Discover the culture and diversity of Mexico City through an amazing immersive experience. This nine-day study abroad program provides students with the opportunity to understand how the people of Mexico view the world and use culture and religion to inform every day life. Students will have the opportunity to visit some of Mexico's most famous and sacred sites. From the enormous National Anthropological Museum to the cobble-stoned streets of Malinalco, students will be immersed in an experience that will expand their understanding of the Mexican culture and gain an appreciation for specific political, social, economic, and religious practices that contribute to healthy family development. There will be an opportunity to provide service to a local school as well as visit the sacred Catholic healing site in Chalma, which will provide personal experience and exposure to different types of healing practices.

DATES
25 April–3 May 2016

HOUSING
Students will lodge four nights in a hotel and four nights with a Mexican host family. Host family stays include breakfast. The host-family experience is an important aspect of the program and will provide a unique opportunity to learn about family life in Mexico and deepen cultural understanding.

COURSES
Students must be enrolled in SFL 354 (3 credits): Cross-cultural Families and Development or MFT 655 (3 credits): Practicum in Marriage and Family Therapy during spring term 2016.

COST
$1,800–$2,000

The flight to Mexico is included in a scholarship for the first 15 accepted applicants. The total cost includes LDS, undergraduate tuition (increased cost for graduate and non-LDS students) for the 3 credit course; housing, group transportation on field trips, transportation in Mexico, and international health insurance. It also includes: breakfasts and some group dinners on the excursion.

Not included:
Airfare (except for the first 15 accepted students), the cost of souvenirs, lunches, and some dinners.
**PREPARATION**

Accepted students are required to participate in our Study Abroad preparation course (IAS 201, 1 credit hour). This course will be held during the second-block of the winter semester 2016. Accompanying spouses need to be credit-bearing participants on the program. Spouses will also need to apply online and take the preparation course.

**FUNDING SOURCES**

Regular BYU tuition scholarships, Pell Grants, and Federal Insured Student Loans may be applied to study abroad programs. Students who submit the financial aid section of the ISP application, and who have a current FAFSA form on file at the Financial Aid Office (A-41 ASB), will be considered for a Study Abroad scholarship and may be considered for other scholarships. They must indicate on their original online application that they want to be considered for financial aid. Academic departments and colleges may assist with scholarships and grants.

Private grants and scholarships outside of BYU may also assist (see [http://kennedy.byu.edu/isp/funding/scholarships/](http://kennedy.byu.edu/isp/funding/scholarships/)).

**APPLICATION PROCESS**

Complete the online application at [https://kennedy.byu.edu/apply](https://kennedy.byu.edu/apply). A non-refundable $35 application fee is required. Applicants will be interviewed once the application is complete and will be notified via e-mail of their acceptance into the program.

**Deadline: 15 January 2016** (first 15 applicants accepted receive airfare scholarship)

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**SCHEDULE AND TIME COMMITMENT**

This study abroad cultural immersion experience lasts nine days and eight nights. Students should plan to come and go with the group.

**INTERESTED STUDENTS SHOULD CONTACT**

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**PROGRAM ADJUSTMENTS**

ISP reserves the right to cancel this program, revise its offerings, or make any adjustments to the preliminary cost estimates due to conditions beyond its control.