

26th YUCATEC MAYA SUMMER INSTITUTE

Sponsored by the Consortium in Latin American and Caribbean Studies at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and Duke University

Beginning- Intermediate-Advanced Courses

June 11-July 21, 2018

Modern Yucatec Maya is a language spoken today by people living in the Yucatán Peninsula and northern Belize.

FIELD STUDY COURSE (6 credits)

DESCRIPTION: The Maya Summer Institute offers an intensive language learning environment combined with a field-based, experiential program to provide students with a solid linguistic and cultural foundation. Students in each of the three levels (beginning, intermediate, and advanced) participate in meaningful engagement with Yucatec Maya communities through a combination of classroom activities and field excursions that take them to a broad range of important historic and cultural locations. Throughout the six weeks, Maya scholars lead multiple trips to archeological, colonial, and contemporary Maya cities and villages in order to introduce students to the cultural importance of each site.*

SITES: **Mérida**, the beautiful capital of the state of Yucatán, offers both modern and historic aspects of city life. **Valladolid** is home to an innovative Maya culture and language program that promotes intercultural learning and trains a new generation of Maya-speaking students. **Xocen**, situated 12 kilometers southeast of Valladolid, is located in the milpa area of the Mexican state of Yucatán. It is an ancient town that played a key role in the Caste War, a 50-year revolt of native Maya people against the political and economic forces controlling the region.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Graduate students can apply for a Summer Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship (all levels). Visit <http://isa.unc.edu/funding/graduate-funding/> for information and deadlines.

Undergraduate students can apply for funding through the Study Abroad Office (through the online application) and the Institute for the Study of the Americas (Mellon Undergraduate Award (all levels) or Summer Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship (intermediate or above)).

APPLICATION & ENROLLMENT

Total combined enrollment for all three levels is limited to 20 students. Students are encouraged to apply early. Early application ends March 15, 2018. Late applications will be considered only if space is available. **For Applications Contact:** *The Study Abroad Office, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, FedEx Global Education Center CB# 3130 Chapel Hill, NC 27599-3130, 919-962-7002, https://heelsabroad.unc.edu/index.cfm?FuseAction=Programs.ViewProgram&Program_ID=10295*

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Visit <https://isa.unc.edu/language-programs/yucatec-maya-institute/> or contact Beatriz Riefkohl Muñiz at: The Yucatec Maya Summer Institute, FedEx Global Education Center CB#3205, Chapel Hill, NC 27599-3205, (919) 962-2418 or email: riefkohl@email.unc.edu

**NOTE: Basic knowledge of Spanish is required for logistical coordination, transportation and for students choosing a homestay. This is a rigorous course held in an intense climate (averaging around 100 F a day). Students should be flexible and be able to cope with heat.*

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