

# Mexico

## UCEAP Advising Notes

### Objective of the Advising Notes Document

This document is an advising tool written by a Berkeley Study Abroad adviser to review program specific details that may impact a student's *decision to apply* for an EAP program. The document is *not* a summary of eligibility requirements, academic, housing, application and other logistical details freely available to students on the UCEAP and BSA website, and reviewed by a student in the Program Self-Assessment. The best source of detailed program information is always the [UCEAP Program Guide](#) from the prior academic cycle. If any concerns you have are not addressed on the UCEAP website, in the Program Guide or the Advising Notes document, please contact the BSA adviser for this program.

### Advisor Contact Information

For BSA Adviser name, email and drop-in advising hours, visit <http://studyabroad.berkeley.edu/advising>

### All Mexico Programs:

**U.S. Citizens:** All U.S. citizens need a passport to study abroad in Mexico.

**Mexican Citizens:** Students who are Mexican citizens have no restrictions on applying to EAP-Mexico programs. They do not need visas to study in Mexico.

**Non-U.S. Citizens:** EAP supplies visa forms and information only to U.S. citizens applying to study in Mexico. International students should contact the Mexican consulate to inquire how to apply for a visa to study in Mexico. The EAP Office will not supply any special assistance to non-U.S. citizens applying for visas.

**Verification of Language Prerequisites for Mexico City Programs:** All students must have academic verification of language acquisition at the college level (grades on college transcripts, AP, IB, or SAT test scores). Students who do not have academic verification, but believe they have equivalent knowledge, will have to take a language test under the auspices of the Spanish Department at UCB. Instructions for signing up for the test are found at the "Satisfaction of Language Prerequisite" link in the relevant EAP-Mexico online application.

**Finishing Language Prerequisites before departure:** You can take prerequisite language courses the semester or summer before departure for the program, if the timing works out with the start date of the program—you must begin on time. However, you won't be cleared for participation on the program until the language courses are completed, and their completion is verified to the Mexico adviser by an email or postcard from your instructor or proof of the grade on an official transcript. Students are required to attain a grade of B or better in all college-level language courses.

**The best way to find out if any Mexico program is a good match for you** is to talk to student alumni of the programs. Email the Mexico Adviser to ask for email addresses of students who have completed the program in the recent past.

**Field Research, UC Center Mexico City, Fall (Spring by extension to Spring UNAM ONLY):**

**Program Dates:** Pay careful attention to the start date of the program: the program starts during the summer. It is not possible to arrive late to the program because of a job, internship or other summer school coursework commitments.

***The FRP is a set menu of courses.*** It is not possible to take any additional courses or substitute any other coursework. The first three courses, Intensive Spanish, Contemporary Mexico and Research Methodology, are offered in the first six weeks of the program while the students are in Mexico City. The third course, the Field Research Project, is offered in the last 9 weeks of the program while students are at the field research sites.

**Field Research Topics:** It is possible do to a field research project in almost any field of study.

**Extension to Spring UNAM Program:** Fall FRP students can extend to the Spring UNAM semester if they have a 2.85 or higher cumulative GPA.

**National Autonomous Univ. of Mexico (UNAM) Fall, Year, (Spring by extension from Fall ONLY):**

**Program Dates:** Pay careful attention to the start date of the program: the program starts during the summer. It is not possible to arrive late to the program because of a job, internship or other summer school coursework commitments.

**Intensive Language Program:** There is a mandatory Intensive Language Program for the first four weeks of the program. Students will be tested when the program starts and placed into an appropriate level of Spanish. Any student wishing to petition out of the ILP must email their request to the Mexico Adviser.

**Intensive Language Program Course Descriptions:** It isn't possible to access the ILP course descriptions from the Course Catalog if looking at UNAM courses. Go to the Field Research section of the Course Catalog and look for Spanish 112 through 116.

**UNAM Fall:** Fall semester students can extend to stay for the following Spring Semester.