



Application Form
WESTMONT IN MEXICO PROGRAM (WIM)
www.westmont.edu/wim

Application Deadline: October 31
BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Name: _____
Last First Middle Initial

Student ID: _____ Social Security: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Mail Box: _____

Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Westmont E-mail: _____ Other/Personal E-mail: _____

Permanent Address: _____
Street

City State Zip

Parent/Guardian Name (Emergency Contact): _____

Address: _____
Street City State Zip

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

E-mail: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Are you a U.S. citizen? _____ If no, country of citizenship: _____

If not a U.S. citizen, are you a permanent U.S. resident? _____

Full name as it appears on your passport: _____

Passport Number: _____ Passport Agency/Authority: _____

Issue Date: _____ Expiration Date: _____

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Current Class Standing: Fr. So. Jr. Sr. Graduation Date: _____

Major: _____ Minor: _____

Applying for: Fall Sem. 20 _____

LANGUAGE STUDY

1. How many years have you studied Spanish? In High School: _____ In College: _____

2. List your three most recent (including current) Spanish courses, and when and where they were taken:

Course Title _____

Semester/Yr _____

Institution _____

3. Do you plan on taking Spanish next Spring? Yes No

If yes, what course will you take? _____

4. Is Spanish spoken in your home? Yes No

If so, by whom and to what extent? _____

5. Do you speak or have you studied other foreign languages? Yes No

If so, which ones and to what extent? _____

6. Indicate any travel, foreign residence, or other opportunities in which you have had contact with Spanish speaking people: _____

Essay Questions

This is an important part of your application. Take time to answer each question thoughtfully and honestly. Each response should be approximately one paragraph (half page) in length. Attach your type-written answers to this application. Please double-space and number each essay.

1. What are your educational and personal goals for the Westmont in Mexico Program? How will these goals contribute to your overall education (at Westmont and beyond)?
2. What aspects of this experience do you anticipate being the most challenging to you? How might you deal with these challenges?
3. What do you hope to contribute to the program, i.e. what gifts and interests do you have to offer the community you will be a part of during Westmont in Mexico?
4. Describe any previous cross-cultural experience you have had (or an experience here in the U.S. dealing with cultural, ethnic, or spiritual difference) and what you learned from it (in general and about yourself).
5. Describe a situation in which you were required to make significant adjustments to accommodate others or in which you had to exercise significant flexibility. How did you deal with the situation? What resources did you use?

Advisor's approval for participation in program

Advisor's Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

STUDENT LIFE CLEARANCE (To be filled out by the Student Life Office)

- This student has not received a disciplinary sanction from the Student Life Office.
- This student has received a disciplinary sanction(s) from the Student Life Office. For further information, please contact us.
- This student is currently on disciplinary probation. For further information, please contact us.

Name: _____ Signature: _____

RECORDS OFFICE APPROVAL (To be filled out by the Records Office)

- Submitted pre-approval of credit forms.
- Applicant has at least a 2.3 gpa—please circle YES NO
- Officially declared major(s) and minor (s).

If you will have completed 100 units by the end of the current semester

- Submit an Application for Degree for every major(s) and minor(s) you intend to complete.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING, PERMISSION FOR RELEASE OF INFORMATION, AND WITHDRAWAL DEADLINES

1. I certify the information given on this application to be correct and I agree to abide by all the rules, regulations, and requirements of Westmont College and the Off-Campus Programs Department.
2. I understand that my participation in an Off-Campus Program is conditional upon (a) obtaining medical clearance, (b) maintaining satisfactory academic standing in Westmont College, (c) my application being reviewed and approved by those responsible for selection, (d) in certain cases, acceptance by the host institution. It may also be contingent on the availability of appropriate facilities or services at the host institution to provide for any special health conditions I may have.
3. I hereby permit Off-Campus Programs to make the information contained in this set of application papers available to the parties directly involved in my placement in a host institution and to government agencies, such as consulates, for visa purposes.
4. I hereby authorize the registrar to release my academic records to Off-Campus Programs as required.
5. I hereby authorize those parties involved in my admission to an off-campus program to consult with the Student Life Department regarding my record as a member of the community.
6. I understand that if I wish to restrict disclosure of "directory" information, which is normally released by Off-Campus Programs without student consent, I must notify Off-Campus Programs in writing.
7. I understand that Off-Campus Programs students remain eligible for Westmont financial aid. Financial aid includes, but is not limited to, Title IV Federal Aid programs (with the exception of Federal Work Study) based on the student's financial need. In addition, I understand that Westmont grants and loans may only be used once for approved programs other than the Europe, England, Mexico and SF Urban Westmont programs.
8. I understand that I must be cleared with the Business Office and Chaplain's Office to register for the semester in question in order to participate in this Off-Campus Program as a Westmont student.
9. I have discussed my participation in this program with my academic advisor and have made the plans necessary to complete all parts of the general education and major program without special accommodation by Westmont College.
10. I understand that I may not enroll in two programs in consecutive semesters.
11. I understand that Westmont College will follow the grading policies (e.g. regarding pass/no pass availability, withdrawal deadlines) of the off campus program
12. I understand that if I end up changing my classes once I arrive at the program, I must contact my advisor and the records office immediately (records@westmont.edu) to receive approval for any changes.
13. I understand that students enrolling in an off-campus program are subject to all of the same registration deadlines and eligibility requirements as apply for on-campus registration.

Name of student: _____

Signature of student: _____ Date: _____

Please return to: Off-Campus Programs Office, Westmont College, 955 La Paz Road, Santa Barbara, CA 93108



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Faculty Recommendation

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For the student to be fairly considered, it is vital that all recommendations be in by the deadline.

Applicant: Please fill out this portion and give to reference:

Applicant's Name: _____ **Applying for:** Fall Semester 200_____

Name of Reference: _____ **Title:** _____

Circle One: I agree or do not agree to waive my right to access this reference

Applicant's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

1. How long and in what capacity have you known the applicant?

2. Please indicate how well you know the applicant:

Very Well

Moderately Well

Limited Contact

ACADEMIC COMPETENCIES

| | Excellent | Good | Fair | Poor | Unable to Evaluate |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Intellectual ability | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Motivation and seriousness of purpose | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Ability to do independent work | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Capacity for critical thinking | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Open-mindedness | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Reliability | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

PERSONAL COMPETENCIES

| | Excellent | Good | Fair | Poor | Unable to Evaluate |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Adaptability to new situations | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Flexibility | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Interpersonal skill | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Emotional maturity | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Self-confidence/self-esteem | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Functioning as part of a group | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Initiative | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Respect for others with different viewpoints | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Capacity for self reflection | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

5. Considering that Westmont in Mexico is a cultural immersion program where students live with host families, interact with Mexican university professors and students, and participate in community with other Westmont students and faculty, would you recommend the applicant for participation in an off-campus study program like Westmont in Mexico?

- Strongly Recommend Recommend Do Not Recommend
 Recommend with Reservations (explain): _____

6. Please describe in as specific terms as possible the candidate's chances for success on the Westmont in Mexico program. Include both strengths and weaknesses. Comment on such areas such as academic ability, emotional maturity, adaptability to new situations, ability to function as part of a group, level of Christian maturity, and capacity for relating to those with different beliefs or values.

7. Indicate any other factors (spiritual, social, emotional, physical condition, etc.) which should be taken into account while considering this student's application. Please include any suggestions which would be helpful for our faculty in working with this student.

Your Name: _____

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3. Please evaluate the applicant in the following areas.

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