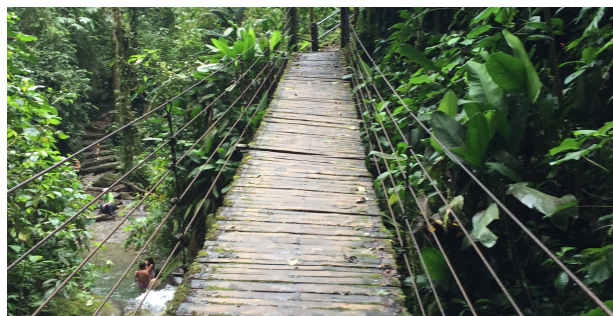


GENDER, SEXUALITY, AND POSTCOLONIALITY IN CONTEMPORARY ECUADOR



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Application Information

Students interested in applying should find this program's listing at mystudyabroad.gsu.edu and begin an online application.

Transient Students: please see the Transient Student tab on the How to Apply page on our website.

International students at Georgia State who hold F-1 visas must contact the Office of International Students and Scholar Services at (404) 413-2070 to discuss possible implications of study abroad for their immigration status.

Spring Break Study Abroad Program March 10 - 19, 2017

Program Director

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Program Description

Come join us in Ecuador to learn why many Latin American nations are on the cutting edge of transforming human rights agendas regarding sexuality, gender, and indigeneity. Activists, non-profits, and Constitutional reform in Ecuador are creating a vibrant, yet contested, moment of social change, with new discourses, identities, and social movements entering the public sphere. We will bear witness to the politics of everyday life as sexual minorities, indigenous groups, and transgender collectives seek recognition and rights in this contemporary postcolonial context.

Before our travel, we will read about sexuality, gender, indigeneity, and human rights in Latin America and Ecuador. In Quito, we will attend classes (in English) with faculty at the Universidad San Francisco de Quito (USFQ), meet with NGO-based activists and lawyers advocating for LGBTQ issues, tour Quito's colonial quarter (the largest in Latin America), visit local sights, and enjoy a cooking class. We will take a day-trip to Otavalo, an indigenous market town. We will also travel to the "Middle of the World," the site of the equator, before spending two nights at an eco-lodge in the Cloud Forest of Mindo, where we can hike, watch butterflies and birds, and learn about a rare biodiverse ecosystem.

Eligibility

The program is open to undergraduate and graduate students who meet all academic requirements of the Georgia State University College of Arts and Sciences. For undergraduates, a grade of C or better in WGSS 2010, or permission of the Program Director, is a prerequisite for the course. Program size is limited and participation is contingent upon acceptance by the program director.

Accommodations

Participants will stay in a comfortable, modern hotel near Universidad San Francisco de Quito in Quito and a beautiful eco-lodge just outside the cloud forest town of Mindo.

Application Deadline: October 31, 2016

TENTATIVE PROGRAM ITINERARY

Atlanta, GA



Before our travel, we will agree on times for a combined 2-hour class meeting and a 1-hour pre-departure orientation. Our anticipated travel itinerary is as follows:

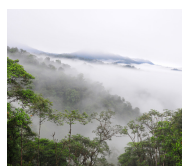
March 10 Depart Atlanta and arrive in Quito

Quito, Ecuador



March 11 Orientation and welcome lunch at Universidad San Francisco de Quito; tour Quito's historic colonial sector

Cloud Forest, Ecuador



March 12 Travel to Cloud Forest, stopping at Crater Pululahua Reserve and Middle of the World (equator); arrive at eco-lodge in Mindo; hiking and other activities

March 13 Free time for hiking, horseback riding, optional visits to Butterfly Farm, "bean-to-bar" chocolate factory, or birdwatching; afternoon class

Quito, Ecuador



March 14 Return to Quito; evening Ecuadorean cooking class

March 15 Visit local NGO; class at USFQ

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March 17 Visit Capilla del Hombre museum; free time in the afternoon

March 18 All-day excursion to Otavalo's Saturday market; depart for airport

March 19 Arrive in Atlanta



Courses and Credits

Participants who successfully complete the course will receive **3 semester hours** of course credit at Georgia State University.

Undergraduate students should register for WGSS 4910 (or, for Honors students, WGSS 4910H) and graduate students should register for WGSS 6910.

Program Cost

The program cost is tentatively set at **\$1850 in addition to regular Georgia State University tuition and fees**. Program cost may vary at any time according to currency fluctuations and changing travel arrangements. Non-resident/out-of-state students will pay in-state tuition plus a \$250 fee in addition to the program cost. For more information on what the program cost does and does not include, please visit:

<http://www.studyabroad.gsu.edu/?go=GenderEcuador>

Spring Break Early Decision Discount

The first 9 students that apply for the Ecuador study abroad program, are accepted to the program, and pay their \$300 applicant fee before October 31, 2016 will receive a \$1000 early decision discount. If an applicant misses the early decision discount (application submissions are time-stamped), they will absolutely be refunded their deposit within 7 business days should they choose not to participate at the full program price. Please note: **transient students are not eligible for this discount.**

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