International Study Centres 2020: Mexico

Shape your future
Why do the Mexico ISC?

Stay in two Mexican cities

Learn about Mexican history, culture and art

Learn about and cook Mexican food

Visit the pyramids
The programme

MEXICAN IDENTITY AND CULTURE

Understand, identify and analyse aspects of Mexico’s culture including:

- Mexican History
- Survival Spanish
- Mexican art and dance
- The world of crafts and artisans
- Business in Mexico including a factory visit
- Mexican gastronomy
Excursions

The lectures are complemented with visits to sites around the city and region. For example:

- A few days in Mexico City
- Company visit
- Teotihuacan pyramids
- Frida Kahlo museum
- Anthropology museum
- Local markets
- Visits to Guanajuato and Peña de Bernal

[Note: some visits are subject to ticket availability as it is not always possible to book far in advance.]
Student feedback

"The trip was incredibly eye opening in many different aspects. For me, the most eye opening part of the trip was realising that living and studying in Europe, everything is obviously very Eurocentric, and I think its very easy for everyone to forget this and to think the rest of the world functions in the same was as European countries. I thought this because I had never left Europe before this trip. But being on this trip and learning about so many different aspects of Mexico, mainly in the classroom but also each day trip makes you realise how different it is."

Eleanor, Politics

"All the lessons we had at Tec were great – highly informative with knowledgeable, friendly teaching staff."

Eleanor, Politics

"The rich Mexican culture is what made me fall in love with the country. Seeing people salsa dancing in the streets (and even learning ourselves in salsa lessons) the decoration within the markets, the street food, the language, the fashion, visiting historical sites (such as the Teotihuacan pyramids) – I just loved every bit of it!"

Emma, Education
The Mexico ISC was an eye-opening experience for me. It helped me challenge pre-existing stereotypes of the country based off media and newspaper reports. Visiting factories and having the chance to engage with residents in the evening allowed me to put life in to perspective and appreciate the opportunities presented to me daily. Moreover, the lesson on the Mexican education system was full of knowledge and helped highlight global inequalities in education. It further emphasised to me how fortunate I am to achieve a wholesome and high quality higher education with the chance to push myself beyond academic boundaries.”

Elijah, Environment

Using my Spanish outside of a classroom context was daunting at first, but I feel I grew in confidence as the 2 weeks went on, and although I was only there for two weeks, being immersed in the Spanish language meant my language skills improved.”

Alex, Language and Linguistic Science

I have to say that it was one of the most extraordinary experiences of my life... I have learnt many lessons and lived moments that I honestly will never forget.”

Nika, PPE
Accommodation

The programme base is in Queretaro, with a few days in Mexico City.

You will be staying in hotels, and sharing a room with at least one other student.

Visa requirements

- If you are a British citizen you do not need a visa to enter Mexico, but will need to fill in an immigration form on the flight to show when you enter and leave Mexico.

- Your passport must be valid for at least 6 months from your intended date of entry to Mexico.

- If you are not a British citizen, it will be your responsibility to check if you need a visa and obtain one for the programme dates.

- The cost of any visa is not included in the programme cost.
What will it cost?

- Participation in the 2020 ISC programme cost £2,250 per student.
- A non-refundable acceptance fee of £250 is necessary to secure your place on an ISC.
- A payment plan of two further instalments is then implemented to allow you to spread the programme participation cost.
- You must pay in full before the departure date. Failure to pay will result in you being withdrawn from the programme.

**What is included in the cost:**
- International flights to/from the UK
- Tuition fees
- Transfer to and from airport in host country
- Travel insurance
- Entry tickets for main programme visits
- Accommodation
- Breakfast

**What is not included in the cost:**
- Visa
- Extra money for meals
- Spending money
Bursaries

- Each year there are a limited number of bursaries you can apply for towards the cost of the Study Centre.

- These are highly competitive and will be distributed on a needs basis. They are evaluated by a bursary case submitted as part of your application.

- Previous award amounts have been between £500 and £2,000.

- You can also apply for a York Futures Scholarship

Admission criteria

- International Study Centres are open to all York students, including final year, masters, postgraduates and distance learners.

- You do not need any prior knowledge of the topic and it doesn’t need to be linked to your degree. It is a chance to learn something from a different perspective, something completely different, and/or about a country that interests you.

- Students must be of good academic standing.

- A reference is requested from your department as part of the application process.
Application and deadlines

- The application via Mobility Online is available at york.ac.uk/globalyou via the How to Apply tab.

- Applications for 2020 open on Friday 29 November 2019 and close on Wednesday 12 February at 1pm.

- The application is a number of personal statement type questions. We recommend that you write your answers to these questions in a Word document before you copy them into the application.

- You also need to upload a 90 second video supporting your written application via the same link.

- A reference will be required from your Supervisor, or another departmental member of academic staff as part of your application. It is very important that they know who you are, where you want to go to and why and that you have their agreement to name them as your referee on your application.
Pre-departure

■ There are two pre-departure workshops scheduled in the spring and summer terms, where you will be told all the information you require for the trip.

They are mandatory and will be held on Wednesday 4 March and 14 May (all in the afternoon).

■ Topics will include (amongst others) visas, free insurance provided by the University, flight details, group risk assessments.

■ You will also have chance to meet the rest of the group going on the trip and the York team leader who will also accompany the group.

■ A free Languages for International Mobility (LFIM) course is available to you at York in weeks 8 and 9 of the Summer Term. LFIM Spanish is for beginners and can help you get ready to go global.
For more information

- Contact summer-abroad@york.ac.uk
- Speak to our peer advisors Piotr and Sophie who have both been on an ISC global-peer-advisors@york.ac.uk
- Visit one of the following events to speak to us in person:
  - Global Opportunities Fair, Thursday 24 October, 3-6pm, Physics Exhibition Centre
  - Summer Abroad information session, Wednesday 13 November, 1.15-2.15pm, Derwent College D/L/047
  - Summer Opportunities Fair, Wednesday 22 January 2020, 1-4pm, James Hall
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