

iSummer Program

Mexican Cultural Heritage and Social Challenges

Course intention within the general study plan context:

Basic humanities course in which students will understand, identify and analyze aspects of Mexico's culture and social challenges so that they can assimilate them and integrate them into their cultural knowledge.

No prior knowledge is required.

As a learning outcome students will carry out dynamics related to the diverse art expressions.

Course objective:

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to comprehend diverse popular artistic expressions that form part of the Mexican culture and identity, through an analysis of historical and cultural elements and concepts; they will also be able to understand the social dynamics needed for a global culture of inclusion and zero social violence with an insight in the Mexican context.

Course topics and subtopics:

NOTICE: These contents are covered throughout five weeks during which the students will visit four cities and work with multiple professors. The general schedule and topics are listed in the chart below.

1. Basic concepts about heritage, culture and memory
2. Heritage managing agents
3. Heritage safeguard projects
4. Heritage objects
5. Documentary heritage
6. Heritage sites
8. Mexican gastronomy and cultural identity
9. National holidays and popular celebrations
10. Human dignity
11. Violence, vulnerability and recognition
12. Power, biopolitics and resistance.
13. Power and oppression in human relationships.
14. Liberty and Justice
15. The culture of peace.

Evaluation:

20% attendance and class participation on each campus

30% Reflection on Cultural Heritage

50% Project on Social Justice and Culture

Methodologies and learning techniques:

Readings, field research, essays, analysis of an architectural piece.

Portfolio made by students

Guided tours to museums, cultural spaces, historical and archeological areas, lectures by experts, diverse academic events.

Overview of the campi/cities visited during the program:

WEEK 1: Mexico City campus

WEEK 2: Puebla campus

WEEK 3: Queretaro campus

WEEK 4: Guadalajara campus

WEEK 5: Guadalajara and Mexico City campi

Overview of weeks and field trips:**WEEKS 1-4:**

Monday, Wednesday and Friday: On campus sessions, 9.00-16.30 (9.00-13.30 on Friday)

Tuesday and Thursday: Departure from the hotel at around 9.00 to complete field activities in the city related to the week class topics

WEEK 5:

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday: On campus sessions, and final presentations 9.00-16.30 (9.00-13.30 on Wednesday)

Thursday: Departure to Mexico City

Friday: Program closing ceremony