

Sin Fronteras 2017

SOC WEL 272: Health and Human Services in Mexico

What is *Sin Fronteras* 2017?

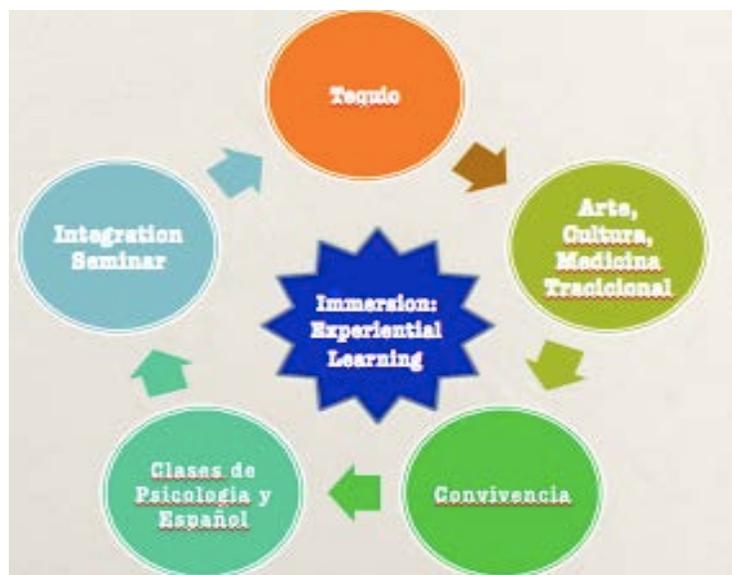
Sin Fronteras 2017 is a summer sessions course that takes place in Oaxaca, Mexico.

Why Oaxaca?

Oaxaca is a hub for the arts, history, archeology, architecture, gastronomy, and traditional healing practices because many indigenous remain relatively in tact. Participants will gain a transnational perspective as they build their language skills and explore their own cultural values and biases. By participating in *Sin Fronteras*, Latino and non-Latino social work students will be immersed in Oaxacan culture; in doing so, they will be exposed to a myriad of culturally-rooted resources and strengths, that will inform their practice with Mexican and other Latino immigrant communities in California.

Sin Fronteras is an experiential learning experience that includes:

- *Convivencia*: interacting and collaborating with local students, host families and other community members
- *Tequio*: an indigenous tradition that whereby all community members pitch in and “give back”.
- Participation in cultural events and travel to local communities
- Spanish-language instruction (levels ranging from advanced-beginning to technical Spanish for fluent Spanish-speakers)
- Coursework taught by local faculty in psychology, traditional medicine, history and sociology,
- Integration seminar



When will it be offered?

Program dates are May 30- June 30, 2017. Language instruction, service learning, colloquia and integration seminars will take place Monday through Thursday from approximately 9:00 am to 1:00pm and again from 4:00pm to 6:00pm and some Saturdays. Mandatory pre-departure Saturday orientation sessions will take place in March, April and May.

Who is eligible to participate?

Sin Fronteras 2017 will be open to all Berkeley Social Welfare graduate students, students from other graduate MSW programs, and other mental health professionals. Applicants must speak Spanish language at an advanced-beginner level to be considered.

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How do I apply?

All potential participants must submit a pre-screening application prior to receiving the Course Control Number to enroll in SOC WEL 272. The application is a Qualtrics survey form available online at: https://berkeleyssw.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_37BhNOBxRZexWUI

Applications must be submitted online via the Qualtrics link by 5:00pm, Tuesday, January 17, 2017:

https://berkeleyssw.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_37BhNOBxRZexWUI

What are the requirements to participate?

All participants must:

- Be able to **speak and understand Spanish at an advanced beginner level**. Participants will be asked to verify language capacity in the pre-screening application.
- Register for the 3-unit Berkeley Summer Sessions SOC WEL 272 course in by the summer registration deadline (see Summer Sessions registration information at <http://summer.berkeley.edu/registration>).
- **Have or obtain a valid U.S. passport.**
- Register the trip to Mexico with UC for **mandatory Student Off-Campus Travel Insurance** for accident/sudden illness coverage; and provide evidence of adequate personal health insurance (UC SHIP or other) prior to departure.
- Sign and agree to abide by all provisions of a *Financial Disclaimer, Waiver of Liability, Assumption of Risk, and Indemnity Agreement*; and the *Core Expectations and Professional Conduct Agreement*.

How much does it cost? Is financial aid available?

The *minimum* estimated total cost for this activity, which includes registration for Summer Sessions units, language school tuition, housing, and air travel, is **approximately \$5,500** including additional travel, food and entertainment.

Estimated Budget

Homestay (38 nights including breakfast and comida, and airport pick-up)	950.00
Becari enrollment fees (includes enrollment fee, language classes and other courses)	820.00
5-6 tours/cultural activities	200.00
Stipend for service learning organizations	125.00
UC Berkeley registration	1,866.00
Round-trip Air Fare (cost varies \$300-\$1000)	800.00
Spending money	750.00
TOTAL:	5,511.00

Where will I stay while in Mexico?

Housing will be arranged by Becari Tonanzin, our partner language school. There are two housing options. Students can stay with local host families in or near downtown Oaxaca, where they are provided with private rooms, breakfast and lunch. Students will also have the option to stay in an apartment with another student (this option is slightly more costly and does not include meals).

To learn more about the experiences of past Sin Fronteras participants, please go to:

<http://socialwelfare.berkeley.edu/sin-fronteras>

or visit our Facebook page at: <http://www.facebook.com/Sswintercambio>