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2014 SUMMER STUDY ABROAD

Ecuador



“Come experience the four major culture groups of Ecuador, improve your Spanish dramatically, stay with Ecuadorian families, visit the Amazon jungle and swim in the Pacific Ocean. This trip focuses on speaking Spanish, learning about the Ecuadorian culture, seeing what God is doing in Ecuador, and learning more about ourselves.” -Profe. Rick Clark

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2014 Summer Study Abroad

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GEN 350 Topics in Cross-Cultural Studies: Ecuador

- ◆ Summer 2014 (Tentative May 11-June 8)
- ◆ 6 credits
- ◆ Prerequisite: Spanish 102 or equivalent proficiency; acceptance into the program, and GEN 316 (1 cr.)

Note: GEN 316 is the pre-trip class for this program (spring semester, 2nd half)

- ◆ Fulfills cross-cultural gen-ed requirement; Spanish majors & minors may choose to apply four credits from the program to their Spanish electives.

Explore a broad panorama of life in Ecuador through an interdisciplinary study of Ecuadorian society and culture, Spanish language, and a service-learning project. Emphasis will be placed on the inquiry into the norms, rules, values, traditions and beliefs that are commonly held among Ecuadorians and are generally considered to make up their culture.

Course Requirements

- ◆ Attend pre-trip meetings and seminars.
- ◆ Investigative paper
- ◆ On-site language and culture class
- ◆ Journal
- ◆ Service learning project
- ◆ Final paper

Location

Students will spend the majority of their time in Quito, with short visits to the Amazon jungle, the cities of Otavalo and Baños, and the coast town of Same .

Faculty: Profe. Rick Clark is a faculty member in the Department of Modern World Languages. He will lead this program in collaboration with the Andean Studies Program based in Quito. Raised in Ecuador, Profe. Clark has been teaching college- and high-school level Spanish for over 30 years. He has extensive travel experience, including study and mission trips to Spain, Mexico, Honduras, Haiti and Ecuador.

Passport and Visa: For U.S. citizens, a passport is required for entry into Ecuador, a visa is not required for tourist stays of less than 90 days. Information on how to obtain a passport is available from the Global Education Center or the State Department web site at <http://travel.state.gov/>.

Housing and Meals

While in Quito, participants will live and share meals with their Ecuadorian families. Living with a host family is one of the best ways to experience a culture and practice the language. While on overnight excursions, students will stay in a hotel/hostel or similar housing.

Excursions

Day trips include a visit to Mount Cotopaxi, a volcano with a summit elevation of over 19,000 feet, Bellavista Rain Forest, and the HCJB World Radio Mission. A weekend trip to Otavalo will have students taking in the local markets and customs. The program will end with a visit to the hot springs of Baños, and two days on the Atacames coast to R & R on the beach.

Program Cost

Approximately \$5350. This price includes six credits (discounted at 1/2 off tuition) and all direct costs (airfare, food, lodging, entrance fees, etc.).

Payment Deadline

After determination of the final program fee, on or around April 1, the SSAO will send out billings. Deadline for payment is May 1. Participants will be provided with the *Payment, Cancellation, and Refund Policies* upon acceptance in the program.

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Application

Applications are due February 1, 2014.

Application forms are available on MyNWC at:

www.nwciowa.edu/summer-abroad



"I feel like I have grown significantly in my language skills, people skills, and confidence level. I will be returning to the States with a new mindset and an immense amount of knowledge that this trip has blessed me with. I was able to see God's splendor in every person, place, and activity we encountered ..." - 2012 Ecuador Participant