June 24, 2014:** Students will travel from Copan to Guatemala City.

**June 25, 2014:** Students will be shuttled to the airport for their return flights.

### Course Credit & Requirements

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:** Students will select two of the following three books:

*Mayas in the marketplace: tourism, globalization, and cultural identity.* Walter E. Little. University of Texas Press:2004. 2004ISBN0292705670, 9780292705678.

*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. 10964870622, 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

## Application & Payment Procedures

Missouri State University students and others who are approved by a Program Director may apply. Instructions are included on the program application.

**MSU Students:** A non-refundable deposit of **\$210** will be billed to your University account upon application (deadline Feb. 28, 2014). You will receive a second billing on March 28, 2014 and a final billing on May 2, 2014, for the balance of the program fee (\$1,190). MSU course tuition (\$612) will be billed to your University account and is due according to the University payment plan.

**Visiting Students:** A non-refundable deposit of **\$210** (check or money order) must accompany your application (deadline Feb. 28, 2014). A check or money order for the balance of the program fee (\$1,190) and MSU course tuition (\$612) will be due by May 9, 2014.

**IN ORDER TO ENSURE PARTICIPATION IN THIS STUDY AWAY PROGRAM, THE ENTIRE AMOUNT OF THE PROGRAM FEE MUST BE RECEIVED BY FRIDAY, MAY 16, 2014. PAYMENT CAN BE MADE ONLINE OR AT THE BURSAR'S OFFICE.** Estimated program fees are based on rates in effect on the publication date of this flyer and may be subject to change. Program participants agree to a potential increase of up to 10% if rates increase before or during travel.

### Cancellation & Refund Policies

- Students who withdraw prior to April 28, 2014 will receive a refund of fees paid, less the \$210 deposit and any non-refundable purchases made on his/her behalf.
- If a student is forced to withdraw after April 28, 2014 or a bona fide medical reason, s/he will receive a refund of fees paid, less the \$210 deposit and expenses. A certificate of incapacitating illness or injury from a licensed physician is required.
- Students withdrawing voluntarily after April 28, 2014, or withdrawing due to medical reasons not protected under the fees refund policy, receive no refund.
- Once the program has started, no refunds will be issued under any circumstances.
- All notifications of withdrawal must be made in writing and sent to the Program Director and Director of Study Away Programs at the Study Away Office, Jim D. Morris Center, Suite 403. Non-payment of fees does not guarantee automatic withdrawal.



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