



Ecuador

Short-term Faculty-led Study Away Program • Summer Intersession 2013 • May 26 - June 22, 2013

Course Name: **Intensive Spanish Summer Program to Ecuador**

Course Numbers: **IDS 250**

Credit Hours: **2-3 IDS 250 + 6**
(additional credit hours earned from Academia Latinoamericana)

Course Overview & Objectives:

This program, sponsored by the Modern & Classical Languages Dept., immerses students in Spanish language and culture, beginning with a series of five pre-travel orientation sessions at Missouri State, followed by four weeks of intensive study at Academia Latinoamericana in Quito, Ecuador. This combined approach provides students with the opportunity to:

- Gain proficiency in written and conversational Spanish
- Live with native families and experience Latin American culture first-hand
- Visit Ecuador's most significant city and rural sites and monuments
- Increase understanding of the history, religion, arts, architecture, geography, politics and other aspects of life in Latin America

Program Fee: \$4,100

Program Fee Includes: airfare, ground transportation, room and board, laundry service, Academia Latinoamericana program fees and books, all excursion expenses, tips, Study Away student fee. **Separated costs not available.**

Program Fee Excludes: MSU tuition for 2 or 3 hours of undergraduate credit; passport, some meals, tips for personal services, airport departure taxes, misc. personal expenses.

Applications are due by Wednesday, December 5, 2012 A nonrefundable deposit of \$500 will be billed to your student account. Please see Application & Payment Procedures for MSU Students on reverse.

The Study Away Scholarship and Financial Aid

Students may apply for the Study Away scholarship to study abroad during winter intersession 2013, spring 2013, and summer 2013 terms. The scholarship is need-based for full-time MSU degree-seeking students with a minimum 3.0 GPA enrolled in an approved Study Away program. Students must complete the scholarship application by February 19, 2013.

Students who receive financial aid through MSU may apply that aid to the program, if eligible. Contact the Office of Financial Aid at 836-5262 for more information.

Study Away Application Due:
December 5, 2012

Pre-travel Class Meetings
4:00-7:00 p.m. Sundays
March 3 & 24; April 7, 21 & 28, 2013
Siceluff Hall #117

Depart Springfield for Ecuador:
May 26, 2013

Depart Ecuador for Springfield:
June 22, 2013

Post-travel Meeting, Papers Due:
July 1, 2013

Interested in going?

Contact the Program Director,
Dr. Roger Dowdy, Professor of Modern &
Classical Languages at
DRDowdy@missouristate.edu or
836-5579 for more information.

Applications available in my office
(Siceluff 142) the MCL Dept. office
(Siceluff 223) and Study Away Office
(Jim Morris Center, Suite 403)

Early application is strongly advised.

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Course Overview

Preparation for the Summer 2013 Intensive Spanish Study Program at Academia Latinoamericana in Quito, Ecuador begins with a series of five 3-hour orientation sessions during the Spring semester at Missouri State. These IDS 250 sessions will focus on Latin American culture, history, geography, and preparation for travel and life in Ecuador.

The IDS 250 course includes field experience integrated with A.L.'s four-week intensive program in Quito. Students will be given a placement exam on arrival and assigned to small classes (max. 4 students per class), based on level of Spanish ability.

Classes at A.L. meet from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm each weekday. The all-Spanish classes cover grammar, vocabulary, composition (reading and writing), conversation and culture.

In the afternoons, students will tour cultural sites with their MSU Program Director. These outings will give students the opportunity to practice language skills while visiting museums, government buildings, monuments, and religious sites. Students will write short reports on each site visited. Each Thursday afternoon, students will participate in a Community Service Program working with small disadvantaged children in Quito.

Overnight cultural tours are planned for each of the three weekends in Ecuador. The group will visit historical and cultural sites by private bus. During their four weeks in Ecuador, students will live with Spanish host families who speak little or no English. Accommodations include a single room (double occupancy) with a private bath. The home stay experience offers unique insights into Spanish life and culture. A. L. also plans parties and events to allow students to socialize and get to know native people and other foreign students on a personal level.

Course Schedule & Itinerary

Fri., Feb. 11, 2013 Submit a 1- to 1.5-page autobiography, typed (double-spaced) in English to the Program Director.

Prior to the March 3 orientation session, submit your passport to the Program Director so that copies can be made for the travel agent.

4:00-7:00 pm Sundays, March 3 & 24; April 7, 21 & 28, MSU Sichel #117 Mandatory pre-travel orientation sessions.

Sat., May 26, 2013 Depart Springfield and arrive in Quito, Ecuador on same day, where you will meet your host families.

Monday, May 27 Academia Latinoamericana placement exams; classes begin

Mon.-Fri., May 27 - 31; June 3-7; June 10-14 & June 17-21 Morning classes at A.L.; afternoon

tours of cultural sites with MSU Program Director

WEEKEND EXCURSIONS

Fri.-Sun., Mar. 31-June 2 Travel to the Otavalo Indian Market, the most famous market in the country, the indigenous home of Antonio Quinotoa to have the opportunity to try "cuy" (Guinea pig), the water falls of Peguche, and the town of San Antonio famous for Woodcarvings.

Fri.-Sun., June 7-9 Visit Baños, a small town where you can bath in the hot sulfur springs, go river rafting and see people extract juice from sugar cane. You will also see waterfalls and volcanos and much more.

Sat., June 28-30 Visit Bellavista in the Cloud Forest Reserve where you will enjoy the hundreds of bird species and trek through the forest.

Fri., June 21 Day trip to the Middle of the World, the equatorial line that divides the northern and the southern hemispheres.

Sat., June 22 Depart for Springfield. Arrive in Springfield on Sunday June 23.

Course Credit & Requirements

Upon successful completion of the program, students will receive 6 hours of Spanish transfer credit from A.L., as well as 2 or 3 hours of MSU credit for IDS 250. Students choose whether to sign up for the 2- or 3-hour IDS 250 course. Students receive 6 hours of transfer credit from the 4-week Summer Program at A.L. **All 6 hours apply toward a Spanish major or minor.**

Assessment of learning will be conducted by the MSU Program Director and by A.L. faculty. Grading will be based on:

- Attendance at all IDS 250 pre-travel orientation sessions; completion of all assignments; and participation in all field experiences, excursions and class activities in Ecuador
- April 28 exam covering material from all orientation sessions
- Weekly exams in A.L. classes in Quito
- Evaluation of oral Spanish proficiency (fluency, ability to communicate and willingness to use Spanish) and general interest in learning the language and culture of Latin America
- A comprehensive portfolio to be assembled in Ecuador
- Two written assignments TBA during the last week of class in Ecua., which will be due by Mon., July 1

In addition, students who elect the IDS 250 3-credit-hour course option will be required to read two additional works From Latin America. There will be a separate exam over these works.

Required text: The textbook for IDS 250 will be a Spanish guide book and printed online

materials prepared by the MSU Program Director. Academia Latinoamericana will provide texts and materials in Ecuador.

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 be required to demonstrate Spanish language proficiency equal to the level attained by completion of SPN 201 before admission will be granted. Students currently enrolled in SPN 201 are eligible to apply, pending passage of the course. Your application must be approved and **you must be admitted to the program before enrolling in IDS 250.**

MSU Students: A non-refundable deposit of **\$500** will be billed to your University account upon application (deadline Dec. 5, 2012). You will receive a second billing on Jan. 18, 2013 and a final billing on Mar. 1, 2013, for the balance of the program fee (\$3,600). MSU course tuition will be billed to your University account and is due according to the university payment plan.

IN ORDER TO ENSURE PARTICIPATION IN THIS STUDY AWAY PROGRAM, THE ENTIRE AMOUNT OF THE PROGRAM FEE MUST BE RECEIVED BY MAY 10, 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 March 29, 2013 will receive a refund of fees paid, less the \$500 deposit and any non-refundable purchases made on his/her behalf.
- If a student is forced to withdraw after March 29, 2013 or a bona fide medical reason, s/he will receive a refund of fees paid, less the \$500 deposit and expenses already paid on behalf of the student. A certificate of incapacitating illness or injury from a licensed physician is required.
- Students withdrawing voluntarily after March 29, 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 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.
- Program may be cancelled if enrollment is fewer than 20 participants. In this event, students will receive a full refund.