

Why study in Ecuador?

Within a compact area only slightly larger than Minnesota, Ecuador offers landscape diversity ranging from lush tropical rainforest to the icy slopes of some of the highest volcanoes on earth, and social diversity ranging from the rapidly modernizing to the resolutely "traditional". There are few places in the world where the core themes of this course can be explored across such a range of settings in such a compact, easy to navigate place.



About the Instructor:

Jeff La Frenierre is an Assistant Professor of



Geography at Gustavus, as well as a member of the Environmental Studies faculty. His research examines the impact of glacier retreat on water supply in the Andes, with his PhD

dissertation focusing specifically on the Chimborazo region. Jeff has been a frequent visitor to Ecuador since 2007 and lived in Riobamba for 10 months as a Fulbright grantee.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Accessing Studio Abroad

To access the Studio Abroad site, go to <http://gustavus.studioabroad.com/>. This will take you to the Gustavus home page of the Studio Abroad site.

What is on Studio Abroad?

You can view the January Interim 2016 courses by clicking "Programs" on the top navigation bar. (these will be available in February 2015) If you want to see a list of only the January Interim courses, select "January Interim" from the drop-down menu labeled "Term." If you want to search for a specific program, enter the title beneath the "Program Name" from the drop-down menu. **Priority applications will be available and open on Studio Abroad beginning April 1, 2015 to April 15, 2015.** You may apply for Gustavus programs until **July 31, 2015.**

How to apply in April 2015?

First, locate your program. Once you find it, click the "Apply Now" button and follow the instructions on the subsequent screens. Once you get to your application "home page" you will then need to read, submit, and return a variety of other pieces, all of which will be laid out on your home page. Some of these items will be submitted electronically, some still need to be submitted via paper directly to the CICE (i.e. receipt for fees). Read all of the information and instructions carefully

For Gustavus programs, this will be the only application you need to complete. If you are applying to a program through Hamline, UMAIE, or HECUA, this is only the application for Gustavus approval and does not constitute approval or acceptance into the specific study abroad program. You will receive instructions and a link to apply to your specific study abroad program/program provider on the Studio Abroad system once CICE has given you the approval to apply.



From the Amazon to the Andes: Ecuadorian Landscapes in a Time of Global Change



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About the Course

Amazon rainforest conservation, oil drilling, indigenous rights, and community development. Climate change, glacier retreat, water supply, and traditional agrarian livelihoods. Volcanic hazards, damaged communities and new socioeconomic realities. These are some of the themes we will explore in this intense, active, and exciting course. Together, we will examine the factors that promote ecological and cultural diversity and influence environmental and social change across a wide range of Ecuador's landscapes. By the end of your time in Ecuador, you will have further developed the conceptual and practical skills necessary to recognize and evaluate the tight interlinkages that exist between social and environmental systems – skills that are increasingly critical in our rapidly changing world.



Course Information

Instructor: Jeff La Frenierre

Enrollment: 20 students

Cost: TBD, estimates late March 2015

Tentative Dates: January 4-29, 2016

Deadlines:

Applications available: April 1, 2015

Early applications due: April 15, 2015

Last day to apply: July 31, 2015



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Travel Sites:

- **Quito:** Ecuador's mountain-ringed capital city, which mixes a thriving economy with a gorgeously preserved colonial old city.
- **Yasuni National Park and World Biosphere Reserve:** One of the most biodiverse tropical conservation areas in the world, and ancestral home to Waorani people.
- **Baños:** Ecuador's adventure-tourism capital and close-neighbor to Volcán Tungurahua.
- **Volcán Chimborazo:** Ecuador's tallest mountain (20,700 feet), a glacier-capped dormant volcano.
- **The Inca Road to Ingapirca:** A three day trek across the alpine grasslands of Sangay National Park and World Heritage Site.
- **Ingapirca:** The largest Incan ruin in Ecuador preserves an outstanding example of the intricate stonemasonry skills of the empire's great architects.
- **Cuenca:** A relaxed and beautiful city of colonial architecture, this World Heritage Site is home to spacious plazas, cobbled lanes, and vibrant markets.

