The Mayan Language Institute is a six-week intensive language immersion program in Kaqchikel Maya and K’iche’ Maya. Students study with both U.S. faculty and native speakers and participate on cultural activities, lectures, discussions, and excursions. With more than 1.5 million K’iche’ and Kaqchikel speakers in Guatemala, the goal of the institute is to help students develop and advance proficiency in their chosen language and to gain a better understanding of the cultural and political contexts that have affected the historical development and preservation of the language. Efforts to protect these languages are playing a pivotal role in the Mayan struggle to regain control over their political and cultural destiny.

Students pursuing K’iche’ Maya will spend one week in Antigua and five weeks in Nahualá, and will be placed with local family homestays. Students pursuing Kaqchikel Maya will spend six weeks in Antigua and will be responsible for finding their own local lodging accommodations and meals. Classes in Antigua will take place at the Proyecto Lingüístico Francisco Marroquín (PLFM), a language school founded in 1969 whose mission is to teach, investigate, and preserve Mayan languages and culture. Students are encouraged to extend their stay in Guatemala beyond the program end date to continue developing their language skills.

COURSES OFFERED:
- ANTH 6870: Kaqchikel Maya Culture (3 credits)
- ANTH 6840/7570/7580: Beginning, Intermediate, or Advanced Kaqchikel Language (3 credits)
- ANTH 6860: K’iche’ Maya Culture (3 credits)
- ANTH 6845/6850/6855: Beginning, Intermediate, or Advanced K’iche’ Language (3 credits)

PROGRAM COST:
K’iche’ Maya: The cost of the six-week program is $6,300. Tuition costs ($5,000) include six Tulane credits (tuition for two courses, transferable to other universities). Housing & logistics costs ($1,300) include local family home-stays (one week in Antigua; five weeks in Nahualá) and three meals per day (except Sundays), medical insurance, transportation to/from the airport (GUA), and specialized group activities and excursions. Airfare to/from Antigua (GUA), extra meals, and incidental expenses, such as laundry, passport/visa fees, vaccinations, etc., are not included in the program cost.

Kaqchikel Maya: The cost of the six-week program is $5,800. Tuition costs ($5,000) include six Tulane credits (tuition for two courses, transferable to other universities). The logistics-only fee ($800) includes medical insurance, transportation to/from the airport (GUA), and specialized group activities and excursions. Airfare to/from Antigua (GUA), housing and meals, and incidental expenses, such as laundry, passport/visa fees, vaccinations, etc., are not included in the program cost.

Scholarships: This program qualifies as a Foreign Language Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship-eligible program with 140 contact hours of language instruction. For information on application procedures, eligible students should visit the website below. Note: The fellowship application and the program application are separate applications with separate deadlines.

PROGRAM APPLICATION:
Students interested in applying must be in good academic standing and have at least a current cumulative grade point average of 2.5. Students are recommended to have familiarity with Spanish. Non-Tulane students are welcome to apply, but should confirm with their home university that their credits will transfer. $50 non-refundable deposit required with application.
To view application requirements and apply online, visit stonecenter.tulane.edu/page/MLI

Application deadline: March 1, 2019
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