Classes will be held at the language school of the Universidad Autónoma Benito Juárez de Oaxaca. You will have a couple of conversation partners, Mexican students your age who are studying English at the university. You can practice your new communication skills in Spanish and learn about Mexican culture while helping your conversation partners develop their skills in English. You will live in a homestay with a family. We will also go on various field trips, including visits to markets, artisans’ studios, historical sites, and museums. You will learn directly about the culture from local, indigenous people. Oaxaca is known for its cuisine, including its chocolate, and we will all have a cooking lesson to learn about this important part of the local culture.

Humboldt State University
Intercultural Communication in Oaxaca
Department of Communications Studies

About Us:
Dr. Armeda Reitzel
(707) 826-3779
acr1@humboldt.edu

For more details:
Phone: 707-826-4142
Email: internat@humboldt.edu

To Apply:
http://www.humboldt.edu/goabroad
Program Overview
The Intercultural Communication Study Abroad Program in Oaxaca, Mexico is a unique opportunity to study and engage in intercultural communication and communication development in Spanish.

Students will experience intercultural communication firsthand while taking a 4-semester-unit Intercultural Communication (Comm 322) course in Oaxaca, Mexico. Each student will have conversation partners in the university community. We will learn about the Mexican and the local Zapotec cultures. We have a field trip planned for each week.

Program Dates
Check humboldt.edu/goabroad

Courses
COMM 322 Intercultural Communication - 4 units.

Program Preview
Spending a day in Ocotlán de Morelos

This is the largest town in the southern valley and was once the home of Maestro Rodolfo Morales. Through his own foundation, La Fundación Rodolfo Morales, Maestro Morales restored the XVI Century convent and church, and initiated a computer centre in his home that offers free lessons to school children. We will visit his home to see a collection of his artwork, the convent where there is a folk art and colonial exhibition, and the town hall where the Maestro Morales painted an outstanding mural. We will visit the local market.

Taking a walk through history at Monte Albán

Monte Albán is one of the largest and most spectacular archaeological jewels of Mexico. We will learn about the origins of the Zapotec culture and the importance of one of the greatest cultures of Latin America. We will visit the ruins and museums.

Learning about traditional Oaxacan cuisine

Oaxaca is known for its fine cuisine. Since food is an integral part of culture and intercultural communication, we will have a cooking lesson that includes the history of Oaxacan foods and traditional meals as well as instructions for making various dishes.

General Site Information
Oaxaca is a state in southern Mexico known for its indigenous cultures. Its capital city of the same name is noted for colonial buildings often made of green volcanic stone. In the main square, El Zócalo, stands the baroque Catedral de Oaxaca. Beyond the city, pre-Columbian archaeological sites include Mitla, Yagul and Monte Albán, the Zapotec capital dating to around 500 B.C.E.

When you are in Oaxaca, you will have lots of opportunities to interact with different Oaxacans.

At the end of the summer experience in Oaxaca you will have the opportunity to analyze and articulate what you have learned through a variety of reflection activities. You will be taught strategies for re-entry shock and your transition back into the U.S. Most importantly, you will leave Oaxaca with new, firsthand knowledge about culture, communication, and, most importantly, yourself in a global community.