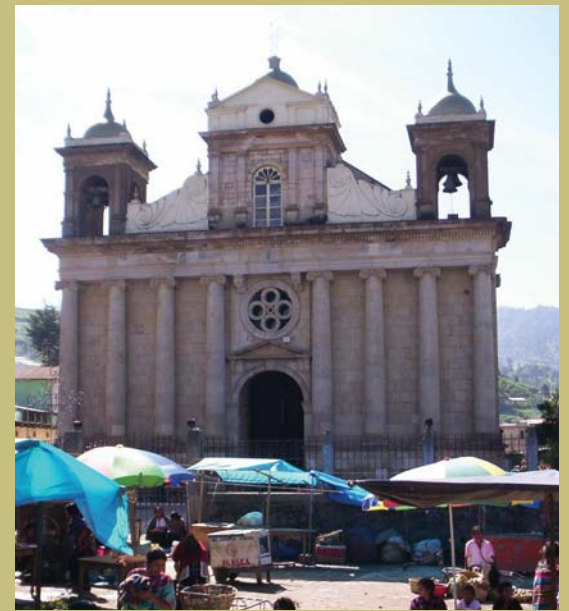


Intensive K'iche' Maya

The University of Chicago Center for Latin American Studies
and Vanderbilt University Center for Latin American and Iberian Studies
offer a new summer intensive immersion language program in K'iche' Maya in Nahualá, Guatemala.



K'iche' is a Mayan language spoken by about one million people in the central highlands of Guatemala. The K'iche' language has played a central role in the Mayan cultural revitalization movement and has a long literary tradition including such works as the Popol Wuuj (Popol Vuh) and Rabinal Achi. The Maya cultural revitalization movement and the subsequent rise in bilingual education in Guatemala have resulted in a number of interesting changes in both language structure and use, and have had important social and political implications for the cultures that speak the K'iche' language.

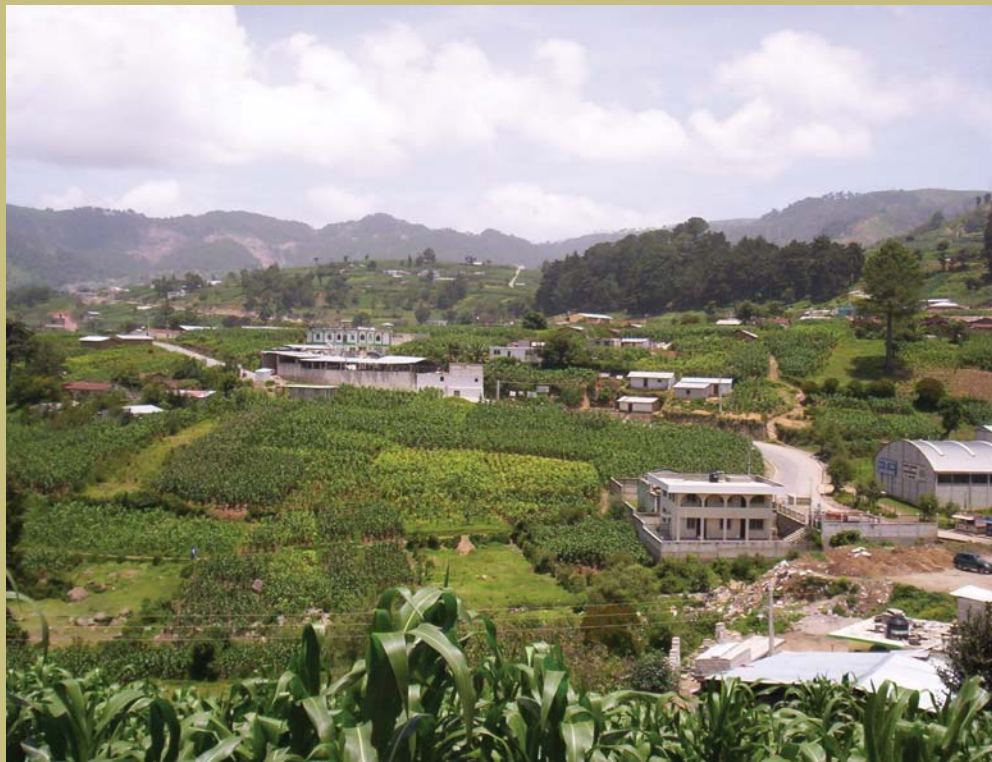


June 23-August 1, 2008

Registration Deadline: March 30, 2008.

Please visit http://clas.uchicago.edu/kiche_summer.shtml for details

The goal of the University of Chicago/Vanderbilt University summer K'iche' Maya program is to help students develop proficiency in modern spoken K'iche'. Students will spend mornings Mondays-Fridays in a classroom setting to develop a strong foundation in K'iche' grammar and vocabulary. During the afternoons, each student will work one-on-one with a native K'iche' speaker in a conversation workshop. Weekly cultural demonstrations, including wood-carving, backstrap weaving, foot-loom weaving, and metate fabrication, will compliment the formal instruction.



During the first week of the program the course will meet in Panajachel, where students will stay in a hotel where they will meet the faculty and practice basic K'iche' phrases in preparation for living in Nahualá. At the start of week 2, the course will move to the town of Nahualá, where K'iche' is the primary language used by the majority of residents.

The course is appropriate for students with a wide

range of disciplinary backgrounds, including anthropology, comparative religion, history, Latin American studies, linguistics, political science, and sociology.

All students must apply to the program. Please visit http://clas.uchicago.edu/kiche_summer.shtml to download an Application. Students will register through the University of Chicago Graham School for General Studies for Beginning K'iche' Maya 1, 2, and 3. This is a three-credit course sequence. Enrollment is limited to 12 students. Undergraduate students will be admitted only with consent of instructor. Students are encouraged to apply early. For more details, please visit http://clas.uchicago.edu/kiche_summer.shtml



Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowships

The Summer 2008 K'iche' Maya program meets the minimum requirements and is approved for Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) fellowship support. Graduate students at institutions that award Summer FLAS fellowships should contact their home institution's Center for Latin American Studies for instructions about how to apply. Students may also apply for FLAS fellowships through the University of Chicago Center for Latin American Studies and the Vanderbilt University Center for Latin American and Iberian Studies, although preference is given to local students.