APPLICATION FORM:

Students interested in applying to participate in the Study Abroad Program to Oaxaca, Mexico for spring 2015 must fill out this form and submit it and all attachments to the Director, Professor Clary Loisel, LA 428, Dept. MCLL, The University of Montana, Missoula, MT 59812, by May 7, 2014. Short interviews may be arranged shortly thereafter. Selection will be made on the basis of the applicant’s application, GPA, class in the University (freshman, sophomore, etc.), academic goals, and overall appropriateness of preparation and academic goals to the Program. Alternates may be chosen.

As part of the Program, participants will attend a mandatory orientation and preparation class in the fall semester of 2014: SPNS 291, 1 cr, T 3:40-4:30. SPNS 291 will address all bureaucratic issues (like insurance, housing, etc.) and is only for those students who have been accepted into the Study Abroad Program.

Written evidence of UM Health Insurance and/or other health and accident coverage that is valid abroad as well as evacuation and repatriation insurance (available at the International Programs) is required of all participants.

Please fill out the following form and attach sheets as indicated.

REMINDER: return to Prof. Clary Loisel, LA 428 by May 7, 2014.

Name____________________________________________

Date of Birth________________

Msla address______________________________________Ph.____ __________

E-mail ______________________________

Parent/Guardian_____________________________________Ph.____ _________

Address__________________________________________________________
In an emergency contact: [name/relationship] ________________________

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Address ___________________________________________________________

Phone ____________________

Your academic major (and/or minor)___________________ Class (freshman, sophomore, etc.)_____________________

Spanish courses you have completed; and any related academic experience:

Names and addresses [e-mail and phone] of professors and /or anyone else who could evaluate your qualifications for admission to the program:

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Do you have any health conditions that would influence your ability to live abroad? Any special medications?

You are required to have UM health insurance or any other coverage that would include your stay abroad as well as repatriation insurance. You MUST secure this type of coverage before you leave for Mexico. You CANNOT participate in the program unless you have the aforementioned insurance. Do you understand this requirement?

Yes ___________
No ___________

On a separate page, please type a brief autobiography including comments on your reasons for wanting to take part in the Study Abroad Program to Oaxaca, Mexico during the spring semester 2015, your particular strengths and interests, and any experiences [incl. foreign] that might be relevant to your participation. What do you expect to get out of the program? What do you expect from the experience? Describe your academic and career goals.
Sign and date the attached contract.

Assemble your application with all the attachments, put it in a manila file folder, and submit it to the MCLL Dept. Office or to Professor Clary Loisel: LA 428 or mailbox in LA 314.  clary.loisel@umontana.edu; Telephone: 243-2150
2015 Spring Semester in Oaxaca, Mexico
CONTRACT

As a participant in the Spanish Study Abroad Program 2013 in Oaxaca, Mexico, I agree:

* to attend briefing sessions and meetings as scheduled by the Director, Clary Loisel, or by the Instituto Cultural Oaxaca; to participate fully and willingly in the excursions connected with the program in Oaxaca; to be expelled from the program should I desert the group for any reason;

* to demonstrate considerate behavior at all times while on the Study Abroad Program;

* to be punctual;

* to be responsible for my own belongings;

* to not whine. Oaxaca can be, at times, complex, and often inefficient. With no warning phone or bus service can cease, stores, museums, churches can close unpredictably, hot water runs out, and so on. This is part of the Mexican experience. Students are expected to make these adjustments for inconveniences that they probably would not tolerate at home;

* to be alert. Related to the aforementioned, students must always be aware of their location and surroundings. Oaxaca is full of intriguing places where one is not supposed to be;

* to be understanding should this program be canceled due to unforeseen problems, such as an international war;

* to conduct my own money transactions/exchanges in Mexico;

* to pay all required fees, including room and board, when they are due. **Not paying on time means being dropped from the program;**

* to not ask for a refund should I withdraw from the program or be dropped (for not paying fee on time);

* to enroll and pass the SPNS 291 orientation course in fall, 2014, in order to participate in the Study Abroad Program to Oaxaca;

* to cheerfully accept the meals and accommodations. Life may be less comfortable and convenient than the average stay in an American city.

* to accept Mexican customs and manners. We do not want to appear as the ugly and ignorant American; and future trips largely hinge on the success of previous ones. In particular I agree to show great sensitivity when we are in Mexican churches and cathedrals and other holy sites to view art and architecture.

* to observe Mexican law. Your director and the U.S. Consulate have NO AUTHORITY WHATSOEVER to free you from penalties. Trespass (going beyond barriers in tourist areas, for example), vandalism (writing on monuments, for example), shoplifting, and illegal drugs may result in jail. Again, the University of Montana CANNOT help you.

* to be informed about and responsible for the necessary travel arrangements and documents involved in travel to Mexico;

* to show evidence of health insurance coverage that is valid abroad (i.e., UM Blue Cross, or specific clauses in other insurance that covers illness/accident while out of the US; to obtain repatriation insurance from International Services);
* to behave appropriately with regard to my use of alcohol (students displaying drunken behavior will be sent home); to refrain from the use of any illegal drugs; and to be considerate of and compatible with the people of Mexico. In short, I promise to behave in accordance with the University of Montana Student Conduct Code. I fully accept Professor Loisel’s decision to expel me from the program should I not cooperate with the aforementioned provisions that begin on the previous page.

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Signed

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Date