



Ecuador

Short-term Faculty-led Study Away Program • Summer Intersession • May 19 - June 1, 2013

Program Name:

Sustainable Development in Ecuador

Course Numbers & Names:

GRY 397: Selected Topics in Geography II

JRN 300: Special Topics in Journalism

MED 300: Special Topics in Media

Credit hours: **3**

Course Overview & Highlights

This jointly-taught, field-based course will introduce students to the integrated physical and human geography of one of the earth's most ecologically fragile regions.

Through projects tailored to their respective majors, students will gain an understanding of the complex cultural, environmental and economic factors that must be balanced to achieve sustainable development.

Students will visit several regions of the country to examine the conflicting priorities of various stakeholders, including the sizeable indigenous population, recent settlers and oil exploration companies. The wide-ranging study tour will encompass:

- The natural features, flora and fauna of the breathtaking **Andes mountains** and **Amazon basin**
- Geotourism, biodiversity, sustainable agriculture, native cuisine and vocational education at the **Yachana Ecolodge** on the Napo River in the Amazon Rainforest
- Traditional handicrafts, markets and new community development projects in a number of **indigenous villages**
- Urban morphology, ethnography and culture in Ecuador's historic capital city, **Quito**, whose 2.8 million people live on the slopes of an active stratovolcano

\$2,100 Program Fee Includes:

In-country transportation, lodging and most meals in Ecuador; tour guides, program activities, admission fees, most gratuities; Study Away student fee and basic medical insurance. Separated costs not available.

Program Fee Excludes:

- Passport fee; some meals and gratuities; misc. personal expenses
- **\$1,300 est. round-trip airfare** to Quito, Ecuador (students will book their own flights and should do so as soon as they are accepted into the program)
- **\$601.44 MSU tuition** for 3 hours of undergraduate credit (both Missouri residents and non-residents will pay the Mo. Resident per-credit-hour tuition rate)

Application due by Mon., Jan. 28, 2013.

A non-refundable deposit of \$315 will be billed to your student account. Please see **Application & Payment Procedures** for MSU and Visiting Students on reverse.

Financial Aid Options

- **Study Away \$500 voucher** for students who entered MSU as freshmen in 2009 or 2010
- **Study Away Scholarship:** Application deadline is **Feb. 19, 2013**; contact the Study Away office at **836-6368**
- **Departmental scholarships**
- Other forms of **financial aid** for which you may be eligible; contact the Financial Aid office at **836-5262**

Informational Meeting(s): **TBA**

Pre-travel Class Meeting(s):

Fri., May 10 & Mon., May 13, 2013

(details TBA)

Depart for Quito, Ecuador:

Sunday, May 19, 2013

Depart Quito:

Saturday, June 1, 2013

Post-travel Class Meeting(s):

Tues., June 4, 2013 (details TBA)

Interested in going?

Contact one of the Program Directors:

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Course Objectives & Activities

This integrated field study course focuses on the concepts of **sustainable development and social equity**. Utilizing a broad spectrum of research and documentary methods, students in the areas of Geography, Planning, Media and Journalism will complete individual and team projects based on these themes.

Geography and Planning students will explore the tensions that exist between the need to generate economic growth and the desire to protect environmental and cultural resources. Journalism and Media students will hone news-gathering and multimedia documentary production skills under challenging environmental and cultural conditions. All will have the opportunity to experience the physical and human geography of Ecuador and gain insight into the issues that are shaping our future well-being on Earth.

Note: This program satisfies the field course requirement for Geology, Geography and Planning students to complete their BA/BS degrees. Objectives specific to GRY397 and JRN/MED300 students are outlined in the respective course syllabi, available from the Program Directors.

Tentative Course Schedule/Itinerary

Pre-travel Class Meetings: Fri., May 10 & Mon., May 13, 2013 (details TBA)

Sun., May 19, 2013: Fly to Quito, Ecuador; overnight in Quito.

Mon., May 20: Meet local guide at Ahuano, a Quechua village on the Napo River, and travel by motorized canoe to Yachana Lodge. After orientation, hike to scenic overlook; see Sumaco Volcano. (B/L/D)

Tues., May 21: Early AM bird-watching hike. Meet students at the Yachana Technical High School and participate in student projects (organic farming, conservation, recycling, traditional handicrafts, etc.). Visit a typical Indian house; learn how natural fiber baskets and pottery are made. Discussion of Yachana and Mondaña community history. Night walk to look for nocturnal species. (B/L/D)

Wed., May 22: Visit Agua Santa market and the Cacao Collection Center community development project. Guided tour of rainforest fauna and flora. If river conditions permit, enjoy tubing on the Napo. Learn about cacao and its importance to the region as you make jungle chocolate with a Yachana chef. (B/L/D)

Thurs., May 23: Secondary forest hike to study native plants and how they are used to make food, medicine, building materials, etc. Visit GVI Reserve to learn about biodiversity research projects. Amazon cooking class led by indigenous chefs. Visit a local shaman, participate in a traditional cleansing ceremony and practice using a blowgun and spear. Evening bonfire on the riverbank. (B/L/D)

Fri., May 24: Travel to Bellavista Cloud Forest and Mindo Important Bird Area. Overnight at Bellavista Scientist Lodge. (B/L/D)

Sat., May 25: AM activity at Bellavista Cloud Forest. Afternoon visit the Middle of the World Monument & Museum, focusing on Ecuador's indigenous ethnography. Evening tour of Quito's Old Town historic center and Panecillo Hill. Overnight in Quito. (B/L/D)

Sun., May 26 & Mon., May 27: Explore Quito and work on class projects. (B)

Tues., May 28: Drive to Cotopaxi National Park & Museum to learn about the area's wildlife, volcanoes and other natural features. Hike up to José Rivas Refuge and glaciers. Descend on mountain bikes to Limpiopungo Lagoon. Dinner and overnight at the Hosteria Papagayo near Cotopaxi. (B/L/D)

Wed., May 29: Explore Quilotoa caldera and lake. Overnight in Quito. (B/L/D)

Thurs., May 30: Visit Calderón village and other stops along the Pan-American Highway. View Cayambe Volcano, which is crossed by the equator at its summit. From Miralago scenic lookout, view Imbabura Volcano and San Pablo Lake. Explore Otavalo's Indigenous Market and visit a weaver in Peguche. Overnight at Hostal Casa Sol. (B/L/D)

Fri., May 31: Indigenous Communities Village Tour; visit Cotacachi and Cuicocha Lake. Farewell dinner in Quito. (B/D)

Sat., June 1: Depart Quito. (B)

Post-travel Class Meeting: Tues., June 4

Course Requirements & Grading

Assignments for GRY 397:

- Short exercises relating to the physical and human (cultural, economic, political, urban) geography of each area visited (25%)
- Small group project on a selected theme, utilizing various research methods (60%)

Assignments JRN 300 and MED 300:

- Short exercises to background the course topic and prepare individual and team reporting/documentary plans (15%)
- Execution of one individual and one team reporting/documentary plan. The individual project should incorporate use of at least three multimedia tools (audio, video, still photography, writing, mapping, Prezi). All work must include social media integration and promotion. (30%)
- Production and publishing of the final documentary on the Ozarks News Journal website and on CD/DVD (40%)

All students must maintain a **daily log of activities and reflections**, due at the end of the course. (15%)

While working in their individual areas of study, students are encouraged to collaborate across disciplines in their group projects.

Application & Payment Procedures

Missouri State University students and others who are approved by a Program Director may apply. Instructions are included on the program application.

MSU Students: A non-refundable deposit of \$315 will be billed to your University account upon application (deadline Jan. 28, 2013). You will receive a second billing on Feb. 28 and a final billing on March 29, 2013, for the balance of the program fee (\$1,785). MSU course tuition (\$601.44) will be billed to your University account and will be due according to the University's payment plan.

Visiting Students: A non-refundable deposit of \$315 (check or money order) must accompany your application (deadline Jan. 28, 2013). A check or money order for the balance of the program fee (\$1,785) will be due by Feb. 28, 2013. MSU course tuition (\$601.44) will be billed by the University.

IN ORDER TO ENSURE PARTICIPATION IN THIS STUDY AWAY PROGRAM, THE ENTIRE AMOUNT OF THE PROGRAM FEE MUST BE RECEIVED BY MON., MAY 6, 2013. PAYMENT CAN BE MADE ONLINE OR AT THE BURSAR'S OFFICE. Estimated program fees are based on rates in effect on the publication date of this flyer and may be subject to change. Program participants agree to a potential increase of up to 10% if rates increase before or during travel.

Cancellation & Refund Policies

- Students who withdraw prior to April 8, 2013, will receive a refund of fees paid, less the deposit and any non-refundable purchases made on his/her behalf.
- If a student is forced to withdraw after April 8, 2013, for a bona fide medical reason, s/he will receive a refund of fees paid, less the deposit and expenses. A certificate of incapacitating illness or injury from a licensed physician is required.
- Students withdrawing voluntarily after April 8, 2013, or withdrawing due to medical reasons not protected under the fees refund policy, receive no refund.
- Once the program has started, no refunds will be issued under any circumstances.
- All notifications of withdrawal must be made in writing to the Program Director(s) and to Elizabeth Strong at the Study Away Office, Jim D. Morris Center, Suite 403. **Non-payment of fees does not guarantee automatic withdrawal.**
- The program may be cancelled if enrollment is fewer than 13 participants. In this event, students will receive a full refund.