

A REALISTIC BUDGET

The following are to be paid to Western Washington University to register for the class (deposit of \$250 by April 29 and total by June 13th):

WWU Tuition and Fees-6 credits	\$937.62
Special Course Fee	\$1,912.38
TOTAL TO WWU	\$2,850.00

In addition, each student will be required to purchase Student Health Insurance for a cost of \$25.00

The following are reasonable amounts for transportation and other expenses for participants.

Round trip air:

Seattle/Mexico City \$600-\$700

Incidentals

Local transportation, non-covered meals and Mexico City Stay: \$250.00

Consequently, figure that the total **approximate** amount you will need for everything for this experience and five week class will be from:

\$3,725 to \$3,825

I would like to entertain your thoughts and suggestions for the class I will present to you in Morelia and Oaxaca. I plan to discuss content with you during Spring Quarter as to the selected materials and or book for the class.

I plan to conduct two orientation sessions in April and May, once the actual participants are known. ~ *Dr. Larry Estrada*

Independent study arrangements for either the summer or fall quarters can be made with me for additional credit for those who are interested and who are receiving financial aid from WWU. The 310-V course will fulfill the Fairhaven Humanities core course requirement.

Any use of the course to fulfill Spanish language requirements must be worked out independently by each student with the WWU Modern Languages



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Contemporary Culture of Mexico (Morelia & Oaxaca)

Summer 2005
July 11 to August 13
Fairhaven 310-V (6 credits)



Presented by
American Cultural
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&
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This class is limited in size to no less than 10 nor more than 15 students. The 10 minimum is required by Western to sponsor the class. The maximum number is a requirement of the two institutions we will be working with in Morelia and Oaxaca. Students will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis, and a waiting list will be maintained if there are more than 15 applicants. Some knowledge of Spanish is most helpful and recommended, but not a prerequisite.



The Class will begin in Morelia, Michoacán, Mexico on Monday, July 11th, and end on Saturday August 13th in Oaxaca. You will spend 3 weeks in Morelia at the *Centro Cultural de Lenguas* in intensive Spanish, learning about Mexico's culture, and exploring current issues. Dr. Larry J. Estrada and selected Mexican instructors will teach a current issues class three hours per week. You will be placed in an appropriate level Spanish class by both institutions. The Spanish classes are limited to no more than 6 students per instructor, and meet 4 hours per day. You can also participate in an additional 2 hours of Spanish conversation each day. Students will live with families in Morelia as well as Oaxaca. Emphasis in Morelia will be placed upon understanding the social,

environmental and political aspects impacting the Purépecha people in the lake side communities of Patzcuaro and Zirahuen.

EXCURSION TRIPS sponsored in **Morelia** will include the following:



- Morelia Tour
- Lake Patzcuaro
- Lake Zirahuen
- Capula (pottery making)
- Tzin Tzun Tzan (indigenous markets, Purépecha archeological site)
- Quiroga (artesanía and wood crafts)

On the morning of July 30 we will travel by bus to Oaxaca. In Oaxaca we will be working with the *Instituto Cultural de Oaxaca*. The daily schedule in Oaxaca, as in Morelia, will feature language and cultural classes in the mornings with scheduled excursion trips or workshops during most of the afternoons. The emphasis in Oaxaca will feature trips to Zapotecan archeological ruin sites, workshops with traditional healers and curanderas and a fundamental understanding of the use of medicinal herbs and teas. Also featured will be a group *temezcal*.

You can always plan to spend more time in Mexico than the 5 week class, either arriving earlier or staying longer!

EXCURSION TRIPS sponsored in **Oaxaca** will include the following:

- Oaxaca City Tour
- Tlacolula (indigenous market place)
- Capulalpan (health clinic in the Sierra Juárez)
- Mitla
- Monte Alban
- Tule and Atzompa (archaeological ruin sites), Teotitlan (temezcal)
- San Francisco Tutla (curandera institute) Santa Catarina Ixtepeje (botanical gardens outside of El Punto maintained by the Zapotec communities)



IF YOU ARRIVE EARLY!

You should plan to arrive in Morelia the weekend of July 8-9th. For those who wish to arrive early in Mexico City, Dr. Estrada will conduct a personal tour of the *Museos de Historia and Antropología* in Chapultepec Park on July 9th and will leave for Morelia the morning of July 10th. Overnight stay at the Palace Hotel in Mexico City is recommended and would run around \$20.00 per person based on double occupancy. You can fly to Mexico City from Seattle for approximately \$600-\$700 through tickets purchased through Travelocity.com, Expedia.com, priceline.com, cheaptickets.com, as well as United, Alaska and American West (Vancouver) for the least expensive rates, including standby fares.