The Bolivian Education Revolution: A Cultural and Linguistic Immersion Experience in Bolivian Schools

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Maymester Study Abroad Program
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Program Description

The Bolivian Education Revolution Program provides a unique international experience for students interested in dual immersion education. Bolivia is committed to creating a plurilingual society where all languages are given equal value. All Bolivian teachers are required to study one of the country’s indigenous languages and schools there are implementing bilingual programs that incorporate both Spanish and one of the country’s many indigenous languages. Participants in this program will have the opportunity to learn about Bolivia’s history, languages, and cultures as well as its education system. They will have the opportunity to observe and work alongside Bolivian teachers in Sucre, Bolivia – a colonial city high in the Andes Mountains. Through these experiences as well as course readings, reflective journals, and seminars, students will enhance their understanding of the issues students, educators, and communities face in developing and implementing dual immersion programs. While in Bolivia, participants will also participate in excursions in and around Sucre that will enhance their intercultural understandings.

Application Information

The program is open to undergraduate and graduate students who meet all academic requirements of Georgia State University, and those of the Colleges in which this program may be offered as an elective or requirement. Students interested in applying should find this program’s listing at mystudyabroad.gsu.edu and begin an online application. An intermediate level of Spanish proficiency is required.

Transient Students: please see the Transient Student tab on the How to Apply page on our website: mystudyabroad.gsu.edu/prospective/how-to-apply.

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.

Accommodations

Participants will stay in a restored colonial home that is now a comfortable bed and breakfast in Sucre’s historic center. Just 2-1/2 blocks from the central plaza, participants will be in convenient walking distance to the city’s marketplace, many museums, and popular restaurants.

Application Deadline: January 31, 2018
TENTATIVE PROGRAM ITINERARY

📍 Atlanta, Georgia
- February 2018
  - Pre-departure orientation
- May 5, 2018 – Depart Atlanta

📍 Sucre, Bolivia
- Weekdays 5/7/2018 - 5/24/2018 - Field experience in Bolivian schools, reflection journals, Class (including a Spanish for classroom teachers lesson)
- Weekend excursion to Origenes, the Bolivian cultural center

📍 Tarabuco, Bolivia
Weekend excursion to a textile and craft market in small town outside of Sucre

📍 Cretaceous Park, Bolivia
Weekend excursion to a geological site with dinosaur footprints outside of Sucre

Courses & Credits
Participants who successfully complete the program’s ECEE 4700 or ECEE 8000 courses will receive 3 semester hours of course credit at Georgia State University. Undergraduate students should register for ECEE 4700 and graduate students should register for ECEE 8000. Students from other institutions should follow their institution’s regulations concerning transfer credits.

Program Cost
Program cost may vary at any time according to currency fluctuations and changing travel arrangements. The program cost is tentatively set at $2,500, PLUS regular Georgia State University tuition and fees. 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=CEHDBolivia](http://www.studyabroad.gsu.edu/?go=CEHDBolivia)

Scholarship Information
Georgia State University students may eligible for the IEF Scholarship or the Global Experience Scholarship. Visit [http://mystudyabroad.gsu.edu/prospective/funding-study-abroad](http://mystudyabroad.gsu.edu/prospective/funding-study-abroad) or call the Study Abroad Programs office at (404) 413-2529 to learn more about scholarships & financial aid for study abroad.

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