

### COURSE INFORMATION FOR PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS

**Course Description:** Students learn about Mexico by exploring the ruins of their ancient civilization, visiting modern communities, and looking at the sensational collection of artifacts in the Mexico City museum. The course will begin with a series of preparatory classes that will give students an orientation to Mexico. Then we will journey to Mexico over spring break to explore various Mesoamerican cultures such as the Aztecs and Maya first hand!

**Course Schedule:** This 3-credit course will meet Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:00-3:50PM beginning on January 18, 2012 and concluding on March 7th (the last class before spring break). The purpose of these classes is to learn about the places we will be seeing in Mexico and to talk about the logistics of travelling. After the classes end, we head to Mexico over spring break. If you are interested in the trip but are not interested in taking the 3-credit course, it can be audited.



Anthropology Museum in  
Mexico City

### Itinerary in Mexico (subject to change)

**Fri, 3/9:** Fly from Billings to Mexico City (transportation from Powell to the Billings Airport will be provided).

Welcome to Mexico!

**Sat, 3/10:** Visit the Museum of Anthropology in Mexico City, free time in Mexico City

**Sun, 3/11:** Day trip to the ancient city of Teotihuacan, return to Mexico City. Say *adios* to the dry highlands!

**Mon, 3/12:** Flight from Mexico City to Villahermosa, say *hola* to the tropical rainforest! Travel to the modern town of Palenque in the state of Chiapas.

**Tue, 3/13:** Explore the breathtaking Maya archaeological site of Palenque and visit the new museum.

**Wed, 3/14:** Visit the Maya site of Tonina, waterfalls of Agua Azul, arrive in the Maya town of San Cristobal.

**Thu, 3/15:** Spend day sightseeing in San Cristobal and neighboring Maya villages.

**Fri, 3/16:** Travel back to Villahermosa, visit the La Venta archaeological park.

**Sat, 3/17:** Fly from Villahermosa to Billings.



The Ancient City of Teotihuacan

### Costs:

The cost of the trip is approximately \$2,500. This includes airfare, ground transportation (we will have a van and driver take us to all of our destinations), hotels, most meals, and entry fees to archaeological sites. It does NOT cover tuition, room and board for the on-campus portion of the course, baggage fees, passport fees, personal purchases while in Mexico, and the like.

**Scholarship Money:** For degree-seeking students at Northwest College, there are several sources of funding to help offset travel costs. Contact Greg Smith for more details. **The anthropology students that went on last year's trip to Greece received an average of over \$1,100 each in scholarship money!**



Temples at Palenque

**RESERVE YOUR SPOT NOW!** Space is limited to only 10 students. A \$429 deposit will be required. To reserve your spot, contact Greg Smith at 307/754-6131 or [greg.smith@northwestcollege.edu](mailto:greg.smith@northwestcollege.edu).