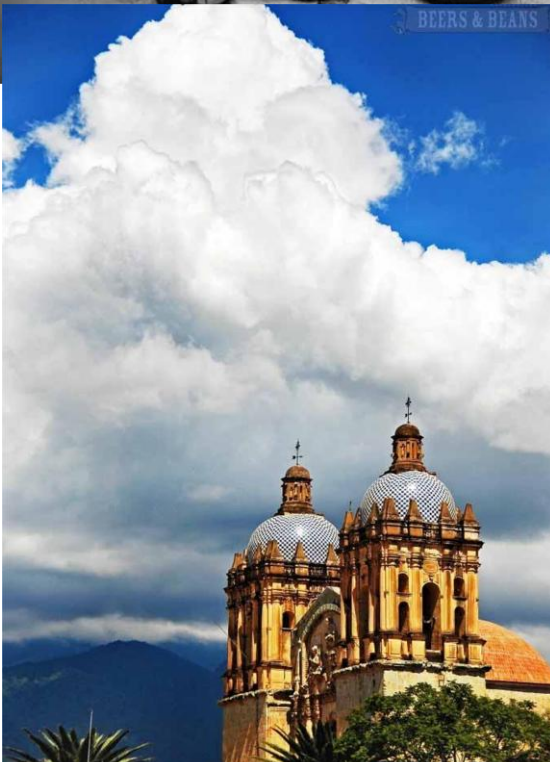


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An intersection:

Oaxaca is the perfect travel location for Walter Payton students who study Spanish. This region of southern Mexico exposes the layers of civilizations, cultures, and languages that comprise the vibrant Mexican culture. Students can visit ancient ruins, explore relics of the Spanish conquest, and witness evidence of the interaction between time-honored traditions and our modern world.

Payton has a strong partnership with the Instituto Cultural Oaxaca. The Institute and the Spanish department, will build on successful previous trips to create a program that will provide intensive language classes in the morning, and cultural and historical excursions in the afternoons. These daily experiences will include learning culinary traditions through cooking classes, studying the art of weaving and mask-making with local artisans, and practicing customary dancing and music with professional musicians.



- 9-11 days
- 18 students
- Language and culture classes
- Daily excursions
- Homestays with local families
- \$1,350-\$1,450

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Courses offered through the Instituto Cultural Oaxaca (ICO):

- Conversation
- History of Mexico
- History of the region of Oaxaca
- Mexican Cinema
- Oaxacan cuisine
- Mexican music
- Ceramics
- Traditional weaving
- Alebrijes
- Salsa and Merengue
- Oaxacan painters



Sample daily itinerary:

8:00am	Breakfast with host family
9:00 am	Conversation class at ICO
10:30am	History of Zapotecs
12:30pm	Lunch with host family
2:00pm	Excursion to ruins at Monte Alban
7:30pm	Intercambio
8:30pm	Students return to homestays

Excursions:

- Ruins of Mitla
- Market of Tlacolula
- Fundacion Via
- Mercado Benito Juarez
- Zocalo
- Santo Domingo
- Village of Atzompa
- Ruins of Monte Alban
- Sierra Norte Ecoturs

