

Mexico Summer 2010

Social Work Practice in Mexico

LA UNIVERSIDAD LATINA DE AMERICA, Morelia, Michoacan, Mexico

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Get Involved!

This is a field-based immersion course that prepares social workers for practice with the U.S. Latino population in human service settings. Students live with families and are placed in agencies that provide social work or psychological services to the Mexican population. Students interested in domestic violence may be placed in a spouse abuse shelter or the Instituto de la Mujer; in mental health at the Centro de Salud Mental; in learning about the social development model in social service programs to families and children, or in community-based programs servicing rural mountain communities. Students develop professional competencies, acquire cultural knowledge and advance their Spanish language skills.

Highlights

- Make an impact in the service organizations where you work and with the clients and communities who are served.
- Learn how professional social workers provide culturally competent services to the Mexican population

- Experience Mexican culture in everyday life and as expressed in families.
- Improve and advance your Spanish language skills both in professional and everyday life settings.
- Become enchanted with the charming old colonial city of Morelia
- Visit ancient ruins, beautiful cities such as San Miguel de Allende, or the Pacific coast beaches.

Eligibility

Students must have an intermediate level of Spanish language abilities. Verbal and listening comprehension skills are most emphasized.

The course is open to undergraduates (sr/jr) and graduate students in social work and related disciplines.



Education Abroad at UK Scholarships

The EA Scholarship Selection Committee awards need-based scholarships (to UK students) in amounts between \$750 and \$1500. The deadline for receipt of all Education Abroad at UK Scholarship application materials for summer

programs is **March 1**. Please see the Web site for application forms and instructions. This deadline is firm, so students are advised to begin gathering and requesting these materials at least one month in advance.

March 1: general application due
April 1: \$500 deposit and \$50 application fee due

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Application Procedures

The application is located on the Education Abroad at UK Web site www.uky.edu/IntlAffairs/EA.

The application, is due **March 1**. A \$50 application fee and \$500 non-refundable deposit is due **April 1**. Other documents will be due to the Education Abroad at UK office during the Spring semester.

Students will be registered by Education Abroad at UK in the 2010 Summer 1 term for ISP 599 (1 credit hour pass/fail course) and EAP 400G, which will generate a bill through Student Billings for the remainder of the program fee less the \$500 deposit. These fees will be due in full by the normal Summer 1 term fee payment deadline and normal late payment penalties will apply.

Financial Aid

Students who qualify for financial aid should see their UK financial aid adviser as soon as possible to apply for assistance.

2010 Program Fee

Resident Undergraduate: **\$2508**
Resident Graduate: **\$2635**
Non-Resident: **\$2865**

**These prices are estimations based on the number of participants*

Fee Includes:

- Tuition (up to 6 credit hours)
- Travel Medical Insurance
- Room/Board

Items NOT included in the Program Fee:

\$50 EA Application fee
Passport (\$100)
Visa (\$0 - \$100)
Airfare (\$600-\$700)
Airport & local transportation (\$50-\$75)
Personal spending money (varies)

Room and Board

Students will be matched with host families in Morelia. Room and board includes three daily meals.

Academic Credits

Students can earn 3 credit hours (undergrad or graduate) as an elective course. Social work students have the option to earn 250 field hours that can be applied toward an undergraduate or graduate practicum. Graduate students may earn up to 4 credit hours (SW 640/740/741) and undergraduates up to 6 credit hours (SW445)* of practicum.

* Students taking SW445 must pay an additional 2 credit hours (\$620) for a total of 8 credit hours and must work an additional 100 agency hours to receive full credit for the course.

Special Notes

Students may be required to obtain a student visa after arriving in Morelia.

Students can elect to extend their stay in Mexico either pre or post course.

The news media has reported drug cartel violence in Mexico. Americans in Mexico have not been targeted in this violence.

No inoculations or special medications are required to stay in Mexico, but it is recommended that students adhere to probiotic procedures



Travel Medical Insurance

All participants will be enrolled in HTH Travel Medical Insurance (HealthSelect Overseas Platinum) for the length of the program. Participants may purchase extended coverage if they are planning to be abroad for longer than the program dates. Contact Education Abroad at UK for details. (A brochure with the schedule of benefits will be given to participants.)

