ABOUT THE PROGRAM:

The Mayan Language Institute is an intensive six-week language immersion program in K’iche’ Maya and Kaqchikel Maya. Students study with both U.S. faculty and native speakers. In addition to language study, students participate in cultural activities, lectures, discussions, and excursions. Undergraduate students may study one of the languages at the beginner, intermediate, or advanced level.

With more than 1.5 million K’iche’ and Kaqchikel speakers in Guatemala, the goal of the institute is to help students develop and advance proficiency in their chosen language and to gain a better understanding of the cultural and political contexts that have affected the historical development and preservation of the language. Efforts to protect these languages are playing a pivotal role in the Mayan struggle to regain control over their political and cultural destiny.

Students pursuing K’iche’ Maya will spend one week in Antigua, and five weeks in Nahualá, and will be placed with local family homestays. Students pursuing Kaqchikel Maya will spend six weeks in Antigua and will be responsible for finding their own local lodging accommodations and meals. Classes in Antigua will take place at UT Austin’s Casa Herrera—a great colonial mansion turned beautifully restored academic facility—which is centrally located one block north of Antigua’s Central Park.

TUITION & FEES:

The cost of the six-week program for K’iche’ Maya is $6,350:

- $5,000 Tuition & Fees
- $1,350 Housing & Logistics

The Tuition & Fees costs include six Tulane credits (tuition for two courses, transferable to other universities). The Housing & Logistics costs include local family home-stays (one week in Antigua; five weeks in Nahualá) and three meals per day (except Sundays), medical insurance, transportation to/from the airport (GUA), and specialized group activities and excursions. Airfare to/from Antigua (GUA), extra meals, and incidental costs, such as laundry, passport/visa fees, vaccinations, etc., are not included in the program cost.

The cost of the six-week program for Kaqchikel Maya is $5,500:

- $5,000 Tuition & Fees
- $500 Logistics-only Fee

The Tuition & Fees costs include six Tulane credits (tuition for two courses, transferable to other universities). The Logistics-only fee includes medical insurance, transportation to/from the airport (GUA), and specialized group activities and excursions. Airfare to/from Antigua (GUA), housing and meals, and incidental costs, such as laundry, passport/visa fees, vaccinations, etc., are not included in the program cost. Students will be responsible for finding their own housing for six weeks in Antigua. If you need assistance finding housing, please contact the Kaqchikel Program Director, Professor Judie Maxwell (maxwell@tulane.edu).

This program qualifies as a Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS)-eligible program with 140 contact hours of language instruction. Students are encouraged to apply to their home institution for summer FLAS Fellowship support.

APPLICATIONS:

Find the online application and more information at: stonecenter.tulane.edu/page/MLI

Application deadline: March 24, 2017

$50 Application Fee

Contact Laura Wise Person by phone at 504-862-8629, by email at sclassum@tulane.edu, or by visiting the Stone Center in 100 Jones Hall, Tulane University.