

2014 MAYAN LANGUAGE

INSTITUTE

K'ICHE' MAYA

KAQCHIKEL MAYA



Program Dates:

June 14 - July 27, 2014

Application & Enrollment:

A \$50 application fee is required. Applications are due by **March 31, 2014**. Enrollment is limited, so students should apply early. Download the 2014 application at:
<http://stonecenter.tulane.edu/pages/detail/320/Mayan-Language-Institute-in-Guatemala>

Offered in Partnership from:

- Vanderbilt University Center for Latin American Studies
- Tulane University Stone Center for Latin American Studies
- University of New Mexico Latin American and Iberian Institute
- University of Texas Teresa Lozano Long Institute of Latin American Studies
- University of Chicago Center for Latin American Studies

Summer Institute Information:

The Mayan Language Institute is an intensive 6-week summer immersion language program in K'iche' Maya and Kaqchikel Maya. Students study with both U.S. faculty and native speakers. In addition to language study, students participate in cultural activities, lectures, discussions, and excursions. Students may study one of the languages at the beginner, intermediate, or advanced level depending on placement by program directors.

With more than 1.5 million K'iche' and Kaqchikel speakers in Guatemala, the goal of the institute is to help students develop and advance proficiency in their chosen language and to gain a better understanding of the cultural and political contexts that have affected the historical development and preservation of the language. Efforts to protect these languages are playing a pivotal role in the Mayan struggle to regain control over their political and cultural destiny.

Students pursuing K'iche' Maya will spend three weeks in Antigua and three weeks in Nahualá. Students pursuing Kaqchikel Maya will spend their six weeks in Antigua. All students are placed with local families for home-stays. Students should be flexible and prepared for living conditions in Guatemala.

Students will receive 6 credits from Tulane University (3 credits for language course and 3 credits for culture course). Full class attendance is required.

Travel & Arrangements:

Students are responsible for their own travel and airfare to Guatemala as well as local transportation. Program fees include local transportation for programmed excursions and activities.

Tuition/Fees:

This course meets all requirements for Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowships; students are encouraged to apply to their home institution for summer FLAS Fellowship support. Tuition for students on FLAS Fellowships is \$5,000. Eligible graduate students at other universities may apply to the University of Chicago, Vanderbilt University, the University of Texas at Austin, Tulane University and/or the University of New Mexico for Summer FLAS Fellowship support, but priority for FLAS awards will be given to students enrolled at these awarding institutions.

In addition to tuition, all students must pay a \$1,300 program fee. The program fee covers local accommodations (including at least one meal/day with the home-stay family) and class excursions. In addition to the travel costs mentioned above in "Travel and Arrangements," certain other costs are not included in the program tuition or program fee, such as laundry, snacks, souvenirs, passport/visa fees, vaccinations, et cetera.