Ethnographic Fieldwork in Coastal Ecuador

Summer Term III
June 24 - August 6, 2017

This course provides students with an opportunity to learn about village life in a coastal Ecuadorian village. The emphasis is on putting anthropological methods and theories into practice through participation in a supervised fieldwork setting. Participants have the latitude to focus their studies on topics that they find interesting in the field, although it is encouraged for students to find topics that are meaningful to the local community and their efforts and development. In past years, students have focused on some of the following topics and produced fine studies: women's roles, agriculture, fishing, perceptions of diabetes, education, health and disease, childbirth, nutrition, development, and masculinity. There is still plenty of work to accomplish on each of these and a wide array of topics that haven't yet been explored. Student participants come from diverse universities and backgrounds and have diverse interests. Some, but not all, are anthropology majors. Some speak Spanish well, while others struggle with speaking and comprehending. The most important qualities required are a willingness to place oneself in situations that demand concentration and alertness and a willingness to interact with others in new ways.

Eligibility Requirements: Undergraduate (2.5 minimum GPA) or graduate (3.0 minimum GPA) standing from an accredited university or college. Anthropology and non-anthropology majors are encouraged to apply. (Exceptions to the 2.5 GPA/3.0 GPA requirements may be possible for undergraduate/graduate students with an overall GPA of 2.0 or higher, with permission of the faculty leader.)

Course Description: ANT 4802 Ethnographic Fieldwork (3-6 credit hours). Supervised fieldwork includes construction of research design, data gathering, interviewing techniques, and development of other research skills in a field station. This course fulfills the Anthropology major research requirement.
+Graduate credit is available.
++Out-of-state students may elect to take ANT 4802 for audit credit (1 credit at the in-state tuition rate).

Program Fee: $3,572

Program Fee Includes: The program covers all meals and lodging, some field equipment provided, application fee, pre-departure orientation, CISI health insurance, most in-country transportation, excursions, and on-site support staff.

Program Fee Does Not Include: Airfare, FAU tuition (all students will be registered; out-of-state tuition extra), laundry (approximately $10 per week), and spending money ($50 per week is recommended).

Financial Aid and Scholarships: Financial aid is available to students who qualify. Scholarships are available to FAU students only.

Application Deadline: April 1, 2017 or as space permits

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