



## EARN CREDIT WITH 12 DAY TRIP TO THE "CITY OF ETERNAL SPRING" IN MEXICO June 20 -July 1st, 2024



**What?** Immerse yourself in the Spanish language and Mexican culture on this 12-day intensive program in Cuernavaca, Mexico. Cuernavaca is the capital of the state of Morelos, in central Mexico, and is located just 53 miles from Mexico City. Known around the world as "The City of Eternal Spring" for its pleasant climate, Cuernavaca has impressive scenery, archaeological ruins and haciendas, remarkable museums and a lively social scene.

**Why should I go?** This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity! You'll learn lots of Spanish. You'll stay with Mexican families. You'll earn college credit. You'll visit historical places, art museums, eat delicious food, learn to dance and do lots more fun things. You'll get an inside view of Mexico that you can never get as a simple tourist. On top of all that, learning Spanish and living abroad will be helpful in getting any type of job.

Check out our website ( [tctc.edu/studyaboradmexico](http://tctc.edu/studyaboradmexico)) to see pictures and hear what past participants have to say about their experiences in Mexico.

**Will I get credit?** Yes! You will enroll in IDS 207 Cultural Exploration (offered through the Tri-County's Humanities Department.) The 3 credit hours will count towards your associate degree at TCTC. It will also transfer to Clemson, University of South Carolina-Columbia, Anderson University, and others as elective credit, which counts for ALL majors.

**APPLY NOW!**

**Applications are due February 23, 2024**

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**Who can go?** Anyone with a serious interest in learning Spanish and experiencing another culture can go. A current minimum GPA of 2.0 is required. No Spanish background is required, but it is encouraged. There will be a pre-departure orientation to prepare you for the experience.

**How much does it cost?** About \$900, plus airfare and Tri-County Tuition. If you can't go because of the cost, don't let money stop you. Scholarships are available! There is also a payment plan available.

**What do I get for \$900?** All program fees in Cuernavaca, including Spanish grammar and/or conversational classes, room and board with a Mexican family (3 meals/day, double occupancy), airport transfers, day trips, excursions to historical and tourist sites, textbook, international health insurance

**What's not included?** Your tuition, airfare, passport, spending money, local taxi and bus fares, dinners, vaccinations or immunizations. If you'd like your airfare included, arrangements can be made.

**How do I apply?** Don't wait! The program is limited to 12 participants. Turn in the completed application form and an unofficial copy of your transcript to Trini Tumlin. Submit two recommendation forms (one personal and one academic) as soon as possible. **Application materials are due February 23, 2024.**

**Who are the faculty directors?**

*Trini Tumlin* is a Spanish Instructor at Tri-County Technical College and a native of Cuernavaca, Mexico.

Trini has directed the Study Abroad Program in Cuernavaca, México since 2006.

**How can I find out more information?**

1. Browse the website: [tctc.edu/studyaboradmexico](http://tctc.edu/studyaboradmexico)
2. Contact: Trini Tumlin, Easley campus 220, [ttumlin@tctc.edu](mailto:ttumlin@tctc.edu), 864-2208018

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Tri-County Technical College

## Study Abroad Application for Cuernavaca, Mexico

### June 20 -July 1st, 2024

Name (Last, First, Middle)		Preferred Name
Street Address	City, State	Zip Code
E-mail Address	Local Phone # ( )	Student ID #
How long have you studied at Tri-County?	Major Area of Study	Cumulative GPA
Name of Emergency Contact	Home Phone ( )	Work Phone ( )
Street Address	City, State	Zip Code
Are you a U.S. Citizen? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	U.S. Passport number and Expiration Date  <input type="checkbox"/> Do not have one yet	If you have a non-U.S. passport, which country is it from?
Where did you first hear about study abroad?		
Please name of a Tri-County faculty member that would support your application to this program.		His or her e-mail address

If you have a disability and require special on-site accommodations, you are strongly encouraged to contact the Program Directors as soon as possible.

Please indicate all Spanish classes that you have taken, instructor name(s) and grades earned in all classes taken at the high school or university level.

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Have you traveled abroad before? Where did you go? For how long were you there? Why did you go?

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Explain why you would like to participate in this program. Include several examples of participation and challenges that you may encounter while in Mexico. Be specific.

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## Study Abroad Application for Cuernavaca, Mexico

Summer 2024

Describe a stressful situation in which you found yourself and how you handled it.

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What are some of your future goals and aspirations? How will this program help you to reach them?

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Thank you for answering these questions in detail.

Your signature verifies the following:

1. I have completed the necessary prerequisites for the course or have been given permission from the instructor to enroll in this course.
2. Study Abroad Programs require that applicants and participants are in good academic standing at Tri-County, and I authorize the Program Director(s) access to my academic and disciplinary records.
3. I will register myself, upon acceptance, in the appropriate course.
4. I authorize the Program Director(s) to bill my student account. I understand that all cancellations must be submitted in writing.
5. I understand that upon acceptance to the program, I will pay my \$500 deposit fee by March 8, and I understand that it is not refundable.
6. I understand that any pictures and quotes from the program may be used for future promotional materials of the program. I understand that if I do not want my pictures or quotes used, I will notify the Program Directors in writing.
7. I will complete the Medical Report, Assumption of Risk and Release form, and the Code of Conduct before departure. I understand that I will not be able to travel with the program if I do not turn in these forms.
8. I understand that the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA), as amended, affords students the right to authorize the release of education information to third parties. I also understand that studying abroad may involve circumstances that require the institution to release certain information to third parties, but for which it may be difficult to obtain my prior written permission. For these reasons, I herewith authorize university officials to release my educational information to parties who, in their judgment, are acting in my interests as well. This authorization is valid from the time I submit this signed document through a period of one semester after my program abroad ends.

Signature of Applicant	Date of Signature
Signature of Parent, if applicant is under 18 years of age	Date of Signature

Submit this completed application to Trini Tumlin **on or before February 23<sup>th</sup>, 2024**. With your application, **you must submit an unofficial copy of your transcript** .

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### Study Abroad Reference Form: Academic

**Part 1. To be completed by applicant and then forwarded to a person well acquainted with his or her education and abilities.**

Applicant's name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle or Maiden

**Part II. To be completed by person providing reference.** The above-named student is applying to study abroad with Tri-County Technical College. The student's application will not be complete until we receive this form. Please rate this student on the following characteristics as best as you are able. In a separate letter or on the back of this form, please elaborate on any of the characteristics or comment on additional attributes of the applicant, if you desire.

- How long and in what capacity have you known the applicant?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Please indicate the applicant's ability and competence in comparison with other individuals whom you have known at similar stages in their academic careers.

	Above average	Average	Below Average	Unable to rate
<b>Applicant's academic attribution:</b>				
Academic interest and motivation				
Capacity for independent study				
Ability to express thoughts orally				
Ability to express thoughts in writing				
<b>Applicant's reliability:</b>				
Class attendance				
Preparedness for class				
Participation in class				
<b>Applicant's suitability for study abroad:</b>				
Ability to adapt to new circumstances				
Self-reliance/ independence				
Ability to relate well to others				
Emotional stability				
Open-mindedness				

Print name \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
 Institution/company \_\_\_\_\_ Position/Title \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_

**Please submit this form by February 23, 2024. to:**

Trini Tumlin , Tri-County Technical College; 7900 Highway 76; P.O. Box 587; Pendleton, SC 29670

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### Study Abroad Reference Form: Personal

**Part 1. To be completed by applicant and then forwarded to a person well acquainted with his or her personality and character.**

Applicant's name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle or Maiden

**Part II. To be completed by person providing reference.** The above-named student is applying to study abroad with Tri-County Technical College. The student's application will not be complete until we receive this form. Please rate this student on the following characteristics as best as you are able. In a separate letter or on the back of this form, please elaborate on any of the characteristics or comment on additional attributes of the applicant, if you desire.

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<b>Applicant's reliability:</b>				
Class attendance				
Preparedness for class				
Participation in class				
<b>Applicant's suitability for study abroad:</b>				
Ability to adapt to new circumstances				
Self-reliance/ independence				
Ability to relate well to others				
Emotional stability				
Open-mindedness				

Print name \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
 Institution/company \_\_\_\_\_ Position/Title \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_

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