

NKU Office of Education Abroad presents...



Alternative Spring Break

MEXICO CITY-2010



A week of fun and community service in Mexico City and the town of Tepoztlan. Stay with host families and sample true Mexican culture. March 6–13, 2010.

For more information, contact the **Office of Education Abroad (UC 415)** at 859-572-6908.

What is it?

An opportunity for you to spend Spring Break in Mexico doing volunteer service work in the city and countryside. You live with host families, learn about Mexican culture and society firsthand, and have a bit of time for tourism, too.

When is it?

March 6–13, 2010, coinciding with NKU's Spring Break.

What kind of work do we do?

Last year we helped two Community Development Centers and one YMCA home for street children in impoverished urban neighborhoods by doing maintenance work and participating in their youth program activities. We also visited AMANC, a long-term care facility and residence for children with cancer, and participated in activities with the children.

Can I get academic credit?

Yes! All students will enroll in a 1-credit-hour INTL 300: International Service Learning course.

Where do we stay?

We will stay with host families in Mexico City, with an overnight excursion to the mountain village of Tepoztlán. Some of the host families have family members in their late teens and early twenties who serve as guides for NKU students.

**Is there time for tourism?**

Weekends and evenings are available for tourism. Last year the group spent a day at the pyramids of Teotihuacán. Evenings in the city are usually spent "on the town" with host families.

How much does it cost?

The cost varies with the airfare and subsidies we are able to obtain. The actual cost will run from \$1,000 to \$1,300. This includes airfare, ground transportation, lodging and most meals. With fundraising and subsidies, expect to pay between \$900 and \$1,100. Contact the Office of Education Abroad (859-572-6908) for an update on cost and information on scholarship opportunities.

Who is eligible to go?

Any NKU student in good standing. Our group will include two NKU faculty/staff members and up to 13 students.

Is knowledge of Spanish necessary?

No. We request that the YMCA place all students with no Spanish language skills in homes of families with an English speaker. Some basic knowledge of the Spanish language would be very helpful, but is not required. Our group will meet before the trip to practice some basic Spanish words and phrases.

How do I apply to go?

Get an application from the Office of Education Abroad in University Center 415, or online at <http://studyabroad.nku.edu>, and return it to the office when completed. A \$200 deposit is required with your application and the **application deadline is Tuesday, December 1.**