

MÉRIDA

STUDY ABROAD SUMMER 2022



Mérida is one of Mexico's most beautiful and charming destinations. It is a city large enough to offer all the amenities of a large urban center but small enough to be friendly and welcoming to visitors. It is known for its excellent universities and hospitals, its proximity to beaches and impressive ruins, its extraordinary cuisine, and its splendid fusion of colonial Hispanic and Mayan cultures. The people of the Yucatán Peninsula pride themselves on maintaining a unique identity, distinct from any other in Mexico or Latin America. Mérida is widely acknowledged to be one of the safest cities in the country and is home not only to a Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saint mission but to a beautiful temple, conveniently located downtown. Join us for what promises to be an unforgettable study abroad experience.

DATES

21 June–9 August 2022 (approximately)

HOUSING

Students will be housed in pairs with local host families who have been handpicked and carefully screened by BYU's partner university. Many former students report that their experience with their host family was the highlight of the program.

COURSES

All intermediate students will enroll in 6 credit hours from the following courses:

- SPAN 205 University Spanish 3 (4 credit hours)
- SPAN 211R Spanish Conversation 3 (2 credit hours)
- SPAN 212R Spanish Conversation 4 (2 credit hours)

All advanced students will enroll in two of the following:

- SPAN 321 Third-Year Spanish Reading, Grammar, and Culture (3 credit hours)
- SPAN 330 Introduction to Hispanic Literature (3 credit hours) (may be offered based on sufficient enrollment)
- SPAN 355 Cultures of Spanish America (3 credit hours) (may be offered based on sufficient enrollment)
- SPAN 395R Cultura Maya y Yucateca (3 credit hours)
- SPAN 459R Literatura Yucateca, Siglo XX (3 credit hours)

Students may not take any other courses on this program, including BYU Online courses, without approval by the program director and ISP.

COST

\$4,900–5,400

Includes Latter-day Saint, full tuition (increased cost for graduates and non-Latter-day Saint students), room and board, transportation on program excursions, laundry, some textbook expenses, and international health insurance coverage.

Not included: airfare, local transportation in Mérida, meals on excursions, some textbooks, or personal expenses.

Students can expect to spend approximately \$150 on local transportation.

A minimum of eight guided excursions to sites of interest in the area are included in the price. Any additional excursions will be paid for by the individual student.

TRAVEL

Students are responsible for purchasing their own airfare to and from the program sites. Airline reservations must be made through BYU Travel. Students should contact a BYU Travel agent. BYU Travel | 280 HRCB | (801) 422-6293 | travel@byu.edu

PREPARATION

All intermediate students must have completed SPAN 106 or have equivalent proficiency prior to the program.

All advanced students must have completed SPAN 206 or have equivalent proficiency prior to the program.

All students who are accepted into the program are required to participate in an international, cross-cultural preparation course (IAS 201R, 1 credit hour). This evening course will be held during the second block of winter semester 2022.

Part-time and non-BYU students will need to pay an additional tuition fee for enrolling in the prep class.

Accompanying spouses need to be credit-bearing participants on the program. Spouses will also need to apply online and take the preparation course.

All participants are required to show proof of complete COVID-19 vaccination (including booster) at least two weeks prior to departure.

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 kennedy.byu.edu/scholarships).

APPLICATION PROCESS

Students must be 18 years-of-age or older to participate.

Complete the online application at kennedy.byu.edu/apply. A nonrefundable \$35 application fee is required.

Applicants will be interviewed once the application is complete.

Students will be notified via e-mail of their acceptance into the program.

The first payment is due upon acceptance. Please refer to the 2022 Payment Information document (see kennedy.byu.edu/isp-forms/ISPpayments2022.pdf).

Deadline: 1 February 2022

FACULTY

Gregory Thompson, from the Department of Spanish and Portuguese, will be directing this study abroad program.

SCHEDULE AND TIME COMMITMENT

Students should plan to be in Mérida from 21 June to 9 August and refrain from scheduling late arrivals or early departures.

INTERESTED STUDENTS SHOULD CONTACT

International Study Programs

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PROGRAM ADJUSTMENTS

International Study Programs (ISP) reserves the right to cancel this program, revise its offerings, or make any adjustments to the preliminary cost. If it becomes necessary for ISP to cancel a program, all program payments made to BYU ISP will be refunded to the student's BYU Financial account. ISP is the only office authorized to cancel any of its programs.