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## FLLG 395.01: Excursion to Mexico City

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Required readings: Handouts, Tour Guide Books, Miscellaneous

Course Description/Objectives: To attempt to put into practice the material covered in the fall course; to visit many historical and cultural sites within Mexico City; to undertake one excursion from Mexico City (the group has opted for Oaxaca). (This course is, of course, a continuation of FLLG/LS 395 “Reading the City: Mexico City.”)

Major outcome: To maximize the two and a half weeks that we have together in Mexico City to obtain a better understanding of Mexico cultural and civilization.

Assessment: (Each of these points will be explained in detail at our first group meeting).

Positive attitude/cooperation/willingness to accept adversity	15%
Participation (in all aspects of the excursion)	15%
Individual oral exams/on-site leader	15%
Personal Initiative to maximize experience	10%
Group discussions (cultural issues)	20%
Journal entries (one-fourth descriptive; three-fourths analytical). I will ask you to integrate what you learned in class with what you experience in Mexico. Please bring any materials from the course that you think will be helpful.	25%

Be sure that you are prepared to serve as a (co)-leader at any one of the sites that we visit. This means that you can brief us generally before we go (preferably while we eat breakfast) and then more specifically once we are at the site.

Because flexibility is tantamount to a successful visit, I cannot give you a firm schedule of events. I will try, however, to see that we start our visit with the downtown area of Mexico City and that we then progress outwards in various directions to cover as much of the city as possible. I will also try to arrange meetings with several authors, but again we must be willing to be extremely flexible since we will have to work around the times most convenient for the writers. Please know that it is possible that we will not be able to meet with any authors. We will tentatively visit the Basilica of the Virgin of Guadalupe as well as Mr Teutli’s home this Sunday; Monday we will tour the Pyramids of Teotihuacán as admission is supposed to be free. I also hope to show you National Museum of Anthropology, the home of Frida Kahlo, Chapultepec Park and the Castle of Maxmillian and Carlotta, the Latin American Tower, the Museum of Modern Art, the Museum of Bellas Artes, the former convent of San Ildefonso and Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz, the floating gardens of Xochimilco, and other important attractions.

Please let me know how I can help make this an extremely positive experience for you!

¡Buena suerte!