Seattle University's Latin American Studies Program Puebla, Mexico Winter and Spring Quarters, 2025

Thank you for your interest in Seattle University's Latin American Studies Program (LASP). You are invited to apply for enrollment in this program for winter and/or spring quarters 2025.

In this document you will find the APPLICATION FORM to participate in next year's program. In addition to the completed form, please submit the following items directly to the Department of Modern Languages, Xavier Hall 101, or electronically using the QR code below, *by Friday March 29th*, 2024:

1. An official transcript of grades from the school you are currently attending. If you are currently attending S.U., make an unofficial copy of your transcript and send it to the Modern Languages Department.



- 2. A recent photograph of yourself.
- **3.** A short essay of 150 words explaining your reasons for applying to the Latin American Studies Program.

If you are accepted into the LASP program, you must also submit to the Department of Modern Languages a \$200 non-refundable deposit (check only) payable to: "Seattle University", **no later than** *Friday September 20th*, *2024*.

All applicants must be currently enrolled or accepted for admission at Seattle University as regular students.

If you have any questions regarding a financial aid package for this program (scholarships, grants or loans), please contact the Financial Aid Office at Seattle University at 296-5847. Students are responsible for making their own financial arrangements.

If you have any further questions, please contact the Modern Languages and Cultures Department.

PROGRAM DATES

The Latin American Studies Program (LASP) in Puebla, Mexico, will follow the regular Seattle University Winter and Spring Quarter schedules, with classes **beginning** *January* 6^{th} and ending March 14th for Winter Quarter and beginning March 31st and ending *June* 6^{th} for Spring Quarter 2025. Students are advised to arrive in Puebla at least 1 day before classes begin.

LOCATION

Classes will be held at the Universidad Iberoamericana, Puebla, a Jesuit university of about 5,000 students in southwestern Puebla. Students will attend classes three hours each day, Monday through Friday. All classes will be conducted in Spanish.

LASP COURSE OFFERINGS

Winter Quarter

Span 2250	Spanish Language 5
Span 2350	Reading, Composition and Conversation
Span 3200	Mexican Cultural Topics

If you have already taken Span 2250 and/or 2350, we will arrange Span 3910 Directed Studies under the supervision of the Program Coordinator abroad.

Spring Quarter

Span 3150	Latin American and Spanish Culture and Civilization
Span 3250	Introduction to Latin American and Spanish Literature
Span 3500	Latin American History, Politics and Societies

Total: 15 credits

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PREREQUISITES

The prerequisites for enrollment in the winter quarter of this program are Spanish 2150 and Spanish 2910. These courses, 10 credits in total, will be offered during the fall quarter prior to the study abroad experience at Seattle University.

<u>Every LASP participant must enroll in Spanish 2910, a mandatory class that will</u> <u>meet twice a week and in which a cultural and practical orientation will be provided</u> <u>in preparation for living in Mexico.</u>

The prerequisites for enrollment in the spring quarter of this program are 15 credits of second year Spanish courses, or the equivalent as determined by the program director.

EDUCATIONAL FIELD TRIPS

Winter Quarter

Students are required to participate in a one-week field trip to Mexico City, which is a requirement of the course Spanish 2350.

Spring Quarter

Students are required to participate in a major field trip for approximately one-week in Mexico, which is a requirement of the course entitled Spanish 3500-Latin American History, Politics and Societies.

The costs of these educational trips are the responsibility of each student.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

The application deadline is *Friday March 29th*, 2024.

SELECTION OF PARTICIPANTS

The Modern Languages Department evaluates each applicant by considering the applicant's overall grade-point average, Spanish language grade point average, references, and level of interest in Spanish language acquisition and Latin American culture. A minimum 3.00 overall GPA and 3.30 Spanish Language GPA are required for acceptance into the program. Notification of acceptance will be given within two weeks of the application deadline. A personal interview may be required for some applicants prior to acceptance into the program. Once accepted, every student must declare their minor or major before enrolling in the Span-2910 orientation class.

LIABILITY RELEASE

Students must submit a Liability Release Form to Seattle University before participating in the program.

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

Students will be required to make their own travel arrangements and submit their travel itinerary to the program director. Students should consult with a LASP faculty member before purchasing airplane tickets. Class schedules might change in Puebla.

LODGING

All students are required to reside with Mexican families selected by the program.

MEDICAL INSURANCE

Each student must purchase a medical insurance policy through Seattle University that provides coverage in Mexico.

ESTIMATED COSTS PER QUARTER

Seattle University Tuition (15 credits)	\$16,776*
Round-trip Airfare, Seattle to Mexico City	\$ 900*
Room and Board	\$1,800*
Major Field trip to Mexico City (Winter Quarter)	\$ 400*
Major Field Trip (Spring Quarter only)	\$ 250*
Miscellaneous Spending Money	\$1,500*
TOTAL	\$21,626*

*These figures represent approximate costs.

ACADEMIC ADVANTAGES OFFERED BY LASP

Spanish Major

• Upon completion of the winter and spring quarters of this program, you only need 15 additional credits in 4000 level Spanish courses to obtain a Spanish major at Seattle University.

Spanish Minor

• Upon completion of the winter and spring quarters of this program, you may have satisfied the requirements for a Spanish minor at Seattle University.

CONTACT US

If you have any questions about the program, please contact:

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