Roanoke in the Yucatan
Alternative Spring Semester Program

Faculty-led study abroad semester program
Travel with Roanoke faculty leader Katie Elmore and fellow RC students for a special semester learning about Mayan culture, archaeology, comparative education and ethnography, while studying Spanish, engaging in community service, and taking part in several excursions in the beautiful Yucatan peninsula.

DEADLINE TO APPLY: October 1st

DEPOSIT DEADLINE: October 15th

COSTS

A program fee of $1,600 in addition to regular Roanoke tuition, room and board charges covers the Yucatan Semester tuition, housing, meals, airfare, and special cultural excursions.
Roanoke financial aid applies.

$800 deposit (half of program fee) due October 15th. The remainder balance of the program fee and all regular semester charges will be invoiced and due at standard spring semester due date.

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For more information, contact:
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**COURSES**

Students will all be enrolled in the following 4 units for the semester; all courses are standard RC credit and grades, not transfer credits.

**SPANISH:** This course will be taught by instructors at a local language school. Students will be placed at their competency level.

**ANTH 261 Reading the Maya Ruins:** This course examines ancient Mayan art and architecture to understand the cultural and environmental history of the region. This course includes field trips to important archaeological sites and is taught by renowned Mexican archaeologist Tomas Gallareta. This course can count as an INQ substitution if needed.

**EDUC 260 Special Studies in Education** Taught by Roanoke faculty leader Katie Elmore. Students will explore current curriculum and pedagogical practices in the schools of Merida as a cultural comparison to practices in U.S. public schools. Actual classroom visits and guided observations will provide field-based immersion opportunities coupled with classroom instruction on learning theories and instructional philosophies.

**INQ260 EDUC– Global “Exploring Culture Through the Power of Story”** Taught by Roanoke faculty leader Katie Elmore. Introduces the methodologies of the social sciences through an inquiry-focused approach to a topic. This course seeks to develop students' critical thinking skills through the exploration and application of social scientific methods with an emphasis on ethnography. Using observations, and personal interviews students will explore and collect qualitative data while developing cross-cultural, interpersonal, and communication skills in the context of everyday life in a new culture.

**HOUSING**

Housing and meals are included in program cost. Students will spend the semester at two primary sites in the Yucatan: living with homestay families in Merida, the large capital city of the Yucatan, and in shared small dormitories at a research center in the Mayan town of Oxkutzcab. Hotels will also be included in group excursions.

**MEALS**

Students will have delicious meals prepared by homestay families and cooks at our residential facilities.