

GENDER, SEXUALITY, AND POSTCOLONIALITY IN CONTEMPORARY ECUADOR

Spring Break Study Abroad Program:
March 11– 20, 2016

SPONSORED BY THE INSTITUTE FOR WOMEN'S , GENDER AND SEXUALITY STUDIES

3 SEMESTER HOURS

THE PROGRAM

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 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 a night 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.

ACCOMMODATIONS

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

DISABILITY ACCOMMODATION

Students with documented disabilities who may need accommodations during their study abroad experience should discuss these needs with the Program Director and the Office of Disability Services at the time of application.

Tentative Itinerary

March 11: Depart Atlanta and arrive in Quito

March 12: All-day excursion to Otavalo's Saturday market; stop along "flower route"

March 13: Tour Quito's historic colonial sector; free time

March 14: Orientation and welcome lunch at Universidad San Francisco de Quito; visit Capilla del Hombre museum

March 15: Visit local NGO; class at USFQ

March 16: Visit local NGO; class at USFQ; free time

March 17: Class at USFQ; free time; evening cooking class and farewell dinner

March 18: 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 19: Hiking; free time for optional visits to Butterfly Farm, "bean-to-bar" chocolate factory, or birdwatching; depart for airport

March 20: Arrive in Atlanta



APPLICATION DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 9, 2015

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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.

CREDITS AND COURSES

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. Students from other institutions should follow their institution's regulations concerning transfer credits.

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 section under the Explore & Apply tab.

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.

COST

Program cost may vary at any time according to changing travel arrangements. The program cost is tentatively set at **\$1877**, 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.

FUNDING AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Georgia State University students are eligible to apply for the IEF Study Abroad Scholarship/Georgia State University Foundation Scholarship and may be eligible to apply for the Global Experience Scholarship. Visit mystudyabroad.gsu.edu and select the Scholarships & Financial Aid tab or call the Study Abroad Programs office at (404) 413-2529 for more information

Program Cost Includes

- All ground transportation, excursions, and entrance fees
- All breakfasts and lunches and two dinners
- Hotels
- Health/Evacuation/Repatriation insurance

Program Cost Does Not Include

- Georgia State tuition and fees
- Round-trip airfare
- Passport
- Personal expenses and excess baggage charges

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

\$500 Deposit with application

November 9, 2015: \$500 First Payment

December 2, 2015: \$877 Remaining Balance

All payments are non-refundable upon receipt

Program Deposit Payments: Participants will pay program deposits by logging into PAWS. Please contact your Program Director to confirm that a Program Deposit Account has been established for this purpose before you attempt to make a payment in PAWS.

Program Payments and Remaining Program Balance: Other than the initial program deposit, all program payments—along with the remaining program balance—will be billed directly to your student account. Please refer to the Academic/Registration calendar for the tuition and fees deadline.



Because program size is limited, early application is strongly advised. Individual interviews may be scheduled with students upon receipt of application