

What Every Student Needs before Departing for Merida Summer Program

There are two program options for Merida Summer: Studies in Global Health and Language and Culture Immersion. When completing their application, students select which program they want to do.

Studies in Global Health is open to students who have completed two semesters or more of college-level Spanish. Students learn about a variety of health care settings in the Yucatan, which may include government-run social service hospitals, private hospitals and clinics and rural and urban healthcare programs. Students' professional development is enhanced by two weeks of shadowing local health professionals in their area of interest. Examples include nursing, medicine, nutrition, physical therapy, speech therapy, mental health and health education.

Language and Culture is open to all Spanish language levels. Students are immersed culturally and linguistically in classes and homestays. Classes meet Monday-Thursday for five hours of intensive language instruction. The curriculum weaves topics such as immigration, health care, tourism, history and business practices into daily lessons.

If your advisee is planning to participate in one of these summer programs, s/he must complete Central's online application by March 1st:

<https://www.central.edu/abroad/apply/index.cfm>

All students are required to attend Central's "First Steps" 1 hour workshop. These workshops are offered throughout the semester.

Qualifications

- Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 at the time of acceptance and through departure
- Students who transfer to Central College from another college or university must complete one semester at Central prior to participating in Study Abroad

Studies in Global Health

Plan for each course to meet two and a half hours a day, Monday-Thursday. Spanish for Health Professionals will focus improving written and oral Spanish skills, especially those specific to health care. Healthcare in Yucatan will introduce students to Mexican expectations and styles of health care. Students can expect to visit NGO's, government run social service hospitals, large private hospitals and clinics and urban health care.

Students take 6 semester hours of credit (3 Spanish language; 3 cross-cultural)

Language and Culture

Courses in Merida focus on learning or improving written and oral Spanish skills and developing an understanding of and appreciation for the history, culture and customs of the Yucatan. To reinforce the practical use of Spanish, instruction will take place not only in the classroom but also in the local cafes, grocery stores, markets, theatres and at cultural events. Courses are taught by Central's locally appointed faculty.

Students take 6 semester hours of credit (6 Spanish language)

Questions?

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