Quintana Roo, Mexico

*The Maya Zone: Indigenous Latin America*

January 2-January 22, 2019*

*Dates subject to change

Program Director: Prof. Brian Montes, Department of Latin American and Latina/o Studies

Application Deadline: October 26, 2018

PROGRAM

During the 16th century the Spanish encountered some of the most advanced civilizations including the Maya of Mexico and Central America. Disease and political conquest, however, rendered the Maya powerless and invisible. This study-abroad program will integrate student learning through a pedagogical framework of cultural exchange that will make the Maya once again visible by allowing students to interact with modern day Maya communities, hear and learn Maya as a spoken language and participate in traditional Maya celebrations as practiced throughout the Mexican state of Quintana Roo. Students will also visit the ancient Maya cities of Tulum and/or Uxmal as well as the Museum of Maya Culture in Chetumal, the capital of Quintana Roo. In visiting these unique sites students will learn to appreciate difference and allow them to recognize—and then dismiss—stereotypes they may have held about Mexico’s indigenous populations and see the Maya as part of a connected community of global citizens.

ACADEMICS

**Undergraduate Course:**

*Indigenous Latin America (3 credits):* This course provides an overview of the diverse indigenous populations of Latin America. Through the interdisciplinary study of culture, history, and politics, students will learn and analyze topics such as the historical construction of race and gender, globalization, assimilation, nationalism, cultural citizenship, and ethnic revitalization. Students will explore the cultural and historical commonalities that bring the region of Latin America together, as well as learn about the specific variations across the region and within nations. The challenges of being “Indian”, will be discussed and how these problems are confronted within these native communities will be addressed.

PRE-REQUISITES

January 2019 Costs

- Minimum 2.8 GPA
- Sophomore standing or higher

PROGRAM COST: $2,050.00**

**Subject to change. Includes double occupancy homestay accommodations, most meals, international health insurance, excursions and transportation on-site associated with program. Does not include tuition, airfare, some meals, personal expenses, personal excursions, etc.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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⇒ All CUNY students must meet with their study-abroad advisor to be sure the proper e-Permit registration process is followed.
⇒ Students are encouraged to consult the Financial Aid Office.
⇒ Scholarship opportunities can be found at [http://www.jjay.cuny.edu/scholarships](http://www.jjay.cuny.edu/scholarships) and on [www.studyabroadfunding.org](http://www.studyabroadfunding.org).
⇒ Students are encouraged to apply early, due to limited space.
⇒ Information in this brochure is subject to change, including **program cost(s), *dates, itinerary, etc.**