

## From the Amazon to Machu Picchu: Community, Place, and Leadership

Explore the splendor of the Amazonian region of Peru in this challenging, service-focused program.

### COURSES

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Winter Term 2014 (3 credits) – NEW OPTION

ICSR 570	From the Amazon to Machu Picchu: Place, Community, and Leadership
EDLD 796	International Aspects of Educational Leadership
GWS 470H	Special Topics: From the Amazon to Machu Picchu: Place, Community, and Leadership

Fall 2013 Second Bi-Term Course PLUS Winter Term Obligation (3 credits)

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### ACCOMMODATIONS

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Iquitos, Peru is the largest urban center in the western Amazon with a population of approximately a half million. The group will stay at a hostel within the city.

The days on the Amazon River will be aboard a riverboat with small cabins and eating facilities, along with the stay at the Madre Selva Biological Research Station.

### PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

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This collaborative course includes an option for (1) a second fall bi-term course with Winter Term travel component or (2) a Winter Term course. The program is designed for doctoral students in the EdD in Educational Leadership and Master's students in Social Responsibility and Sustainable Communities. Research-focused undergraduates are invited to participate.

The SRSC is the first interdisciplinary Master's program devoted to sustainability and community leadership, while the EdD in Educational Leadership is the first stand-alone doctoral program at WKU. Both programs seek to prepare students to be productive, engaged, and socially responsible citizen leaders of a global society. These courses will provide students an opportunity to include an international aspect in their program of study as well as the opportunity to meet with international leaders and work in international communities.

**Bi-Term + Winter Term Package** –The program fee includes Peru winter program costs, but does not include the 3-credit hour tuition.

- Graduate students would be enrolled in a Fall 2013 ICSR or EDLD second bi-term course and will complete the course requirements in the Iquitos, Peru travel component.
- Full-time undergraduates would also be enrolled in the Fall 2013 GWS second bi-term course within their full-time semester course load. The additional program fee includes the Iquitos, Peru travel component. Students considering this program should contact [Dr. Olmsted](#) right away to discuss the course requirements.

**Winter Term Package** –The program fee includes Peru winter program costs, including the 3-credit hour tuition.

**Service learning component** - The Orosa River, a tributary to the upper Amazon River, is home to several small communities. [Project Amazonas](#) is a non-profit organization that works to serve the people of the Amazon and conserve the rainforest and has established a field station in this area and is working to build a health clinic to serve the local communities. Doctoral student and course intern Christian Ryan-Downing is working with Project Amazonas President Devon Graham to identify and coordinate a serve-learning project to be completed by group. Evidence of well-intended but

unsuccessful projects in these communities illustrates the importance of a project helpful to the local communities, as well as meaningful to students. Ideas under consideration include recycling and composting workshops (to complement a new waste program), fundraising for procurement of solar chargers and water purifiers, and conducting workshops focused on equipment use, and how to install composting toilets for the community schools.

### LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Students will be provided opportunities to examine human-environment interactions in urban and rural settings.
- Student will employ experiential learning (City as Text) as a means to understand the dynamics of place and community.
- Students will analyze leadership practices in an international setting.
- Students will develop field research skills through individually designed projects.
- Students will be provided the opportunity to engage in service learning

### PROGRAM DETAILS

#### LOCATION

- Iquitos and Madra Selva Biological Station, Peru
- Cuzco - Machu Picchu, Peru (optional)

#### ACADEMIC TERM

- Fall 2013 Second Bi-Term: October 17 - December 13
- Winter Term 2014: December 27, 2013 - January 12, 2014
- Machu Picchu Extension: January 12 - 16, 2014

#### PLANNED ITINERARY

December 27	Program Leaders depart US for Iquitos
December 28	Students need to arrive in Iquitos. Check in at La Pascana Hostel; Orientation; Welcome Dinner
December 29	City as Text assignments; Presentations and discussions of readings
December 30	City as Text assignments; Presentations and discussions of readings
December 31	City as Text assignments; Presentations and discussions of readings
January 1	Research/Service projects, Lecture
January 2	Presentation at Organization de Pueblos Indigenas del Oriente; Lecture
January 3	Visit to the Instituto de Investigaciones de la amazonia Peruana (IIAP); Lecture
January 4	Leave at noon; overnight on riverboat Nenita; Lecture
January 5	Arrive at Madre Selvas Biological Research Station; Orientation; Field Exercises
January 6	Visits to Santo Tomas and Nuevo Israel communities
January 7	Research/Service projects; Presentations
January 8	Research/Service projects; Presentations
January 9	Visits to Comandancia and Yanishi communities
January 10	Leave at noon for Iquitos
January 11	Monkey Island, Arrival in Iquitos, Wrap-up for Final Presentation
January 12	Final presentations, Awards Lunch, Leave in the evening for the U.S. or optional trip to Machu Picchu in Cuzco

#### MACHU PICCHU EXTENSION (additional cost - See Separate Green Sheet)

January 13	Orientation and time to adjust to difference in altitude
January 14	Exploration of Cuzco and environs (City as Text); guest lecture on area history
January 15	Exploration of Machu Picchu
January 16	Machu Picchu Extension ends. Depart Cuzco. Return to Nashville

The schedule is subject to change due to educational opportunities that may arise unexpectedly, the vagaries of weather, and other factors beyond the control of the course instructors and staff.

## ELIGIBILITY

- Graduate student in good standing (Graduate Catalog p.30).
- Undergraduate students with 3.2 cumulative GPA or good standing in the Honors College.
- Permission of instructor(s) is required.
- Current WKU student eligible to register for WKU courses may apply. Students from outside WKU may participate as [visiting students](#).
- Students must be 18 years of age or older at time of departure (parent/guardian permission for anyone under 18 at time of departure).
- Students must possess passport valid for at least six (6) months after return date.
- Students must be free of active disciplinary sanctions as verified by Judicial Affairs.
- Students must complete all pre-departure orientations.
- Full payment prior to departure is required.
- Students must complete the [Study Abroad & Global Learning application process](#) prior to being registered in this course. We suggest you start this application process immediately and respond to all emails promptly

## BASE PACKAGE

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**Cost: \$2,598 (estimate)**

### Included in Base Package

- Tuition for Winter Term 2014 Graduate or Undergraduate tuition for 3 credit hours
- Accommodations and some meals in Peru
- Course-related in-country transportation
- International medical insurance

### Excluded from Base Package

- Tuition for Fall 2013 bi-term Graduate or Undergraduate tuition for 3 credit hours
- Cost of independent travel (non-program travel)
- Visas, if needed
- Airport taxes (payable only in cash locally):
  - Domestic airport taxes: \$10-12 per flight
  - International airport taxes: \$30-\$35
- International and domestic flights
- Meals & Services and beverages not mentioned in the program
- Personal expenses such as laundry, phone call, and internet access
- Travel insurance (not international medical insurance). **Recommended.**
- Tips for guides and drivers
- Baggage fees and costs associated with flight / program changes
- **Transportation from U.S. to Iquitos and return from Peru to U.S. Each participant must provide travel information to DELO by October 1, 2013.**

\* Final program fee subject to change due to exchange rates, fuel surcharges and group size among other things.

\* Study Abroad courses are not eligible for employee tuition waiver.

## **TERMS & CONDITIONS**

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### **Payment Schedule:**

September 9 - Priority deadline for application and \$250.  
September 15 - Full base program fee billed to student accounts.  
October 1 - \$1,000 due. Machu Picchu Extension billed to student accounts.  
October 17 – Final Application Deadline and start of Fall bi-term.  
October 30 - \$1,000 due.  
November 30 - Balance due for base package; Balance due for Machu Picchu Extension (amount TBD)

### **Refund due to Withdrawal or Non-payment:**

Before October 1: \$500 refunded  
Between October 1 and October 30: \$500 refunded.  
Between December October 31 and November 30: \$500 refunded.  
After November 30: No refund. Full amount due.

**If amount due is not received by deadline, student may be dropped from the class.**

To withdrawal, contact Study Abroad & Global Learning.

## **SCHOLARSHIPS**

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- Students may apply for the World Topper Scholarship through the study abroad application system.
- Student may apply for the DELO Award at this link... <http://www.wku.edu/flsa/student/deloaward.php>
- Students in the EDLD program may apply for scholarship that will be transferred to DELO and posted to student accounts.

## **LOGISTICAL CONSIDERATIONS**

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- The base program begins on December 28, 2013 in Iquitos and ends in Iquitos on January 12, 2014. When you book your flight, make sure you arrive for the start of courses.
- The Machu Picchu Extension begins on January 12 and ends on January 16, 2014. While the extension is highly encouraged, it is NOT part of the required program, therefore, each participant will be required to confirm the extension by October 1, 2013. We suggest you book your return flight on January 16 to leave after 3 pm at the earliest.
- Independent travel (before and/or after the programs start and end date) is permitted, but each participant should confirm travel plans with program leaders since there would be medical insurance requirements.

**Passport Requirements** - Each participant must have a passport that includes an expiration date, which is 6 months beyond the last date of the voyage. The expiration must be beyond July 20, 2014.

## **LIABILITY DISCLAIMER**

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