

Guatemala

Short-term Faculty-led Study Away Program • Summer Intersession • June 4 - July 2*, 2013

Course Name: **Anthropology Field Experience in Guatemala**

Course Number: **ANT 490**

Credit Hours: **3-6*** 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 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; students on the 4-week program also will visit the Mayan ruins at Tikal
- see how diverse religious and cultural traditions have found expression through the architecture, arts, crafts, music and literature of 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: \$860 2 week program / **\$1,650** 4 week program*

Program Fee Includes: Study Away Fees, ground transportation in Guatemala, most meals during the first two/three weeks of the program, guide and entry fees for parks, museums, and eco-tourism outings, two/three weeks of one-on-one language instruction, and three/two weeks of homestay lodging in San Pedro on Lake Atitlan and a week of additional lodging in other parts of Guatemala for students taking the 6 hour course.

Program Fee Excludes: Passport, airfare, meals other than those served by the host family, incidentals/misc personal expenses, and souvenirs. \$601.44/\$1,202.88 MSU tuition for 3 or 6 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 1, 2013. A **nonrefundable deposit of \$130.00/\$247.50 will be billed to your student account.** Please see Application & Payment Procedures for MSU and Visiting Students on reverse.

Scholarship Eligibility & Financial Aid

Study Away scholarship funds in variable amounts up to \$2,000 are available to students studying abroad during winter intersession 2013, spring 2013, and summer 2013 terms. The scholarship is need-based for full-time, degree-seeking students with a minimum 3.0 GPA applying for an approved Study Away program. This may be a semester, summer, or short-term faculty led program offered during the terms listed above. Students must complete the application by February 19, 2013 to apply funds to this program.

**Travel dates & program cost vary depending on participation in the 3 or 6 credit hour course.*

Informational Meeting:
January 23, 2013

One-hour Lecture on Guatemala:
TBA

Application Due:
February 1, 2013

Pre-Departure Orientation:
TBA

Depart Springfield for Guatemala:
June 4, 2013

3 Credit Hour Course Depart Guatemala:
June 18, 2013

6 Credit Hour Course Depart Guatemala:
July 2, 2013

Interested in going?

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Course Schedule & Itinerary

Before leaving for 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 4, 2013, 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. Students staying the full four weeks will also travel to the eco-tourism site of Semuc Champey famous for its waterfalls and cave exploring. They will also visit the classic Mayan archaeological site of Tikal. Students with return flights after two weeks will return from Guatemala City, where they arrived in the country. Students with return flights after four weeks will return from Flores Guatemala near Tikal.

STUDY TOUR

June 4, 2013: Depart Springfield for Guatemala City, take shuttle to San Pedro.

June 18, 2013: Students planning on receiving 3 credit hours will be shuttled to Guatemala City and fly home after spending the weekend in Antigua.

July 2, 2013: Students planning on receiving 6 credit hours will fly home from Flores, Guatemala.

Course Credit & Requirements

Students will be graded based upon the content and organization of daily journals and a 3-5 page reflection paper discussing their experience and summarizing findings and observations from their journal.

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.

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 **\$130.00/\$247.50** will be billed to your University account upon application (deadline Feb. 1, 2013). You will receive a second billing on March 8, 2013 and a final billing on April 12, 2013, for the balance of the program fee (\$730/\$1,402.50). MSU course tuition (\$601.44/\$1,202.88) will be billed to your University account and is due according to the University payment plan.

Visiting Students: A non-refundable deposit of **\$130.00/\$247.50** (check or money order) must accompany your application (deadline Feb. 1, 2013). A check or money order for the **balance of the program fee (\$730/\$1,402.50) will be due by April 12, 2013.** MSU course tuition (\$601.44/\$1,202.88) will be billed to your University account and is due according to the University payment plan.

IN ORDER TO ENSURE PARTICIPATION IN THIS STUDY AWAY PROGRAM, THE ENTIRE AMOUNT OF THE PROGRAM FEE MUST BE RECEIVED BY FRIDAY, MAY 24, 2013. 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 22, 2013 will receive a refund of fees paid, less the **\$130.00/\$247.50** deposit and any non-refundable purchases made on his/her behalf.
- If a student is forced to withdraw after April 22, 2013 or a bona fide medical reason, s/he will receive a refund of fees paid, less the **\$130.00/\$247.50** deposit and expenses. A certificate of incapacitating illness or injury from a licensed physician is required.
- Students withdrawing voluntarily after April 22, 2013, 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.
- This program may be cancelled if enrollment is fewer than 10 participants. In this event, MSU students will receive a full refund.



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