

OSEA Intensive Maya Remote Course Syllabus 2020

The Summer 2020 OSEA Intensive Maya Program is now taught entirely as a remote classroom via Zoom teleconferencing. Maya is an Indigenous language spoken in the Yucatán peninsula in México and one of the approximately thirty-two Mayan languages comprising the Mayan language family. It is the only Mayan language whose proper name is Maya. The common Anglophone term, “Yucatec Maya,” is a scientific jargon term invented by linguists to differentiate the language properly named Maya with other Mayan languages, each of which have their own proper name, and from Proto-Mayan.

Course Description

In this course students learn to read, write, speak, listen, and converse in Maya.

The OSEA Maya course relies on innovative methodologies using video, online, and written resources, including materials created for this course by the professor. Language competencies and proficiencies build on learning cultural knowledge about Maya peoples, histories, and society provided by the course. We focus on Maya conceptualization of time and how these temporalities are integrated into syntactical and conjugational verb forms.

The course uses educational documentaries, Maya language videos created by the professor as well as available on YouTube, and authentic Maya language literature. There are no course prerequisites for Beginning Year One Maya. Spanish is not required for any Maya language course. Intermediate Level Year Two Maya requires one year of beginning Maya or equivalent (140 contact hours of instruction). The course is combined undergrad and grad level. The professor accommodates graduate student research specializations in linguistics, anthropology, history, folklore, theatre, comparative literature, and social sciences generally with topical information and homework that is related to these disciplinary and research concerns.

Requirements

- Beginning Maya, no prior coursework is required.
- Intermediate Maya, one year or equivalent of Maya (minimum of 140 contact hours)

150 Contact Hours

Coursework consists of 5 hours a day of classroom contact hours with the instructors; 5 days a week (25 hours a week, for six weeks of instruction)

- Beginning Maya is equivalent to 8 credits based on a total 150 contact hours
- Intermediate and Advanced Maya, 6 credit courses. Total 150 contact hours

Program Costs and Dates:

- Tuition for Intensive Maya Program is \$5,000
- Homestays and Field trips — *not available in 2020*
- Six Weeks, June 7 through July 18, 2020

Course Materials included in program cost are:

- Spoken Maya Lessons by Blair and Vermont, hardcopy textbook and audio
- Ko'ox Kanik M'áaya T'aan (course textbook) by Quetzil Castañeda, textbook, audio, & video
- Supplementary Materials: glossaries & authentic Maya language texts
- Students buy out of pocket:
 - Dictionary of Maya as Spoken in Hocaba by Bricker et al.
 - Maya Dictionary by John Montgomery
- Details on the textbooks, materials, and their use is discussed in full syllabus.