Program focus:
Acquisition of Mixtec language. The Center for Latin American Studies at SDSU sponsors a summer program in Oaxaca, Mexico. The program focuses on the acquisition of Mixtec, an Indigenous language spoken by people in the Mexican States of Oaxaca, Puebla, and Guerrero as well as in migrant communities on the northern Mexican border and in the United States.

SDSU language courses offered for credit:
(1) LATAM 110 – Elementary Mixtec I;
(2) LATAM 111 – Elementary Mixtec II (3) LATAM 210 – Intermediate Mixtec III

Daily schedule: Monday through Thursday: from 8:00am-1:00pm. (may vary)

Additional features: The Mixtec course includes classroom instruction by Mixtec professors trained in second language acquisition. The course is taught in Spanish and offers 140 hours of instruction plus weekend fieldtrips over a six-week period; this includes overnight visits to two different Mixtec communities, market centers, and historic sites.

Living accommodations: The Mixtec program does not include homestay or housing arrangements. However, you will receive a housing contact list so that you are able to contact and arrange your housing before you arrive in Oaxaca.

Program costs: The program cost for the Mixtec program is $4,500. This includes all material fees, fieldtrip costs, membership in the Welte Institute, language instruction and SDSU registration fees. It does not include transportation to and from Oaxaca, or housing in Oaxaca. Spanish immersion courses are independent of SDSU and have a separate price structure of approximately $100.00 per week. A non-refundable $100 deposit must be turned in with your application. The deposit will apply towards the cost of the program. Students applying for FLAS must submit the Fellowship/Scholarship Verification Form in lieu of the deposit.

Scholarships: The summer program qualifies for the Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship and the Less Commonly Taught Language (LCTL) Scholarship. The FLAS is available through national research centers. The LCTL Scholarship is available to students and community members working with Mixtec and Zapotec communities. The scholarship covers a substantial portion of the program cost. The LCTL Scholarship application is available online at latinamericanstudies.sdsu.edu

SDSU-wide scholarships are also available at: www.sdsu.edu/scholarships
Click on “Associate Students Study Abroad Scholarship” for guidelines.
How to apply:
Applications for all the courses are available online at: latinamericanstudies.sdsu.edu. Please fax, mail, email, or hand-deliver your application to:

Summer Study Abroad Programs Coordinator  
Center for Latin American Studies, AL 377  
5500 Campanile Dr.  
San Diego, CA 92182-6038  
Tel. (619) 594-1103  
Fax (619) 594-5474  
classtdy@mail.sdsu.edu

Acceptance to the program:
Upon acceptance to the program, students must provide the following documents. Items 1-3 must be mailed directly.

1. Study Abroad Medical Self-Assessment
2. Two passport size photos. These can be taken at any CVS, Walmart or postal office.
3. Travel Agreement/Waiver
4. Proof of insurance
5. Copy of passport
Which level are you applying to:
LATAM 110 – Elementary Mixtec I
LATAM 111 – Elementary Mixtec II
LATAM 210 – Intermediate Mixtec III

I. Personal Information

Name: __________________________________________

Street address: __________________________________________

City: __________________________ State: ______ Zip Code: ______

Phone Number(s): __________________________________________

Email address: __________________________________________

II. Academic Information

Graduate_________ or Undergraduate__________ GPA:________

Major __________________________ Minor________________________

Currently Enrolled Academic Institution:________________________

RED ID (If SDSU Student) or License/ID (If not SDSU Student):

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III. Spanish Language Proficiency

B= Beginner      I= Intermediate      A= Advance      N=Native

Reading ________ Speaking ________

IV. Special needs or comments (use a separate sheet if needed).
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II. Essay

Essay Format: In 500-750 words, elaborate on your interest in participating in this program.