



The Open School of Ethnography and Anthropology  
Community Institute of Transcultural Exchange

**osea** is a non-degree school “without walls”  
For Undergrads and Graduate Students.

**osea** specializes in on-site, interactive learning in  
Yucatán, México.

**osea** provides you a way to attain your out-of-classroom  
educational objectives with expert guidance and  
innovative learning strategies.

**osea** is ideal for those working in Anthropology, Latin  
American Studies, Cultural Studies, and related  
humanities, social sciences, and arts.

**osea** is ideal for Undergraduates seeking study abroad  
experience and cultural immersion among the Maya  
people of México.

**osea** is ideal for Graduate Students seeking  
advanced, on-site training and experience in the design  
and practice of research.



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**Student Endorsements:**

“During the final days of field school when I had submitted my ethnography, I was able to understand the remarkable academic experience I had just achieved. For me, OSEA field school was a life changing experience. In two months I grew as an individual and managed to conduct and finish research in my area of study. Currently, I am applying to professional school and I can honestly say that OSEA has ranked as my most meaningful experience on all of my resumes. I recommend OSEA to any student, no matter what their area of study may be.” Gabi (OSEA 2010)

“I have been hired by a new non-profit and it is the most perfect job I could imagine for myself. But what did we talk about in the interview? Why did my new boss hire me? The first question he asked was, “What is this time you spent in Mexico?” He hired me because of the anthropological viewpoint I brought to the issues we discussed and because of the great story I told him about what I learned in Pisté. Yes, I’m sure four years of college was a part of what made me qualified. But those two months mattered, disproportionately so. Not only that, but I have OSEA and you to thank for pointing me in the right direction and arming me with a lens with which to view the world on a personal level. I’m so excited about this job, I can’t help but bubble over.” Michelle (OSEA 2010)

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**osea** is based  
in Bloomington,  
Indiana, USA

**osea** programs  
are conducted in  
Pisté, Yucatán,  
México, the  
Maya community  
three kms from  
Chichén Itzá.



**osea** provides training in ethnography  
cultural anthropology, collaborative  
fieldwork, inter-disciplinary  
methodologies



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**OSEA**  
Interdisciplinary Field  
Study Abroad

6 Week Programs  
June 21 to August 1 2015



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**Chichén Itzá, Yucatán,  
México**

*One of the New  
Seven Wonders of the World*



“The program had a very flexible structure, always tailored to our wants and needs... extremely accommodating to a variety of learning and working styles. The educational experience was invaluable”

### • Maya Health, Healing & Belief

Study how Maya negotiate their traditional beliefs about health, healing, and illness in relation to Western allopathic medicine and transnational culture. Projects include Anthropology of Food and fieldwork with traditional healers such as midwives, bone-setters, herbalists, ritual-spiritualists

### Ethnography Field School

Participants are trained in ethnographic fieldwork methods while conducting research in ongoing interdisciplinary research projects.

Participants can work on individual research projects or do team-based research

### Design and Conduct a Fieldwork Project in one of three areas

#### • Sustainable Community Tourism

Action Research in visual ethnography and focus groups to document tourism resources, attractions, and activities; create community tourism websites; Interview tourists & tourism workers to analyze and develop plans for sustainable community tourism

#### • Emerging Cultures & Subjectivities in Contexts of Globalization

Using participant observation investigate changing subjectivities, sexualities, popular culture, values, language, and world views in relation to globalization, specifically new smart technologies, interactive media and consumerism

## OSEA Field Study Abroad

### 6 Week Programs

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- ⇒ Interdisciplinary Ethnography
- ⇒ Teach English Service Learning
- ⇒ Maya Health & Healing
- ⇒ Sustainable Community

Up to 8 credits in Anthropology

- Accredited University Transcript by OSEA Partner Universidad de Autónoma de Yucatán

osea Program Fees include:

- Tuition and program field trips
- Cultural and Linguistic Immersion
- Homestay with a Maya Family

### Open to:

- **Undergraduates**  
*(majors in any social science and humanities fields)*
- **Non-Students who have completed BA/BS**
- **Graduate Students** *(Masters or Ph.D. any field)*
- **Professors, Teachers, Researchers**

### PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- Minimum 1-year college-level Spanish or 2-years of high school Spanish or fluency
- GPA of 2.4 or higher

“This experience was one of the most memorable of my life!”

Experience Cultural Immersion



“Pisté is an amazing place to do fieldwork. The people are so friendly, open and helpful.”



OSEA offers Intensive Spanish to maximize your language proficiency

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