

Polk State College

**International
Internships**

Mérida, México

“Peregrina” trova yucateca

1. Experiment.
2. Stand out to potential employers.
3. Connect the classroom to the real world.
4. Network.
5. Get your foot in the door.



Why Do an Internship?

1. Learn about yourself/become more self-aware.
2. Boost your self-confidence and independence.
3. Learn another language.
4. Learn about your own country.
5. Expand your world view and horizons.
6. Strengthen adaptability, communications, and team-building skills.
7. Enhance your career opportunities.
8. Experience another culture firsthand and enhance your cross-cultural competency.
9. Make new friends from around the world.
10. Travel.

Why Study Abroad?





Why This? Why Me?
Why Now?

Twenty years from now you will be more
disappointed by the things you didn't do
than by the ones you did do.

So throw off the bowlines.

Sail away from the safe harbor.

Catch the trade winds in your sails.

Explore. Dream. Discover.

Mark Twain




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Mérida, Yucatán

Located near Florida but a world away! The ideal location for this experience!

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- Colonial city founded in 1542 by Francisco de Montejo
 - Original name: T'ho or Ichcaanzihó (“City of 5 hills/5 heavens”)
 - Capital city of the State of Yucatán
 - Current population approximately 1,000,000
 - Tropical climate
 - A unique blend of European, Caribbean, and Mayan influences
 - Urban and cosmopolitan city with world class restaurants, museums, spas, theaters, shopping, sporting events, concerts, a thriving artist community, and free outdoor cultural events every night of the week.
 - 2 of Merida’s sister cities are in FL: Sarasota and Panama City
 - An estimated 6,000 American expats live in Mérida – favoring the city’s warm climate, proximity to the ocean, vibrant cultural scene, welcoming community, and low cost of living.

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Things to see in Yucatán

[Visit Yucatan](#)

- Internship Sites
- Lodging
- Schedule
- Orientation
- Cost
- Contact



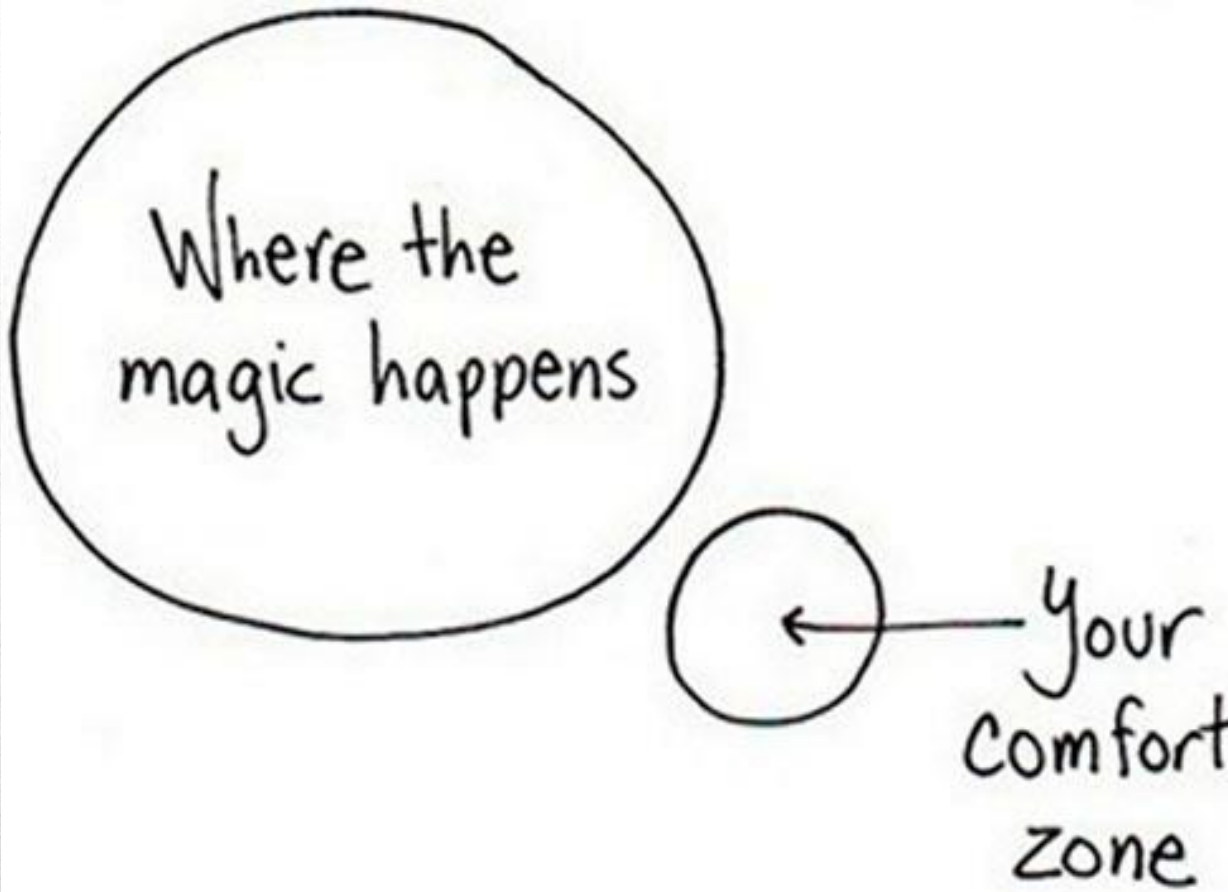
Basic Program Information



- Must be at least 18 years old
- Preference given to students who have completed a minimum of 25 credit hours of college-level study
- Best-suited for participants with some background in Spanish (one semester minimum)
- The ideal intern is:
 - mature
 - responsible
 - open-minded
 - curious
 - flexible
 - adaptable



Participants



**Sooo...what are you
waiting for?**



¡Mérida te espera!

- The Ultimate Yucatan Slide Show

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Slide Show
