



# 2010 JANUARY TERM ABROAD

## Spanish Language Through Cultural Engagement in México

January 2 - 25, 2010

### Itinerary

Orientation at University of St. Thomas	11/21
Twin Cities/Cuernavaca	01/02
Cuernavaca/Twin Cities	01/25

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**Price: \$2,825\***

Study third (Span 211 at UST), fourth (Span 212 at UST) or fifth semester (Span 300 at UST) Spanish in the beautiful modern city of Cuernavaca in central Mexico. Immerse yourself in Mexico's modern and indigenous cultures, colonial architecture, art, public squares and markets, and lush natural surroundings. Live with a Mexican family and put your Spanish to use as you explore Cuernavaca, visit archeological and historical sites, view great art, and learn Mexican cooking, culture, and more. Our objective is to give students maximum opportunities to develop their spoken Spanish and to experience various aspects of Mexican culture first hand.

Cuernavaca is the capital of the state of Morelos in central Mexico, located 50 miles south of Mexico City. This thriving city is known as the "City of Eternal Spring" because of its temperate year-round climate. Students will study Spanish language and Mexican/Latin American culture at the Cemanahuac Educational Community, an accredited language and culture school in Cuernavaca. With more than 25 years of experience, Cemanahuac offers class sizes of no more than five students, individualized instruction and language practice, evening lectures on Mexican culture, and world-class excursions.

Your January term in Cuernavaca offers you an unforgettable experience and a unique opportunity to develop your Spanish skills while you explore the exciting cultures and rich history of central Mexico. Excursions include a visit to Mexico City and the incredible archeological site of Teotihuacán, exploration of the ruins of Xochicalco, a walking tour of downtown Cuernavaca

and its various sites of interest, and may include a visit to nearby Tepoztlán or the silver-producing town of Taxco. Program fees also include evening lectures and/or classes at Cemanahuac in Mexican culture (topics vary but may range from current events to cooking, music, and artisan craft-making).

**Comprehensive Fee Includes:** Transportation and course arrangements as indicated, host family accommodations with three meals daily (unless notified otherwise) and textbook. (subject to change)

**Prerequisites:** Second semester Spanish or equivalent with a minimum grade of B in the course (at UST Spanish 112).  
Third semester Spanish or equivalent with a minimum grade of B in the course (at UST Spanish 211).  
Fourth semester Spanish or equivalent with a minimum grade of B in the course (at UST Spanish 212).  
A copy of your transcript must be provided upon application.

**Required Readings:** TBA

**Evaluation:**

Participation	20%
Oral & Writing Assignments	20%
Culture Sessions/ Academic Journal	40%
Final Exam	20%

**\*Each home institution may have supplementary fees in addition to the price listed.**

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**Dr. Rey-Montejo** has a Ph.D. in Spanish and has been teaching courses similar to these for many years. She has taken students abroad in the past to Spanish-speaking countries. She will also carry out a special site visit October 29-November 1, 2009 to ensure that all course components are completely ready for the students' arrival at the Cemanahuac Institute in Cuernavaca, Mexico. As has been the case for many years for this program, the faculty director will work directly with the professors at the Cemanahuac Institute to ensure that all course content is delivered by their faculty and by her for students in each of the class levels.



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## RULES AND PROCEDURES

For the forty-fifth consecutive year, UMAIE offers unique opportunities for cross-cultural study during January Term and starting in 2005, May/June Term. UMAIE, a consortium of five colleges and universities, cooperates to provide the educational depth and resources necessary for an intercultural curriculum.

This year UMAIE offers courses in many locations around the world including: The Americas (North, Central and South), Antarctica, Australia, Egypt, Europe (Western, Central, Eastern, Northern and Southern), Hawaii, India, Jordan, New Zealand, Russia, Thailand and Turkey.

**APPLICATION AND REQUIRED DOCUMENTS** — Applications and required documents are available via the UMAIE website ([www.umaie.org](http://www.umaie.org)). Applications are accepted between **April 15 - October 2, 2009**. When applying for a course, please submit the following to your campus UMAIE Board Member:

- Three copies of your completed application.
- One copy of your valid passport photo & signature page OR if you do not have a passport, a copy of your passport application. (Actual submittal of your passport application to a passport agency is not required until acceptance into a course. Please visit <http://travel.state.gov/passport/>.)
- One copy of your January Term Abroad Agreement.
- One copy of your unofficial transcript.
- One deposit check in the amount of **\$400** made payable to **Seminars International, Inc.** (All checks will be cashed upon receipt. Returned checks will be assessed a service charge of **\$50**.)

**\*UST students please see your study abroad website ([www.stthomas.edu/studyabroad](http://www.stthomas.edu/studyabroad)) for application procedures.**

No application will be considered without **ALL** the required signed documents, copies and deposit as listed above. If you have any questions please contact your campus UMAIE Board Member.

**SELECTION PROCESS FOR APPLICANTS** — Faculty Directors will screen each application to ensure all prerequisites are met, and that equal access is given to students from all consortium schools. **For applications received by April 15th, the UMAIE Secretariat will notify each participant via e-mail by May 8, 2009, to inform if applicant is: 1) accepted into the course; 2) on a waiting list; 3) not accepted into the course.** Please be aware that if you are placed on a waiting list, your deposit check will still be cashed upon receipt. In the event a course is filled or cancelled due to low enrollment, students are contacted regarding a second choice. Students who choose not to transfer to another course will receive a full refund. **LATE APPLICATIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED ONLY ON A SPACE AVAILABLE BASIS AND LATE FEES WILL LIKELY BE APPLIED.**

**PASSPORTS, VISAS AND IMMUNIZATIONS** — All applicants must send a copy of a valid and signed passport to their campus UMAIE Board Member upon acceptance into a UMAIE course (if one was not turned in with application). This is not required for students travelling to Hawaii. **Passports must be valid at least six (6) months beyond your return date.**

If your course requires a visa it will be stated in the course description. A country specific visa application will be sent to you 1-2 months prior to departure.

Information regarding recommended and/or needed immunizations can be found at the CDC website: [www.cdc.gov/travel/](http://www.cdc.gov/travel/). If you are traveling to a destination that requires an immunization, the UMAIE Secretariat will inform you in a timely manner. Additional information regarding passports, visas and immunizations is available from your campus UMAIE Board Member.

**COMPREHENSIVE FEE** — Costs listed are based on planned enrollments for each course. Every effort is made to operate the program at the stated price. However, if fewer students enroll, costs may be increased or the course cancelled. **NOTE:** UMAIE reserves the right to adjust fees due to dollar devaluation, fuel surcharges and general inflation.

The comprehensive fee includes round-trip air transportation from Minneapolis-St. Paul to the course location; airport transfers; visas (where required for U.S. citizens who meet the visa application deadline and have the correct accompanying documentation); transportation to most course activities while abroad; lodging, primarily in twin or triple rooms in hotels, pensions, university dormitories, or family homes (where indicated); continental breakfast daily (exceptions noted on individual course descriptions) and other meals as indicated; tickets for required cultural performances; planned excursions; and administrative costs (however, individual institutions may assess additional charges). When rail passes or entrance fees are included, they are based on the utilization of youth rates (25 years or under). Any additional amount incurred will be the participant's responsibility.

**EXCLUSIONS** — Expenses and items not specifically mentioned herein are not covered, including but not limited to: passport fees; airline checked and/or excess luggage fees; local subway, bus and tram fares (if not included in course price); departure taxes (except U.S.); optional entertainment and excursions; beverages; individual room service charges; travel insurance; porter's fees; laundry and cleaning; telephone and fax; personal gratuities; transportation to and from point of course departure.

**FINAL PAYMENT** — Accepted applicants are notified of the final price during the last week of October. Students at Gustavus Adolphus College will bring their final payment to their International Education Office on or before Tuesday, November 3. Students from Elmhurst College will bring their final payment to their Student Accounts Office before Tuesday, November 3. Students from all other institutions will have their fees billed to their student account.

### WITHDRAWALS AND REFUNDS

- No cancellation fee for students withdrawing on or before **September 14, 2009**.
- A **\$100** cancellation fee is withheld for students who withdraw between **September 15 and October 2, 2009**.
- Beginning **October 3, 2009** the course deposit of **\$400** is non-refundable.
- A refund for cancellations occurring after **November 3, 2009** is based upon recoverable costs. The **ENTIRE COURSE COST** may be forfeited.
- **If cancellation occurs 30 days or less prior to departure, there will be no refund. Trip cancellation insurance is recommended for students with pre-existing medical conditions.** This insurance must be purchased at the time of registration. Please discuss this with your UMAIE Campus Board Member.
- If a course price increases by more than 6% (due to general inflation or lower enrollment) a student may cancel without penalty.
- No refund is given to students who wish to omit portions of the course.
- **NOTICE OF CANCELLATION MUST BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING TO YOUR CAMPUS UMAIE BOARD MEMBER.**

**TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS** — are secured by Seminars International, Inc., 33 West Monroe Street, Suite 1160, Chicago, IL 60603-5303, (800) 541-7506, [TRAVEL@semint.com](mailto:TRAVEL@semint.com). Applications are processed by the Minnesota office, 21530 Vernon Avenue, Prior Lake, MN 55372, (952) 440-1338, [kathy@semint.com](mailto:kathy@semint.com). Participants desiring additional information may contact Seminars International Inc., or visit their website - [www.semint.com](http://www.semint.com).

**ORIENTATION SESSION**—Will be held **Saturday, November 21, 2009** at the University of St. Thomas. **ALL MUST ATTEND.**

**DEVIATIONS** — Course prices are based on group air arrangements and the air carrier may assess a service fee. Not all airlines allow deviations on group reservations. In addition to the airline service fee(s), an additional fee must be paid to Seminars International, Inc. as follows: before **October 2, 2009 the charge is \$75; from October 3, 2009 until November 3, 2009 the charge is \$125. After November 3, 2009, no deviations will be accepted.** Deviation requests must be made in writing to the Chicago Seminars International office via fax (312) 332-5509 or email [TRAVEL@semint.com](mailto:TRAVEL@semint.com). Once the deviation has been booked, any changes may incur additional costs. Students who deviate are responsible for providing their own transportation to or from the actual course location abroad. **Faculty Directors are not expected to provide assistance. Students from Augustana College and Elmhurst College will receive further information on course flights upon acceptance.**

### CAMPUS UMAIE BOARD MEMBERS

Augustana College, Nancy Wright, (605) 274-5417 • Elmhurst College, Wally Lagerwey, (630) 617-3604

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