

SPAN 340 Mexico

Jterm2020 Course Eval

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Q4 - The course I took was

#	Field	Choice Count
14	Spanish 340: Language and Culture in the Spanish-Speaking World (Mexico)	4

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#	Field	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
1	The course I took was	14.00	14.00	14.00	0.00	0.00	4

Q32 - Please indicate your level of agreement with the following statements pertaining to the portion of the program Prior to Departure

#	Field	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total
1	The application process was straightforward and clear.	0	0	0	2	2	4
2	I received sufficient information from the Center for Global Learning to navigate the process from acceptance to my actual departure.	0	0	0	2	2	4
3	The Center for Global Learning pre-departure orientation (the large group session in Valders 206) prepared me for my off-campus course (leave blank if you participated in a domestic program).	0	0	0	2	2	4
4	The pre-departure session(s) conducted by my program leader(s) prepared me for my off-campus course.	0	0	0	1	3	4

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#	Field	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
1	The application process was straightforward and clear.	4.00	5.00	4.50	0.50	0.25	4
2	I received sufficient information from the Center for Global Learning to navigate the process from acceptance to my actual departure.	4.00	5.00	4.50	0.50	0.25	4
3	The Center for Global Learning pre-departure orientation (the large group session in Valders 206) prepared me for my off-campus course (leave blank if you participated in a domestic program).	4.00	5.00	4.50	0.50	0.25	4
4	The pre-departure session(s) conducted by my program leader(s) prepared me for my off-campus course.	4.00	5.00	4.75	0.43	0.19	4

Q37 - Please reflect on the pre-departure preparations. Are there topics that were not covered in your pre-departure preparations that you would have liked the CGL staff/program leaders to cover?

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Everything that was covered prepared us. I don't think there is anything that needs to be added.

The pre-departure programs sufficiently prepared me for my course.

No everything was well covered.

Q38 - With respect to packing, what do you wish you had brought with you? What do you wish you had left behind?

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I wish I wouldn't have packed so many clothes. I packed too many clothes and it made it hard to pack souvenirs on the way back.

I did not need as many formal clothes, wish I would have brought more shoes.

I wish I had left behind shorts because in cultures like Mexico, you really don't have a reason to have them unless you're working out.

Q39 - Please indicate your level of agreement with the following statements pertaining to the Off-Campus Program

#	Field	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total
1	There was a strong connection between the course content and the program location(s).	0	0	0	0	4	4
2	The amount of time allocated to structured "class time," group experiential learning, and free time was balanced.	1	2	1	0	0	4

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1	There was a strong connection between the course content and the program location(s).	5.00	5.00	5.00	0.00	0.00	4
2	The amount of time allocated to structured "class time," group experiential learning, and free time was balanced.	1.00	3.00	2.00	0.71	0.50	4

Q40 - Please provide further comment on your answers above, as desired.

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There was not a whole lot of free time to explore the city because we only had free time for dinner and one day on the weekend. I wish there would have been more variety in the excursions we took so we could have seen more of Oaxaca. For example, it would have been amazing to go to Heirve el Agua or a weekend trip to the beach, Puerto Escondido, instead of going to the mountains.

I think that while everything we did was valuable, we could have benefitted from more down time and more time for personal exploring.

There was an okay balance of free time vs. structured group time/class time but I've heard from everyone that we wish there was more time to explore and immerse ourselves in the culture.

Could have used more free time to explore or in class excursions should be planned

Q41 - Tell about an experience that enhanced your understanding of yourself or changed you.

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Since we were living with host families and had to speak only in Spanish, my Spanish speaking abilities increased tremendously and I became more confident and independent.

Not being a native speaker of Spanish, living in Mexico for three weeks showed me exactly how much of my normal routine is very language based, and how even things like ordering and paying at a restaurant can be very different than expected. It was also interesting to have the one on one intercambios during my time in Oaxaca. I learned so much about my two intercambio partners and really got a chance to see how different and how similar life can be.

I would say any time that I was at a loss for words while speaking Spanish with a native speaker, I would get really discouraged but that was something really valuable that I took away. I grew resilient and realized that just with time and practice would I get more comfortable. I also learned that good communication is so important for me which includes responding well and asking questions to keep the conversation going and sometimes I was unable to do that because of my limited knowledge of the language.

Q42 - Tell about an experience that enhanced your understanding of the location(s) where you studied.

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Studying at the ICO helped to learn more about the Oaxacan culture since we were learning about their culture and historical landmarks in class. Taking the cooking classes and salsa dancing classes also helped to learn more about their culture and feel more immersed.

There were protests that blocked the streets a few blocks from our institution, and we learned that this is a common occurrence, that the teachers are underpaid, and that they feel that the only way to accomplish their goals is to make a disruption, because the government is slow to respond to their requests.

I think each time I visited El Centro and was able to just people watch and observe, I was really able to get a grasp of the people, the culture and how we fit into that.

Our classes at the ico

Q43 - Which program field trips, excursions, museum visits, etc. did you find particularly enriching.

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I really enjoyed the excursion to Monte Alban because it was something different that we hadn't seen before. It was really cool to learn about the history of Monte Alban and the cultural significance it had and still has.

I really loved our trip to Monte Alban. It felt educational, well-planned, interesting, stimulating, and relevant. I liked learning about the ways that the structures were built and the cultures of the Zapotec people.

For sure our trip to Monte Albon. That was the most informative and really beautiful.

Monte Albán

Q45 - Please indicate your level of agreement with the following statements pertaining to

Accommodations/Transportation/Food

#	Field	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total
1	I was satisfied with the accommodations.	0	0	0	3	1	4
2	I was satisfied with the classroom/meeting spaces.	0	0	0	0	4	4
3	I was satisfied with the ground transportation arrangements.	0	0	0	1	3	4
4	I was satisfied with the air transportation arrangements.	0	0	1	0	3	4
5	I was satisfied with the number of group meals.	0	0	0	2	2	4
	I was satisfied with the quality of group meals.	0	0	1	1	2	4

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1	I was satisfied with the accommodations.	4.00	5.00	4.25	0.43	0.19	4
2	I was satisfied with the classroom/meeting spaces.	5.00	5.00	5.00	0.00	0.00	4
3	I was satisfied with the ground transportation arrangements.	4.00	5.00	4.75	0.43	0.19	4
4	I was satisfied with the air transportation arrangements.	3.00	5.00	4.50	0.87	0.75	4
5	I was satisfied with the number of group meals.	4.00	5.00	4.50	0.50	0.25	4
6	I was satisfied with the quality of group meals.	3.00	5.00	4.25	0.83	0.69	4

Q46 - Please comment on aspects related to accommodations, transportation, and food.

Your insights will help us improve future programs.

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I personally don't like flying American airlines and I think it would have been much better if we flew Delta or Sun country because they have much better service.

My accommodations were very good, I had everything I needed, but often wished I had more interaction with my host family, as my house was structured more like a hostel.

I wish we had large group meals more often because it's always fun to be with everyone including the professors. The quality of the group meals was sometimes lacking but I think with more, we would have gotten comfortable being in that big group all together with the professors. It was also unclear if we were expected to speak in spanish or English here and so that would have been nice to clarify.

Q44 - How much did you personally spend on food while at the program location(s).

#	Field	Choice Count
1	<\$100	0
2	\$101-\$200	1
3	\$201-\$300	3
4	\$301-\$400	0
5	\$401-\$500	0
6	\$501-\$600	0
7	>\$601	0
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#	Field	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
1	Total Spent	2.00	3.00	2.75	0.43	0.19	4

Q59 - What few words or phrases would you use to describe the experience to others?

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An amazing experience to learn about a new culture and improve your Spanish speaking abilities.

full of culture, life, and color.

enriching, colorful and lovely. Get ready to learn and be immersed!

Eye opening and life changing

Q58 - Would you recommend this program to others? Why or why not?

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Yes, I would recommend this program to others because it was a great opportunity to travel and be immersed in a new culture to learn more about yourself and the world around you.

I would definitely recommend this program to others, it is a great location, and I loved getting to know Oaxaca, learn Spanish, and get to be familiar with the culture there.

For sure! This program is great if you take full advantage of it and use every opportunity to better your spanish and your understanding of it. Every trip is what you make it and so if you go in with the right mindset that you're ready to learn and be apart of a culture that is different than your own.. for sure go!

Absolutely, there is no other way to better learn Spanish and explore a new place

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