

Global Learning Semesters

Course Syllabus

Course: Mayan Cultures

Department: History

Host Institution: Universidad Autónoma de Guadalajara, México



Course Summary		
Course Code	Course Title	Recommended Credit Hours
n/a	Mayan Cultures	3
Subject	Contact Hours	Prerequisites
History	42	None
Department	Level of Course	Language of Instruction
History	Upper-Division	English

Course Description

This course aims to provide students with a general introduction to the Mayan culture of Mexico and Central America.

Prerequisites (if applicable)

None

Instructor

Professor Guillermo de la Torre

Course Outline

Introduction

1. Mesoamérica: Concepts & Geographic Characteristics
2. Eras of Mesoamérica
 - a. Formative
 - b. Classic
 - c. Post-Classic
3. The Mayas
 - a. The Mayan Area
 - b. Geographic Location
 - c. Area Characteristics
 - i. Soil
 - ii. Climate
 - iii. Natural Resources
 - d. Population Growth – The Settlements
 - e. Constructions – The Location
 - f. Monuments
 - i. Copán
 - ii. Tikal
 - iii. Bonampak
 - iv. Palenque
 - v. Loltún
 - vi. Other Sites
 - g. The Mayan-Toltec Cycle

Duration: 36 hours (+ 6 hours of co-curricular site visits with required written reports)