



## Use your Spanish and get involved with the local Latino community Fall 2015

### On campus at UK

**La mesa del español** - Stop by The Study North (First floor of Champions Court I on north campus) for homework help and conversation practice in Spanish with graduate students from Hispanic Studies. Thursdays from 5-6pm.

**Late Night Film Series** – Free films Thursday and Friday nights at 7pm and 10pm in Memorial Hall. This fall don't miss *Selena* (9/10 at 7pm) and *Instructions Not Included* (12/3 at 7pm). Latin American Studies will also be showing films on Oct 4, 18 and Nov 1 at 7pm, check in with the LNFS for film titles: <http://www.uky.edu/studentcenter/lnfs>

**Latino Student Union** – This student group is open to all members of the UK community and hosts weekly meeting/homework session and special events related to Latino culture. Keep an eye on their FB page for special events and meeting times: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/uklatinostudentunion/?fref=ts>

**Intercambios with Ecuadoran Students** - Practice English with visiting Ecuadoran Students and then ask one to help you with your conversation. Dates/Times TBA, contact: Contact Lina Crocker (crocker@uky.edu)

### Events this fall

**Louisville World Fest** – September 4-7<sup>th</sup>. Food, music, dance, culture and educational activities celebrating international culture. <http://louisvilleky.gov/government/city-events/worldfest>

**Festival Latino de Lexington:** September 18<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>. The place to be on Friday and Saturday September 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. Walk to the Court House Plaza and 5/3 Pavillion downtown for live music, food, and cultural exhibits representing Latin American cultures. Walking distance from campus. <https://www.facebook.com/festivallatinolexington?fref=ts>

**Festival Latino Health Fair:** September 20<sup>th</sup> at Masterson Station Park from 1-5pm. Health screenings and wellness information, Zumba demonstrations, children's traditional costume contest, and more.

**Latino Arts BLEND presents: RAICES Hispano Americanas** - Friday, Sept 25<sup>th</sup> at 6pm, Christ Church Cathedral. A perfect mixture between sight and sound celebrating the rich heritage of Latino culture. Come and watch music, dance, and see visual arts! Walking distance from campus. <https://www.facebook.com/events/1453511461623720/>

**Day of the Dead celebration at Living Arts and Sciences Center** – November 1<sup>st</sup> from 5-9pm. Along with the Festival Latino, this is among the best events in Lexington this fall! There will be traditional dances, arts exhibits, crafts, music, and a walk to the cemetery to see Day of the Dead altars that have been constructed by local students and artists. Walking distance from campus <http://www.lasclx.org/index.php/events/day-of-the-dead-festival>

### On-going activities in the community

**Casa de la Cultura Hispana de Lexington** – hosts a weekly arts and crafts activity. There is a small charge for materials. Find them on Facebook to see what they are making this week: <https://www.facebook.com/casadelacultura.hispanadelex>

**Painting with Enrique González** – this Kentucky artist who is a native of Venezuela has a painting party every other week at Centered (309 North Ashland Avenue). There is a \$25 fee for materials. Check the Centered calendar for upcoming workshops: <http://www.centeredlex.com/calendar/#eventsandworkshops>

**Appalatin** – Louisville based band that plays a mix of Latin and Bluegrass. Keep an eye out for shows in Lexington and Louisville: <http://appalatin.com/gig/>

**Legna y Yoisel** – Cuban couple that lives in Lexington and plays *trova* and Caribbean-inspired music. They often play at Natasha's (112 Esplanade, age 18 and up, \$10 cover) <http://www.beetnik.com/news/index.php?Page=2>

**Big Maracas** – Salsa and Latin music – they play around town at restaurants (Coba Cocina and Brasabana in particular) and Bars (Natasha's and Al's Bar). Check Facebook for show announcements: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Big-Maracas/119976241401110>

**Village Branch of Lexington Public Library** – this library hosts lots of activities in Spanish and many of its visitors speak Spanish. Note that in order to volunteer during the homework tutoring session you have to pass a background check and go through orientation (*see below for more information*). Activities are listed on their website: <http://www.lexpublib.org/locations/village-branch>

**ESL classes at other library locations**– Help out at a session and then ask someone to practice speaking Spanish after.

**Intermediate ESL**

Tates Creek Branch  
Monday, March 30, 2015 -  
6:00pm to 7:30pm

**English Conversation Group**

Central Library  
Wednesday, March 25, 2015 -  
12:30pm to 2:00pm

**Bluegrass Literacy ESL Class**

Northside Branch  
Thursday, March 26, 2015 - 7:30pm to 8:30pm

**Bluegrass Literacy ESL Class**

Northside Branch  
Tuesday, March 31, 2015 -  
5:30pm to 7:00pm

**English Conversation Group**

Central Library  
Wednesday, April 1, 2015 - 12:30pm to 2:00pm

**Restaurants and tiendas**

*There are lots of great restaurants in town that serve food from all over Latin America. Here are a few that go beyond the usual Tex-Mex offerings:*

- **The Lounge** – Great selections of smoothies, fruit salads, and other (super authentic) Mexican snacks. ¡Try the Ranchilocos! They also have video games, foosball, and show sporting events on TV (1439 Alexandria Drive) <https://www.facebook.com/LatinlexLounge>
- **Tortillería Ramírez** – Fresh tortillas, excellent tacos and nationally-renowned burritos (<http://fivethirtyeight.com/features/can-a-southern-burrito-overtake-one-of-californias-finest/>) (1429 Alexandria Drive)
- **Old San Juan** – Cuban and Puerto Rican food, good grilled sandwiches and very friendly owners who love to chat (247 Surfside Drive)
- **Chicken Casa** – Veracruz (Mexico) style roasted chicken. Simple plates and sandwiches, the coleslaw is delicious and spicy! (185 Pasadena Dr. Suite 150)
- **El Rancho Tapatío** – Mexican favorites, good tacos, serves breakfast. (138 Burt Road)
- **Brasabana** – Cuban and Puerto Rican cuisine, usually has a local band playing on Friday or Saturday, also a good place to see Enrique González's art (841 Lane Allen Road)
- **La Cocina de María** – home-style Mexican, super laid back roadside stand. Best *tamales* and *tres leches* cake in town! (895 North Broadway)
- **El Gran Tako** – variety of authentic tacos for a \$2-3 each. Low key and laid back. If you can, go late-night with some friends for the after-club scene. (1801 Alexandria Drive)
- **Panadería Aguacalientes** – one of the best local Mexican bakeries, sells bread, sweets, and cakes. If you go early in the morning you might be able to find fresh *churros*. (1400 Alexandria Drive)

- \*\*\*There are lots of great eateries around Cardinal Valley, Village Drive, and Alexandria Drive. Many are located in the back of the *tiendas* and are great places to grab a quick taco and soda for under \$5. You can also find taco trucks in these areas, usually starting in the late afternoon and going till about 1-2am.

**Tiendas:**

There are also lots of wonderful *tiendas* in town that sell Latino products. Aguascalientes on Versailles is the biggest and best-known. If you go to a store, **take money and buy something!** Nothing expensive, \$5 is fine. Find something that you've never tried before, buy it, and force yourself to interact with people. Don't just stick your head inside, snap a picture, and run.

**Volunteer Opportunities in the Community**

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*This list is informational; the department of Hispanic Studies does not have a formal relationship with any of these sites. If you are interested in volunteering with one of these groups, please contact the person listed below directly.*

**Education and Tutoring**

*\*These placements will provide you with the most direct contact with the Latino and Spanish-speaking community of Lexington. Note that your tutoring sessions will be (for the most part) in English. You will need to take the initiative to use and practice your Spanish with students and their families.*

**Winburn Together We Can:** After-school homework tutoring program in the Winburn neighbourhood on the north side of Lexington. Monday-Thursday from 4pm-6pm. Focus is basic homework help: mostly reading and math. The program serves a large percentage of Latino students. You will be asked to commit to attending on the same day each week. This is great opportunity to learn about social and economic barriers impact educational attainment, as the program coordinators are dynamic and very involved. Background check (free) required. Contact John Kim Kim, John [jkim@sj-london.org](mailto:jkim@sj-london.org)

**Migrant Education Program:** Tutor elementary students in math and reading at elementary schools throughout Lexington. You will be working independently with the same student for the entire semester and may have some contact with the student's parents. Tutoring will be conducted at the student's school following dismissal (2:35 or 3:15, depending on the school). You will work with the family and the Migrant Education Program to set up a regular schedule. Tutoring will be held in English, but you will likely use some conversational Spanish with the students and their families. Background check (free) required. Contact Richard Sánchez: [richard.sanchez@fayette.kyschools.us](mailto:richard.sanchez@fayette.kyschools.us)

**Dixie Elementary:** Dixie has a small tutoring program that runs on Mondays (and Wednesdays, per volunteer availability). You will be working with Latino elementary-aged ESL students following dismissal for about an hour helping them with reading and math. The program runs for one hour 1-2 afternoons per week, depending on volunteer availability. Students at this placement are asked to make a commitment to attend on the same night each week. Background check (free) required. Contact Ashley Adkins: [ashleigh.adkins@fayette.kyschools.us](mailto:ashleigh.adkins@fayette.kyschools.us)

**Village Branch Lexington Public Library:** After-school tutoring program for grades K-12. Focus is basic homework help: mostly reading and math. Most tutoring will be in English, but you will likely use quite a bit of conversational Spanish while there. 4-8pm Monday-Friday. Volunteers are asked to commit at least 2 hours per week. Background check (free) and short orientation required. The background check takes about 2 weeks to complete, so please start the process right away. To begin, send an email to Vicki Hale [vhale@lexpublib.org](mailto:vhale@lexpublib.org) and include your full name, telephone number, and email. She will submit your information and you will receive an email from ESR. It is very important that you open that email and click through to the complete the background check. From there it takes 1-2 weeks to complete the background check.

**Common Good:** After-school mentoring program that serves children in grades K-12 from North Lexington neighbourhoods. The program includes four components: education, recreation, spiritual formation and leadership development. The program runs Monday-Thursday from 2:30-6:00 PM for the school year. You will be asked to commit to volunteering one day a week for the fall semester or school year. Background check and volunteer training is required. Contact Laura Gallaher by phone at 859-333-5336 or [commongoodcdc@gmail.com](mailto:commongoodcdc@gmail.com)

### Legal, Government, Community

*These placements require a high-level of motivation and ability to work independently. In the case of Radio Lexington and Seedleaf, you will have to seek and develop ways to connect these organizations with the Latino community.*

**Maxwell Street Legal Clinic:** General work in the law office includes making reminder phone calls to clients and helping them find information about citizenship and other immigration programs. *Limit to one student per semester.* Walking distance to campus. Contact Guion Johnstone [guionjohnstone@kyequaljustice.org](mailto:guionjohnstone@kyequaljustice.org)

**Lexington Community Radio:** Work with community organizers who are developing a local radio station to serve downtown Lexington, including a number of neighborhoods with Spanish-speaking residents. Students who are placed will help the organization improve outreach to Latino residents by creating promotional materials, conducting community needs surveys or focus groups, and other projects. This placement is perfect for students majoring in Communications or community development related fields. You must be motivated, able to work independently and good at keeping up with communications. Contact Delia Gibbs [d.r.gibbs12@gmail.com](mailto:d.r.gibbs12@gmail.com) (859)227-7529

**Seedleaf:** Community gardening program that is very active in downtown Lexington. Work includes direct gardening, help with community cooking classes, and development of promotional and education materials. The organization would like help with increasing its outreach efforts to the Latino residents of the neighborhoods where they work. This could involve helping Seedleaf prepare Spanish-language materials, or could mean establishing contacts with other community organizations to help spread the work about Seedleaf's efforts. Many of the gardens are located within walking/biking distance of campus. Contact Ryan Koch 859-967-8865 [seedleafinfo@gmail.com](mailto:seedleafinfo@gmail.com)

### Health Care

**Baby Health:** Free clinic for children and youth under 18 years old who do not have health insurance. Work depends on your skills and previous experience: possibilities include translating paper documents, interpreting for non-Spanish speaking staff, working with our volunteers at the front desk, making reminder phone calls in Spanish, and developing Spanish-language health education materials. Clinic is open Mondays through Fridays from 7:30-12 with an extra hour on Mondays and Fridays. Generally the clinic is busiest when they open in the morning. Contact Donna Sizemore [babyhealth@windstream.net](mailto:babyhealth@windstream.net)

**Lexington Rescue Mission:** Free clinic for adults and children who do not have health insurance. Work depends on your skills and previous experience: possibilities include translating paper documents, interpreting for non-Spanish speaking staff, working with our volunteers at the front desk, making reminder phone calls in Spanish, and developing Spanish-language health education materials. Contact clinic for current hours and needs. Contact Emily Weeks (859) 381-9600, ext. 226 [emily@lexingtonrescue.org](mailto:emily@lexingtonrescue.org)

**Mission Lexington Dental Clinic:** Provides free dental services to adults and children during evening clinics twice a month. Work depends on your skills and previous experience: possibilities include translating paper documents, interpreting for non-Spanish speaking staff, working with our volunteers at the front desk, making reminder phone calls in Spanish, and developing Spanish-language health education materials. Contact clinic for current clinic schedule. Contact Huston Hastie [h1hastie09@gmail.com](mailto:h1hastie09@gmail.com)