

Mexico: Sustainability in Emerging Countries

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PROGRAM OVERVIEW

This 3-credit program is focused on sustainability in Oaxaca Mexico. Sustainability is comprised of five different components: increase in production, efficient use of non-renewable resources, ecological stewardship, economic improvement, and increase in quality of life. Oaxaca is classified as one of the top Mexican states in ecological, agricultural, cultural, and culinary diversity. During this program, students will visit several locations in the state including the capital city, small towns and villages, and the pacific coast. Students will learn the differences in culture, ecosystem, agriculture, and economics between the USA and an emerging country such as México by exploring one of the most diverse states.

ACADEMICS

Students will examine the increase in production and efficient use of non-renewable resources, ecological stewardship, economic improvement, and increases in quality of life in Oaxaca. Students will synthesize and evaluate each of sustainability-based experiences during the travel time using a photo-journal and answering the reflection questions. Students will also demonstrate ability to work collaboratively in group activities; demonstrate ability to communicate with fellow participants and with the individuals in the host country and become informed about local Mexican history as it relates to sustainable issues all while having a good experience.

PROGRAM FACTS

Course(s)

HS 495/491, ALS 494 Sustainability in Emerging Countries

NC State Program Cost

\$2,450

See reverse for total estimated cost of attendance

Program Dates

May 19 - 28, 2019

Locations

Various locations in Mexico including Oaxaca city capital, San Lorenzo Albarradas, Santiago Matatlan, Teotitlan del Valle, Puerto Escondido, and Huatulco

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Eligibility

- 2.0+ GPA
- Not on active disciplinary probation
- Not on Academic Integrity Probation currently or during the prior semester

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STEPS TO APPLY

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OPEN APPLICATION

Visit studyabroad.ncsu.edu, use program search to find online brochure, click **Apply Now**. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis until filled or the **February 15th deadline!**

2

TALK TO ACADEMIC ADVISOR

Discuss program with Academic Advisor to determine how the course(s) will fit in with your academic plan.

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ATTEND INFO SESSION

For dates/time visit go.ncsu.edu/studyabroadinfo
sessions
November 15, 2018
Time: 4pm - 5pm
Location: Kilgore Hall 107

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APPLY FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

Apply for the Study Abroad Scholarship by **November 15th!**

MONEY MATTERS

NC State Program Cost	\$2,450
Admin Fee	\$450
Course Instruction	Included
Housing	Included
Immunizations	N/A
International Airfare	\$1,000
*International Health Insurance	Included
*Meals	\$80 Most Meals Covered
*Passport/Visa Expenses	\$145
*Personal Expenses	\$150 (Varies)
Textbooks/Supplies	N/A
Transportation	Included (local airfare and ground)
Estimated Total: \$4,275	

Line items marked with (*) are estimated. All cost information is tentative and subject to change. Estimated costs are approximate and vary based on personal spending habits. The University reserves the right to alter the program format and/or cost in case of conditions beyond its control.

FUNDING STUDY ABROAD

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Financial Aid travels with you

Full time students are eligible to receive financial aid if courses taken abroad fulfill degree requirements. Meet with Ben Severin (bmseveri@ncsu.edu) to start planning!

Apply for Scholarships by November 15th!

1 in 3 scholarship applicants receive an award! Visit go.ncsu.edu/studyabroadscholarships to start an application. Check in with your College to see if additional funds are available.

Personal Fundraising

Personal fundraising is a great way to raise additional funds and can make the difference! Utilize an online fundraising campaign through sites like FundmyTravel.com and make a list of local organizations (newspaper, Chamber of Commerce, service clubs, etc.) that you can reach out to.



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Exploration - THE TRIP

Oaxaca-Puerto Escondido México



Day 1, Sunday, May 19. Travel to Oaxaca and check in to our restored, historic center hacienda that is now a comfortable bed and breakfast inn, located within easy walking distance of churches, museums, restaurants and markets. Arrive in time for a 7 p.m. welcome dinner prepared especially for the group. (Dinner included)



Day 2, Travel to the Zapotec archeological site of Monte Alban, considered the greatest Mesoamerican civilization by Chicago's Field Museum of Natural History. Meet ceramic artisans whose village made utensils and icons for food preparation and religious ceremonies.



Day 3, Travel to "Herve el Agua", an ancient Zapotec ceremonial with natural rock formation fed by mineral springs that are super-saturated with calcium carbonate. Then visit the Mezcal Capital of the World, Santiago Matatlan, where agave is grown, harvested and distilled into mezcal. Pack an overnight bag; you'll be sleeping in the traditional Zapotec rug weaving village of Teotitlan del Valle.



Day 4, We will visit the village market, the 17th Century church, and walk to the weaving studio to see how natural dyes are used to dye sheep wool in preparation for weaving tapestry rugs and other products. After lunch, we will go to El Tule on our way back to Oaxaca.



Day 5, We will be in Oaxaca City today to take a guided tour of the Ethnobotanical Gardens to explore the biodiversity of Oaxaca plants used for food, fiber, shelter and folk medicine. After lunch, you will have the afternoon on your own to discover city markets, museums, and local artisan craft galleries.



Day 6, Flight from Oaxaca to Puerto Escondido. After settling in to your beachside hotel, we will meet to go to an endangered baby turtle release program, and then board a launch on Laguna Manialtepec to see one of the few bio-luminescence lagoons in the world.



Day 7, Today is devoted to studying Pacific coast marine life. We will travel to the coastal city of Huatulco to meet an indigenous fisherman licensed by the federal government to harvest the rare caracol purpura (purple snail), used by the village of Pinotepa de Don Luis to dye hand-spun cotton and silk threads.



Day 8, Bananas, mangoes, coconut and pineapple are commercially cultivated in the region. We will visit a tropical fruit farm and production facility so you can see how Mexico grows, harvests and markets produce.



Day 9, You have the option to visit the local Puerto Escondido market where all manner of regional seafood, meats, vegetables and staples are offered for sale, along with a selection of regional clothing. Or, you can spend the day packing and reflecting on all that you did and saw



Day 10, After breakfast, you will transfer to Puerto Escondido airport for connecting flights through Mexico City to North Carolina or elsewhere.

