

## 6 week program

# Social Realities in Latin America

An Integrated Approach to Regional Culture and Development Studies

January 11th to February 21, 2026

"Social Realities in Latin America" is an academic program meant to sharpen the students' awareness of the main development concerns and social challenges in the region. The key factors of the program are an appealing balance of academic and social activities, full cultural immersion, and direct contact with experts, NGOs and the local population.



### Elements of the program

#### Spanish Language Course

Placement in different groups according to each student's level.

40 hrs

#### Visit to NGOs:

- Weekly thematic visits to NGOs.
- Integration activities with the community.

5 days

#### Service Learning Workshop (taught in English)

- Basic methodology of social projects: Analysis of macro- and micro-environment; planning, implementation and assessment.
- Meetings & discussions with experts.

30 hrs

#### Excursions

- Leisure activities and weekend trips to touristic must-see sites.

#### Thematic Lectures (taught in English)

- Relevant theoretical and conceptual background for the program.
- 1 topic per week (week 1 to 5).

40 hrs

#### Study Trip

- Visit to cultural and natural highlights in one of the country's most impressive regions (Cuetzalan).
- Approach to indigenous communities and their way of living.

1 week

Topics:

Human Rights

Poverty and Social Inequality

Indigenous Studies

Migration

Environment and Sustainability

## About 'IBERO'

Universidad Iberoamericana is considered one of Mexico's most prestigious universities, distinguished by its high academic standards and strong social commitment. The Mexico City campus is located within the Santa Fe business district (western part of town).



## Curricular value and credits

The academic contents of the program are configured at undergraduate level. The overall workload comprises 165 hours of activities (lectures, workshops, supervised visits to NGOs, etc.), plus individual study time. The credit value of the course corresponds to 7.5 semester credit hours (U.S.) or 15 ECTS (European system).

## General requirements

- Legal age at the moment the application is submitted.
- Formally enrolled at an accredited university, with good academic standing.
- Having completed 1 full year or more of university studies at the beginning of the program.
- Fluent English language skills. Basic Spanish language

## Fees

- Application fee (non-refundable): \$65 USD
- Program fee: \$5,600 USD per person.
- Transportation to Ibero: approximately 160 pesos per day and person.

## Program includes

- ❖ Tuition and program fees (workshops, Spanish language courses, thematic lectures, etc.)
- ❖ Housing during the whole program
- ❖ Local transportation to and from all activities.
- ❖ Welcome lunch and farewell dinner, lunch on campus throughout the program
- ❖ Expert meetings and workshops
- ❖ 2 weekend trips; cultural/social activities
- ❖ Weekly field visits and activities with NGOs
- ❖ One week-long study trip to Puebla and Cuetzalan
- ❖ Access to campus facilities (gymnasium, infirmary, computer labs, counseling services, etc.)
- ❖ Entrance fees & professional guides
- ❖ Medical insurance

## Application documents

- Copy of valid passport
- Filled out [application form](#)
- Transcript of grades from the home university
- Payment of the application fee\*
- [Health certificate](#) (may be submitted at a later stage of the application process)
- The non-refundable application fee has to be paid online prior to the submission of the program application (the payment details will be sent by email upon request).

## Deadlines

- Application deadline: **November 1st, 2025.**
- Full payment of the program fee is required by: **November 14th, 2025.**





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