

## Eligibility Requirements

- Minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA.
- Minimum age of 18.
- Individuals with beginning to advanced Spanish proficiency are invited to apply.
- Students enrolled in Social Work, Family and Consumer Studies, Ethnic Studies, students in related disciplines, social work professionals, professionals in allied disciplines, or by approval of the Program Directors.

## Application Deadline

19 March 2010

*Note: Late applications will be accepted with an additional nonrefundable \$50 fee for 30 days after the initial deadline, or until the program is full. The program is limited to 25 participants.*

## Application Process

Applications are available in the Study Abroad Office (Union Building, Room 159) and online at:

<http://www.studyabroad.utah.edu/?pageId=3644>

The application and \$500 initial program payment should be presented to the Cashier's Window, 165 Student Services Building. The cashier will issue a receipt and stamp your application "Paid." Return the application materials to the Study Abroad Office. All applications will be reviewed by the program director and Study Abroad Office staff to determine eligibility. Applicants will be notified by email of their acceptance into the program. Non U of U applicants should submit their initial program payment directly to the Study Abroad Office.

Additional pre-departure materials will be emailed to all accepted participants.

*U of U students, students at other colleges or universities, alumni and qualified members of our community are welcome to apply to participate in U of U study abroad programs.*

## Withdrawal & Refund Policy

\$300 plus any unrecoverable costs to the Study Abroad Office at the time of withdrawal are non-refundable. To withdraw, the applicant must formally file a Withdrawal Form with the Study Abroad Office. If an applicant is determined ineligible to participate, the \$500 deposit will be refunded in full.



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**JULY 1—23, 2010**

\*DATES ARE TENTATIVE



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# FAMILY & COMMUNITY STUDIES IN CUERNAVACA

## Location

*Universidad Internacional* is located in Cuernavaca, the capital of the State of Morelos, about 80 miles from Mexico City. Because of its mild climate year-round, it is known as “The City of Eternal Spring.” Within close reach of the city are important archaeological zones of the great Mesoamerican cultures and architecture of the Colonial period. Cuernavaca’s proximity to Mexico City and Acapulco affords you the opportunity to take full advantage of the capital and several resort areas. You may visit Mexico City’s museums, Pre-Hispanic ruins and colonial buildings, theaters, markets, nightlife, and the renowned beaches of Mexico.

## Course Goals

We will begin with on-campus orientation, followed by a three-week program in Cuernavaca, Mexico. You will engage in intensive Spanish language study; practice conversational skills as well as culturally appropriate client engagement and assessment strategies. The core course is based on community service projects which will be completed in collaboration with local Mexican communities and will help prepare students to work on collaborative projects in local communities. Related to the service projects, students will learn about social issues such as poverty, employment, family structure, as well as about culture, history, and politics.

## Credit

Undergraduate students may earn up to 4 hours of undergraduate elective credit (FCS 3290: Intensive Spanish, Cultural Studies and Human Services in Mexican Communities). Graduate students may earn up to 3 hours of graduate elective credit (SW 6900 and SW 6940). Social work practitioners may earn 36 hours of NASW approved continuing education credit. This course may be taken for a grade or credit/no credit. Credit will be transcribed as University of Utah credit.



## Tentative Itinerary

Thurs. 1 July	Arrive in Cuernavaca & Meet host family
Fri. 2 July	Morning Orientation at <i>Universidad Internacional</i>
Mon. 5 July	Classes begin
Fri. 23 July	Last day of classes
Sat. 24 July	Depart for U.S.

## Accommodation

Students will be housed with a Mexican family. The host family will provide a room and all meals for the dates of the study abroad program. Low cost laundry facilities are available nearby.

## Getting to Cuernavaca

Air travel should be arranged by program participants. You may want to meet others on the program at pre-departure meetings to arrange travel together. To maximize your stay in Mexico, you may choose to arrive prior to or stay after the dates of the program. For example, some participants may be interested in relaxing at the beach resorts of Acapulco or Puerto Vallarta, exploring the colonial towns of Taxco or Puebla, or enjoying the sites of Mexico City. There are also several attractions within Cuernavaca which you may choose to visit in the late afternoons, evenings or on the weekend. Our host university offers several optional excursions you may choose to participate in on the weekends.

## Program Directors

**Christina Gringeri, MSW, PhD**, Associate Professor in the College of Social Work, has taught high school in Mexico and participated in study abroad programs in Guadalajara.

**Armando Solórzano, PhD**, Associate Professor of Family and Consumer Studies and Ethnic Studies, is a native of Jalisco, Mexico and has extensive experience teaching students in the United States and Mexico.

The core course will be co-taught by the Program Directors and a colleague from the *Universidad Internacional*.



## Pre-departure Orientation

A mandatory pre-departure orientation meeting will be held to provide program and cultural information. Participants will be contacted when this is arranged. At this meeting you will receive course information and travel details, as well as meet others in the group.

## Program Cost

To be determined. The 2009 program cost was \$2045.

**Includes:** Tuition, room and board, and international health insurance.

**Does Not Include:** Airfare, airport tax, passport, personal expenses, books, local transportation, independent travel.

Although not anticipated, the program price may change due to fluctuation of currency exchange rates and contracted agencies, or number of participants.

## Financial Aid & Scholarships

Scholarships are available for U of U students. Download the applications on-line or visit the Study Abroad Office for more information. Many other forms of financial aid (student loans, grants, etc.) can be applied to the program cost. Visit your Financial Aid Counselor for more information in SSB 105 or call 581-6211.