

Study Spanish and do Service Learning in Ecuador

Homestays with Ecuadorian families

January 2017

w/Preparatory Course in Fall 2016

Span Course counts for:

*Civic Engagement (CE) cornerstone

*Spanish minor experiential learning

*Upper division Spanish credit

Estimated travel cost of \$3000 includes airplane ticket, homestay including food, course work in Ecuador, group cultural outings.

Quito is a beautiful city of culture, tradition, development, and contrast. Seamlessly combining history and the modern age, Quito provides a cosmopolitan atmosphere where a number of races, cultures, myths, and legends are united to create a rich identity. Quito is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and the equator runs right through the city which the highest official capital city in the world (elevation **9,350 feet (2,850 m)** above sea level.

EDUC 371/SPAN 355 Travel Prep Course(Fall 2016—2 credits)

An introductory course intended to prepare students to take part in the January program in Quito, Ecuador. Students will be familiarized with Ecuador so as to make the travel and service learning components successful; topics may include Ecuadorian culture, food, people, history, politics, current events, school system(s), and ESOL strategies.

EDUC 372/SPAN 355 Travel course: The Ecuadorian Experience (Winter II 2017—2credits)

This 2-week travel course immerses students in the language, culture, and educational system of Ecuador. Our students are hosted and taught at the Andean Center for Latin American Studies in Quito. The course exposes students to elements of pre-Colombian cultures in Ecuador that are still important today (religion, food, health care). Students may observe and teach in elementary/middle schools in Quito, Ecuador or will be placed in other Service Learning positions. Students will participate in workshops that focus on a variety of regional indigenous cultural expressions. Students will also attend daily class sessions on Ecuadorian topics as well as lessons to increase their Spanish proficiency. Educational excursions to local historical, cultural, and development sites complement students' class work. Each student will live with an Ecuadorian family!

Course leader: Dr. Marcus Welsh

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Helpful Links:

Group Facebook from WII 2016: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/892754850813609/>

Group Facebook from WII 2015: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1401945233432546/>

Andean Center for Latin American Studies: <http://www.aclas.org/spanishandculture/>