



# Peru

## Short-term Faculty-led Study Away Program • 2nd Block Spring • May 17-25, 2014

Course Name: **International Service-Learning: FIMRC Medical Mission in Peru**

Course Numbers: **BMS 400**

Credit Hours: **2** undergraduate/graduate

### Course Overview & Objectives:

This program partners with the MSU campus chapter of the Foundation for International Medical Relief of Children (FIMRC) <<http://www.fimrc.org>>. Through this partnership, students volunteer their time and skills to support FIMRC's mission of providing access to medical care to millions of underprivileged and underserved children around the world.

Project Peru is an intensive one-week program through which students will gain experience working in a variety of care settings and community outreach efforts. Participants will live with FIMRC-affiliated homestay families and work with health professionals at FIMRC clinics and partner hospitals in Trujillo, Agallpampa and/or Huancayo, Peru. Students will have the opportunity to:

- Provide routine and acute care under the supervision of local doctors and nurses
- Develop and present health education programs for children and families
- Assist with language translation, project administration and support services
- Observe first-hand the disparities between health care resources in the U.S. and developing countries
- Expand understanding of the people, country and culture of Peru
- Learn principles that may be applied to working with other medically underserved communities

### Program Fee: \$2,360

**Program Fee Includes:** Round-trip airfare, \$1,150 FIMRC participation fee\*, Study Away student fee and basic medical insurance; separated costs not available.

**Program Fee Excludes:** Passport, ground transportation in Springfield, misc personal expenses, and souvenirs. MSU tuition for 2 hours undergraduate credit. Both Missouri residents and non-residents pay the Mo. resident per-credit-hour tuition rate, per University policy.

**Applications are due by February 7, 2014. A nonrefundable deposit of \$180 will be billed to your student account.** Please see Application & Payment Procedures for MSU and Visiting Students on reverse.

*\*The FIMRC participation fee (\$1,150) covers ground transportation, lodging, meals and volunteer related activities in Peru. Students pay this fee directly to FIMRC, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to improving pediatric and maternal health in the developing world through the implementation of innovative and self-sustainable health improvement programs. A portion of the FIMRC program fee may be tax deductible.*

### Scholarship Eligibility & Financial Aid

Students may apply for the College of Natural & Applied Sciences Study Away scholarship. Applications are due to the Study Away office by April 11, 2014. Please see the scholarship page on the Study Away website. Additionally, students who receive financial aid may apply aid to this program. Contact the Office of Financial Aid at 836-5262 for more information.

Informational Meeting:

TBD

Application Due:

**February 7, 2014**

Pre-Travel Meetings:

TBA

Depart Springfield:

**May 17, 2014**

Return to Springfield:

**May 25, 2014**

Post-Travel Meeting, Papers Due:

**July 26 - August 1, 2014**

### Interested in going?

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## Course Schedule & Itinerary

This international service-learning course combines academic, cultural competence and community engagement objectives in accord with Missouri State University's public affairs mission. Through this program, students will see the immense need of Peru's children and the extraordinary efforts put forth to provide them hope and good health for the future. This experience will serve as a foundation for students who wish to become more deeply involved in community and global health. Participants in this program will:

- Be able to speak 20 words/phrases in Spanish prior to departure
- Prepare and present one educational health topic to Peruvian families, with the assistance of an interpreter
- Assist health professionals in various care settings, including hospitals, clinics, schools and homes
- Keep a daily reflection journal, to be used as the basis for a PowerPoint presentation highlighting their FIMRC medical mission experience and comparing health care in Peru and the U.S.

## STUDY TOUR

As a volunteer with Project Peru, you will carry out vital tasks in support of FIMRC's efforts. In Trujillo and Huancayo, volunteers are based in a large government hospital, while in Agallpampa, volunteer activities take place in a small community clinic. Volunteers will divide their time between the medical facilities and the surrounding community.

All volunteers at the Trujillo and Huancayo hospitals are required to wear white coats, provided by FIMRC. You must take care of this coat and return it at the conclusion of the volunteer mission. If lost or damaged, you will be required to pay a replacement fee to FIMRC.

FIMRC's partnering clinic in Agallpampa occasionally sends members of its medical team to remote parts of the Sierra to seek out and treat patients. Volunteers occasionally have the opportunity to join these excursions. These trips are planned and implemented by government health officials and are considered safe, though as is the case with many rural excursions, risks may exist based on weather, transportation, and site conditions.

Because of the ever-changing nature of the Global Health Volunteer Program and the facilities we serve, we cannot provide you with an advance itinerary specific to your trip. While we strive to create a mix that balances the volunteers' desires with the needs of the community, daily schedules are determined by factors as diverse as the needs of the communities we serve.

## Course Credit & Requirements

Students must fulfill the academic requirements for the course as outlined below:

- Present and submit for grading a daily journal, documented one educational session for a Peruvian family, and a PowerPoint presentation following your return for presentation to BMS faculty and interested students.
- Participate daily in all assigned projects or activities and participate fully. Submit a documented log of activities.
- Participate upon return in a focus group sharing impressions, ideas, experiences, and suggestions for future FIMRC trips.

### Assessment of Learning

Evaluation of the student will be conducted by the faculty member and will be based upon participation in and completion of all academic requirements for the course. Grades will be based on 90 – 100% = A, 80 – 89% = B, 70 – 79% = C, 60 – 69% = D, </59% = F and will be determined as follows:

- Daily Reflective log to match itinerary Use MSU Service Learning Reflection Journal: 30%, Due: April 18, 2014. No credit will be given for a non-MSU log book.
- PowerPoint Presentation of Experience upon return: 40% to be scheduled on April 18 coordinated with other FIMRC groups.
  - Presentations will be 15 minute PowerPoint Presentations prepared in groups of 1, 2 or 3 students depending on the total size of the group.
  - Presentations April 18, time TBD: Students will deliver their presentations to the group relating experiences in Peru upon return These presentations will also be open to other faculty, students, staff and other visitors and will emphasize the learning experiences of the trip..
- Discussion and Participation in all activities: 30%, verified with trip logs and itinerary Using Trip Log from Service Learning signed by community Partner/chaperone. Due: April 18, 2014. No credit will be given for a non-MSU trip log.
- Due April 18, 2014; Daily Reflective log to match travel itinerary and report on healthcare disparities

**Required Text:** None.

## 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. Students will pay FIMRC fees (\$1,150) directly to FIMRC; see university billing procedures below.

**MSU Students:** A non-refundable deposit of **\$180** will be billed to your University account upon application (deadline Feb. 7, 2014). You will receive a second billing on March 7, 2014 and a final billing on April 4, 2014, for the balance of the program fee (\$1,030). MSU course tuition will be billed to your university account and is due according to the university payment plan.

**Visiting Students:** A non-refundable deposit of \$180 (check or money order) must accompany your application (deadline Feb. 7, 2014). A check or money order for the balance of the program fee (\$1030) and MSU course tuition (\$408) will be due by April 18, 2014.

**IN ORDER TO ENSURE PARTICIPATION IN THIS STUDY AWAY PROGRAM, THE ENTIRE AMOUNT OF THE PROGRAM FEE MUST BE RECEIVED BY MAY 2, 2014 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 4, 2014 will receive a refund of fees paid, less the \$180 deposit and any non-refundable purchases made on his/her behalf.
- If a student is forced to withdraw after April 4, 2014 or a bona fide medical reason, s/he will receive a refund of fees paid, less the \$180 deposit and expenses. A certificate of incapacitating illness or injury from a licensed physician is required.
- Students withdrawing voluntarily after April 4, 2014 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 and sent to the Program Director and Director of Study Away Programs at the Study Away Office, Jim D. Morris Center, Suite 403. Non-payment of fees does not guarantee automatic withdrawal.

# Study Away!

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