

# UF in Mérida

**Tropical Ecology & Spanish**  
**Summer B: June 23-July 26, 2014 (Tentative)**

## About the Program

Experience life in tropical Mexico. Hike through caves. Sleep in a hammock. Visit ancient Maya archaeological sites. Travel to contemporary Maya villages. See monkeys, crocodiles, sea turtles, and flamingoes. Take a boat trip through the mangroves. Sample Yucatecan cuisine. Hear new music. Dance to exotic rhythms. Live with a Mexican family in the beautiful, modern city of Mérida. Experience all this and more through the University of Florida/Autonomous University of Yucatán (UADY) Summer B Program in Mérida, Yucatán, Mexico. You will receive 3 credits for Spanish, 3 credits for Tropical Ecology, and 2 credits for Humans and the Environment of the Yucatan Peninsula. Join us for fun classes and weekly field trips and have an unforgettable summer!

## About the Location

Mérida is located in Southeast Mexico, about 20 miles from the Gulf. Often called "The White City," Merida is one of the safest cities in the world and is famous for its rich culture.

## Excursions

You will go on weekly field trips as a part of this program.

## Housing

You will participate in a homestay with a Mexican family. Meals with the host family are included in the program cost.

*Gain an Understanding of the Structure and Function of Ecosystems on the Yucatán Peninsula.*

*Develop Conversational Spanish Ability.*

*Integrate into Mexican Life Through Daily Interactions with a Host Family and Local University Students.*



## Course Information

Department of Geological Sciences  
Courses are taught by UF and UADY Faculty

**GLY4930: Tropical Ecology**  
(3 UF GPA credits)

**GLY4930: Humans and the Environment of the Yucatan Peninsula**  
(2 UF GPA credits)

**Beginning, Intermediate, or Advanced Spanish Course**  
(3 UADY transfer credits)

*The GLY4930 courses are taught in English.*  
Total Number of Credits Offered: 8



### Application Information

2014 Application Deadline:  
**April 5, 2014**

Please apply online at [www.ufic.ufl.edu/sas](http://www.ufic.ufl.edu/sas)

### Eligibility/Requirements

- open to all majors
- GPA requirements vary by college
- students in good standing

### Financial Aid

Most financial aid that you would receive on campus during the summer can be applied toward the cost of this study abroad program.

UFIC recommends that you speak with your financial aid advisor about your financial aid eligibility for study abroad. More information can be found at Student Financial Affairs

### Scholarships

UFIC offers summer scholarships for qualified students. This year's summer scholarship deadline is **February 5, 2014**. Apply online at [www.ufic.ufl.edu/sas/Scholarships.html](http://www.ufic.ufl.edu/sas/Scholarships.html)

### 2014 Pricing

2014 Undergraduate Program Fee: **TBA**

2014 Graduate Program Fee: **TBA**

A \$300 nonrefundable deposit toward the total cost of the program is due at the time of application. The remaining fees are due no later than 45 days prior to departure.

If you receive financial aid, you can defer payment until it disburses. Deferment decision will be based on the amount of aid to be received.

### What's Included:

Tuition for 8 credits, room and board with a host family, weekly excursions (travel, hotels, meals, admission to archaeological sites, boat rentals, etc.), orientation, cost of instruction, international health insurance, and medical emergency assistance.

### What's Not Included:

round-trip airfare, additional personal travel, and personal expenses.

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