STUDENT QUOTE

“My Oaxaca experience was both challenging and rewarding. By the end of the semester, my ability to speak Spanish was much improved; I had a deeper understanding of Mexican society and Oaxacan culture and a greater awareness of my own strength and independence.”

Katie Silveria
PLU student
PLU Gateway Oaxaca, Mexico Program: Development, Culture, and Social Change Fall 2006 Participant

HISPANIC STUDIES PROGRAM STATEMENT

The Hispanic Studies Program strongly encourages students to participate in study away programs. From short-term to semester programs, studying away gives the students the opportunity to receive Spanish language training, improve their language skills, and provide them with valuable cultural knowledge, while allowing them to broaden their horizons, expand their worldviews, and become more culturally diverse.

PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS FOR HISPANIC STUDIES MAJORS & MINORS

PLU GATEWAY & FEATURED PROGRAMS:

PLU Oaxaca, Mexico—Development, Culture, & Social Change
Fall Semester Program
Eligibility: Completion of HISP 202, preferably HISP 301, or equivalent
This immersion program offers coursework taught in Spanish by Spanish faculty in HIST/History, GLST/Global Studies, SOC/Sociology, ART, and Spanish language. The program also includes an optional credit-bearing internship, as well as a home stay and several study tours. Ideal for students interested in development issues, human rights, social justice and equity, root causes of migration, and environmental studies.

ILACA Granada, Spain
Fall or Spring Semester Program (Spring Recommended)
Eligibility: Completion of HISP 202, preferably HISP 301, or equivalent
The program offers coursework taught in Spanish by Spanish faculty, a home stay experience, intercambios, language and area studies courses, and excursions throughout Spain.

Willamette University Quito, Ecuador
Fall Semester Program
Eligibility: Completion of HISP 202, preferably HISP 301, or equivalent
Courses taught in Spanish at both a language center, ACLAS, and at University of San Francisco, Quito. Program includes a home stay, several excursions, and an opportunity for service learning.

PLU APPROVED PROGRAMS:

CIEE Buenos Aires, Argentina—Liberal Arts Program
Fall or Spring Semester Program
Eligibility: Six semesters of college level Spanish or equivalent
Offering Spanish-taught courses at FLACSO & local universities, this program is ideal for students interested in studying Latin American and Argentine issues.

CIEE Santiago, Chile—Liberal Arts Program
Fall or Spring Semester Program
Eligibility: Six semesters of college level Spanish or equivalent
Students study Spanish-taught courses at a CIEE study center and the Pontificia Universidad Catolica de Chile. The program includes a home stay experience, several excursions, and opportunities for community service, internships, and volunteer opportunities.

IES Abroad Santiago, Chile—Liberal Arts Program
Fall or Spring Semester Program
Eligibility: Four semesters of college level Spanish
Students choose from IES Abroad area studies courses and local university courses, and have additional program options such as a Health Studies option and service learning opportunities.

PLU J-TERM/SUMMER PROGRAMS:

Ecuador—Spanish Language & Literature (4-credit J-term course)
Eligibility: one year of college Spanish or equivalent
The course focuses on intensive Spanish language instruction, with a focus on grammar and conversation. Program includes a home stay experience. HISP 231/331, departmental credit, cross-cultural perspectives.

Leon, Spain—Summer Immersion Program (4-credit summer course)
Eligibility: HISP 102 or equivalent
The program includes Spanish language instruction, home stay experience, and regional excursions, including Santiago de Compostela. HISP 201/202, departmental credit.
Advising Notes & Contact Information

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HISPANIC STUDIES ADVISING NOTES

If you are considering participating in one of our programs, please do not hesitate to talk to a Hispanic Studies faculty advisor for more information and specific details to determine the program which best suits your interests, the appropriate time in your PLU career to study away, and the type and number of credits you may obtain. In addition to receiving credit to complete your major or minor in Hispanic Studies, you may also receive credit from other programs or departments, such as Art, Global Studies, History, International Honors, Political Science, Sociology, Social Work, and/or Religion.

WANG CENTER ADVISING NOTES

PLU offers a variety of program options to help you meet your study away goals. You may choose to study on a Gateway program, a Featured program, an Approved program, or a J-term program. You may also choose to participate in an International Internship.

Step 1—Explore:

Explore your options for study away opportunities. Check out the programs available on our website. Come to a Study Away Fair, held in both September and March every year. Talk with others: Sojourner Advocates, staff, faculty and friends. Consider why you wish to study away, what you hope to achieve through the experience, where you might want to study, and when you would like to go.

Step 2—Evaluate:

Evaluate your study away program options. Meet with a Study Away Advisor to determine which program is the best fit for you and your study away goals. Meet with your Faculty Advisor or Academic Advisor to discuss which program is the best fit for your academic goals.

Step 3—Apply:

Once you've decided which program to apply to, visit the Wang Center for application details. Be sure to submit all application materials to the Wang Center by your program's deadline.

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