THE CULTURES OF OAXACA

SPANISH 206

OAXACA, MEXICO

This course offers an introduction to the history and cultures of the Mexican State of Oaxaca. First, it will present a brief overview of Mexican and Oaxacan history. Then it will address a variety of issues, such as:

- resistance of Oaxacan indigenous peoples to globalization and cultural homogenization
- machismo and gender identity
- the influence of international markets and capitalist practices on the production of local handicrafts.
- religious syncretism and how it manifests itself in popular fiestas like the Day of the Dead celebration.
- An overview of Oaxacan cuisine and music.

COURSE DETAILS

Course Taught in English, No Prerequisites. Credits are VLPA and I&S Eligible.