

Beginning Spanish

65.120/6 credits

Outtatown Discipleship School, a program of CMU

Course Syllabus 2007/2008

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Course Description

Starting with an introduction to some common Spanish expressions in the first semester, the students will then receive five weeks of Spanish language instruction while living with a Spanish family during their three months of intensive cultural engagement in Guatemala during the second semester. The Spanish classes are taught by instructors of Academia De Profesores Privados De Espanol (APPE) in Antigua, under the jurisdiction of the Universidad Rural De Guatemala and certified by the Guatemalan Department of Education. This course will fulfill the requirements for 65.120/6 Beginning Spanish and is available in the Guatemala program only. See www.appeschool.com for more information.

Methodology:

Students spend 5 weeks living with a family that speaks only Spanish. At the same time they are attending morning classes Monday through Friday from 8:00 to 12:00 where they are placed in a class of 4/5 students with a qualified instructor. These are intensive Spanish classes, and the instruction includes grammar, vocabulary, verb conjugations, idioms and conversation. Throughout their time in Guatemala students will have endless opportunities to develop their conversational Spanish skills on the street and in the markets.

Evaluation:

Students will receive a final grade from their instructor in the APPE program. This is based on frequent testing and a final exam. This together with demonstrated ability to negotiate basic language requirements for travel and events will result in a final grade. If a student wishes to withdraw from the Spanish program due to difficulties accessing the language or due to health reasons, they may do so with the consent of their mentor by March 15, 2008. This will then be recorded on the transcript as a withdrawal.

APPE weekly test and exam results	60%
Cultural engagement	20%
Language usage by the end of the semester	20%