Loyola University New Orleans
Center for International Education
Student Application for Waiver of Loyola policy on study in country with Travel Warning

All applications for fall and full year are due on March 15 and for spring on October 15.

I confirm that I have read and understood the U.S. State Department and/or Center for Disease Control Warning for Mexico dated September 10, 2010

and that, in spite of this warning and the University's strong recommendations against travel to and in Mexico at this time, I have made the decision to travel to Mexico in the Academic year of 2011-2012 to study abroad.

I acknowledge that my participation in this program is voluntary. I furthermore acknowledge that the Loyola University New Orleans does not sponsor this program, nor is the University responsible for my safety while overseas. I know that I am not required to study in Mexico to complete any requirements at Loyola and I am aware of other study abroad options available to me.

I acknowledge that my travel may expose me to significant risks including, but not limited to, terrorism, war, serious bodily injury or death, property damage and other risks that my not be foreseeable.

I have read and signed this document with full knowledge of its significance. If I am not 18 years of age, the signature of my parent or legal guardian indicates full agreement with and acceptance of the terms of this release. If I am 18 years of age or older, the signature of my next-of-kin indicates full agreement with and acceptance of the terms of this release.

[Signature]
Student Signature

[Date]

Joshua Aaron Taylor
Printed Name of Student

[Signature]
Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian or Next of Kin

[Date]

[Printed Name]
Printed Name of Parent/Legal Guardian or Next of Kin

[Relationship]

[Date]
Emergency Contact Information While Abroad

Please provide the appropriate information that Loyola may use to communicate with you in the event of a crisis:

Traveler name as it appears on Passport: Joshua Aaron Taylor
Email: jataylor@loyno.edu
Phone number(s) where traveler can be reached internationally: +52(33)3669.3434 ext. 3701 Emergency 0443315378754

Physical Address of all accommodations while abroad:

Host Family, Location To be Announced- Instituto Tecnologico y de Estudios Superiores de Occidente (ITESO)
Direccion de Relaciones Externas
Periferico Sur Manuel Gomez Morin 8585
Tlaquepaque, Jalisco, C.P. 45604, Mexico

Alternate Emergency Contact Information While Abroad

Please provide an alternate person that Loyola and/or outside sources may use to communicate with you in the event of a crisis:

Name: Jeffrey Taylor Relation to Traveler: Father
Phone Numbers (cell/work/home): 337-274-8293/337-491-1450/337-478-5299
Email: jtmrtaylor@yahoo.com
Physical Address: 4404 Canal St. Apt 543, Lake Charles, LA 70605

Alternate Emergency Contact Information While Abroad

Name: JoAnn Racca Relation to Traveler: Grandmother
Phone Numbers (cell/work/home): 337-439-8519/337-853-5437
Email: joann.racca@yahoo.com
Physical Address: 1324 Hilma St., Westlake, LA 70669

Partner University/Study Abroad Program Contact

If the program is an exchange or uses a 3rd party provider, please provide a contact for CIE to work with in the event of a crisis:

Name & Title: Lic. Kitzia del Hoyo Angulo Department: Oficina de relaciones institucionales
Phone Numbers (cell/work/home): +52(33)3669.3434 ext. 3701

Email: kitzia@iteso.mx
Secondary Contact Person: Ofelia Salceda Martinez Phone: 044 3315378754 or from 4-7p.m. ext. 3655
SAFETY & SECURITY ASSESSMENT

1. The US State Department website is www.travel.state.gov and lists country-specific Travel Warnings and Alerts for US citizens. Please summarize (do not copy/paste) the current State Department Travel Warning or Alert for your location.

The alert discusses areas of high crime throughout Mexico. Incidents involving DTO’s frequently occur throughout Northern Mexico, but incidents and crime have risen in Jalisco, Colimo, and Nayarit over the past months. The Alert outlines safety precautions, tips, procedures, and consulate contact information. The Alert stresses to be aware of surroundings at all times, outlines dangerous travel routes, and gives detailed information to make ones visit to Mexico safer.

2. With regard to the current State Department Travel Warning or Alert and your own health/safety/security assessment of the proposed location, what risks might you encounter while at the proposed site? Increased violence of DTO’s and their presence. Worst case scenarios may include kidnappings or shootouts between DTO’s and police. It is crucial to not travel alone in unfamiliar areas at night or along certain highways. I should utilize toll highways/roads during daylight hours. Credit-Fraud is a present threat. I should be aware of political gatherings or large crowds and not participate in such movements. I should be aware of pick-pockets and my passport/belongings.

3. Describe your level of familiarity with the proposed international location.

I have traveled to the state of Guanajuato and to the cities of Leon, Guanajuato, and San Miguel de Allende. I have traveled along toll roads and I am somewhat familiar with the Mexican road system.

4. Please discuss the academic necessity and appropriateness of the proposed study abroad.

In order to master the Spanish language I believe it is crucial that I study abroad. After extensive coursework, Immersion will successfully complete my studies. I think that the experience will develop my education in and out of the classroom.

5. Please discuss your previous experience abroad or other relevant experience.

In the military I traveled to various countries in the Middle East. Also, I have traveled throughout Europe, Mexico, and Canada. Common sense typically dictates, but it is crucial to be aware of one’s surroundings at all times. Situational awareness, back up plans, and traveling in groups helped my travel run smoothly. While in Mexico I stayed on main roads and carried consulate contact information with me at all times. When traveling in the Military it was always stressed to stay clear of signs of trouble and to travel with a friend.
6. What specific steps will you take to mitigate these risks? Please be as specific and detailed as possible. I will monitor [http://www.studentsabroad.state.gov/](http://www.studentsabroad.state.gov/) and the department of state website. I will contact the consulate in the area if I run into any trouble. I will not invite trouble into my life. I will access situations and use proper judgment. I will keep emergency contact numbers, e.g. host site official, consulate, host family. I will not travel alone throughout the city or take toll highways at night. I will stay in tourist areas, avoid large gatherings of people, and political movements. I will not be trusting of strangers, and try to manage risk. I will not discredit my name, Loyola University, or the United States of America. If confronted by Mexican authorities I will be cooperative and respectful.

7. Please discuss the emergency preparedness and the health and safety procedures of the institution that you will be attending.

ISEP is aware of the revised Travel Warning issued for Mexico by the United States Department of State on September 10, 2010. They will continue to monitor the situation and are in constant contact with the ISEP Coordinators in Mexico. The university and its coordinators provide emergency contact numbers.

8. Why do you think the university should approve your application to study in a country where there is a travel warning? I want to travel and study in Mexico. I am aware of the dangers and will take the appropriate precautions. I have traveled throughout the world and pay attention to my surroundings. I feel the immersion will be great and positive experience.