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Studying in the Compound
Salango, Ecuador



Coastal View
Salango, Ecuador



Children playing
Salango, Ecuador

Ethnographic Fieldwork in Coastal Ecuador

Summer Term III
(June 26 - August 9, 2010)

This course provides students 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, young men's groups, education, health and disease, childbirth, evangelism, 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 or graduate standing from an accredited university or college and 3.0 or better GPA. Anthropology and non-anthropology majors are encouraged to apply.

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.

Program Fee: \$3,000, less a \$200 non-refundable deposit to guarantee a spot for the season. Final payment is due May 25.

Program Fee Includes: The program cost covers all essential living expenses, some field equipment provided, pre-departure orientation, basic insurance, International student ID Card, most in country transportation, excursions, and on-site support staff.

Program Fee Does Not Include: Airfare (a group rate is arranged), FAU tuition (out-of-state tuition extra), laundry (approximately \$4 per week), spending money (\$50 per week is recommended), and airport departure tax (\$28 cash only).

Application Deadline: April 25, 2010

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