

The Department of Political Science and WSU Study Abroad present:

**PS 5999: Politics of Mexico/
Applied Field Research**
Winter 2017

**Hybrid course meets
Mondays 1-2:20PM
travel March 9-21, 2017
(exact dates TBD)**



Spend a semester studying Mexican politics and travel to Mexico to conduct your own research. Under the direction of Dr. Sharon Lean, students will meet weekly during Winter term for an intensive seminar held on the WSU campus. Over Spring Break we will fly to Mexico for **12 days of hands-on fieldwork in Mexico City and Oaxaca**. Dr. Lean will work with your professors to make necessary arrangements if travel overlaps with exams in other classes. This 3-credit seminar is open to upper-level undergraduates and graduate students in all departments and majors.

Objectives and benefits of the course:

The course combines intensive study of Mexican history and politics with instruction in qualitative field research methods. The class will help you to design and undertake an original research project and complete a paper suitable for conference presentation. Paper topics are not confined to Mexico: students interested in working on comparative cases are welcome. The overall approach is interdisciplinary, and students from departments other than Political Science are encouraged to apply. In Mexico, in addition to research activities, we will participate in university seminars with Mexican students and faculty at well-known research institutions. We will also take time to visit some of the country's most important political and archaeological sites.

Costs and requirements:

In addition to regular course tuition, students must cover their own travel costs. Study abroad fees are **estimated at \$1400** and cover flights, in-country transportation, travel/medical insurance, shared secure but simple accommodations, breakfasts and some group dinners. Students should budget an additional \$200-300 for "pocket money" for lunch and dinner, metro/taxi, recreation and shopping.

APPLICATION DEADLINE:

Interested students should **submit a short application by Friday December 9**. A valid passport is required. Spanish language fluency is not required. In addition, students must meet conditions set by Study Abroad at WSU. **For more information or to apply, go to Study Abroad at <http://studyabroad.wayne.edu/> or email Dr. Lean at sflean@wayne.edu.**