

REGISTRATION FORM

Requirements:

1. Immunizations recommended for traveling in Central America. Your doctor or health clinic will be able to tell you what these are. You may also see this list on our website.
2. Full medical insurance with coverage in Central America.
3. A valid passport.
4. Your passage to and from Guatemala.
5. Payment in full, to be deposited in our North American account at least one month before arrival.
6. Agreement to participate in a manner that is culturally sensitive and consistent with the CASAS philosophy.

(Instructions: Click in blue boxes to enter text. Click on red boxes to enter check marks. Click the "Email to CASAS" button at the end of the form to send it.)

I. PERSONAL DATA

1. Full Name:

2. Gender

Female Male

3. Marital status:

Single Married

4. Present occupation:

5. Current Contact Information:

Home Address:

Telephone No.:

E-mail address:

6. Date and place of birth:

7. Passport Information:

Passport No.:

Expiration date:

8. List other countries you have visited:

9. Emergency Contact Information (Person to contact in an emergency):

Name:

Address:

Telephone No.:

E-mail address:

Relationship:

10. Please indicate the CASAS term for which you are applying:

Spring term (12 weeks)

Summer term (12 weeks)

May term (3 weeks)

Fall term (12 weeks)

11. I will / will not be taking the courses at CASAS for college credit.

II. EDUCATION

1. Date of high school graduation:

2. College/University Information:

Name of the college attending/attended:

Address of college:

Dates attending/attended college:

(Anticipated) date of college graduation:

College major(s):

College minor(s):

3. List non-English languages you've been exposed to:

4. Describe your level of Spanish and list any Spanish courses you have taken:

5. Are you currently enrolled in any Spanish courses? If so, which ones?:

III. PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH

The nature of the CASAS experience requires participants to be at a healthy and stable moment in their lives. Your honest answers will be kept confidential and will help us greatly in the unlikely event of an emergency.

1. List any health conditions that may affect your time in Guatemala:

2. List any prescribed medicines you currently take, or have taken within the last two years:

3. CASAS makes arrangements for students with special dietary needs (i.e. vegetarian) but we encourage students to be flexible in their eating habits, especially when traveling. Describe any special dietary needs you have:

4. Name and number of health insurance policy which is valid in Central America:

IV. CHURCH AFFILIATION AND PARTICIPATION

CASAS does not discriminate on the basis of religious affiliation or lack thereof; completion of this section is therefore optional. However, knowing your faith background can help us to place you with an appropriate family.

1. Are you a member of or do you consider yourself affiliated with a particular

church/denomination? If so, please provide us with the name of your congregation:

3. If appropriate, describe briefly the significance of your commitment to the Christian faith:

V. HOUSING

Housing is available at a variety of economic levels. All the homes CASAS students live in are safe. Most CASAS students live with families in "marginal" sections of the city where streets are sometimes unpaved, running water is often not available, and space is somewhat tight as extended families tend to live close together. However, water for drinking and washing is available and the homes are relatively comfortable. In certain cases, we make exceptions; some students have lived with "middle class" families.

Please describe briefly any special concerns we ought to take into consideration when placing you with a family:

VI. PERSONAL INTERESTS

1. List what you consider your major interests and/or abilities:

2. Describe briefly your goals in visiting Guatemala and attending CASAS:

3. During the final four weeks of the 12-week program, students participate in a **community-learning placement**, putting into practice their language-cultural learning as well as previous work or educational experience and interests. This almost always entails work in a part of the country (or in Honduras) outside of Guatemala City. Possibilities include, but are not limited to, church-related, agricultural, development, appropriate technology, education, health, nutrition, etc.

Please describe what kind of work and you might be interested in doing.

VII. ACADEMIC CREDIT (Not required)

SEMILLA, the Latin American Anabaptist Seminary of which CASAS is a department, offers credit in both Spanish and non-Spanish courses, but CASAS academic credit is handled differently at different colleges and universities. ***Make sure to check with your school's registrar and/or cross-cultural studies program to determine how many credits you can transfer.*** Syllabi are available by e-mail request.

- Twelve week students may choose up to four courses from the list below, each worth three academic units. Two of these courses must be Spanish language courses. ***Please Note: It is now possible to take up to three Spanish course (9 credits) during a semester at CASAS. However, in this case, the student must be placed for Community Learning within Guatemala City during the 8th -12th weeks of the term, with the 3rd course of Spanish taking place during the mornings and Community Learning in the afternoons.***
- Three week students may only choose one three credit Spanish course. Please indicate which course you are interested in taking. **(REMINDER: If you are taking the courses for college credit, ALL courses are included in the regular CASAS fee. If you are not taking these courses for credit, Spanish courses are included in the regular CASAS fee. Non-Spanish courses, or our thematic courses, however, have a \$100 auditing fee that should be paid for along with the regular inscription fee.)**

1. Spanish credit: Students enrolled in the twelve week program must take six credits (two courses) of Spanish language. The CASAS Spanish department reserves the right to evaluate Spanish proficiency and enroll a student at an appropriate level, but please indicate here the classes at the levels that you believe that you will take:

CHS 131	Elementary Spanish I
CHS 132	Elementary Spanish II
CHS 231	Intermediate Spanish I
CHS 232	Intermediate Spanish II
CHS 331	Advanced Spanish I
CHS 332	Advanced Spanish II
CHS 334	Latin American Literature*
CHS 335	Guatemalan Literature*

****(Please note that you must have completed Advanced Spanish II before enrolling in either literature course)***

2. Non-Spanish or Thematic Courses are conducted in a modified "independent study" format with qualified SEMILLA faculty and colleagues serving as advisors for guiding coursework. Depending on the term, twelve-week students may choose two from the following list. **These courses are not available for students in the three-week May program.** Not all courses are available every term, although we will do our best to accommodate you in your choices. After each course is listed in parentheses the college majors to which these courses normally transfer. Some colleges may accept these but assign them elective credit status.

CHS 133	Introduction to Central America* <i>(Latin American Studies, Cross-cultural Issues, History, Sociology)</i>
CHS 233	Religious Expressions in Guatemala <i>(Religion, Theology)</i>
CHS 234	Anthropological Perspectives in a Guatemalan Context <i>(Anthropology, Sociology)</i>
CHS 333	Violence, Justice and Peace in Central America <i>(Peace Studies)</i>

*We strongly recommend that students choose Introduction to Central America as one of their two available non-Spanish courses.

Thank you for applying to CASAS!

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