

Natural Colors: Oaxaca, Mexico

Winter Intersession Travel (Jan. 3-12, 2012); Fall semester meetings
AT650: 1 hour (credit/no credit); Instructor permission

Program

Journey into the world of Oaxaca's natural colors. From colonial building walls, frescos in temples, fibers in weavings, and pigments in pottery, paintings and paper, natural color is everywhere. Participants will learn about the historic and contemporary use of natural dyes and pigments through visits with artisans (weavers, dyers, potters, painters, papermakers), cochineal cultivators, museums, and archeological sites.

Highlights

- Visit artisans who search the hillsides for soils for use as pigment slips and paints to color their artwork. Learn how earth pigments are being used in restoration. Try painting with egg tempera and natural pigments.
- Meet with a master dyer from the largest tapestry weaving village and see how plants become a spectacular array of colors. Tour where the world's best natural red dye, cochineal, is cultivated. Visit one of the last surviving silk production areas in Mexico where cooperative members weave their handspun silk on backstrap and floor looms.
- Immersion into a culturally vital place, from small villages to thriving markets, archeological sites, and the vibrant streets of Oaxaca City. Participate in an innovative dyeing workshop at the Textile Museum with weavers and dyers from Oaxaca state.

Costs

Program Fees: \$2,370 (accommodations, in-country transportation, 19 meals, guide, admissions; international medical insurance, study abroad and contingency fees)

Anticipated Additional Expenditures: airfare, passport, phone charges, taxi to/from hotel, remaining meals, immunizations, journal

K-State Tuition and Fees: UG \$252.70. GRAD \$331.60

Payment Schedule

September 12, 2011 Deposit and Application

October 20, 2011 Full Payment

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