

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

SEMESTER:

Summer B 2008

PROGRAM DATES:

June 27–August 11, 2008

Abroad: August 1–8

CREDITS:

Participants will enroll in
(3) credits.

COURSES:

DAN 3394 / 5398: Latin American and
Caribbean Dance and Culture

REL 4381 / 5387: Native Religions of Latin
America

ENV 4932: Special Topics in Environmental
Studies

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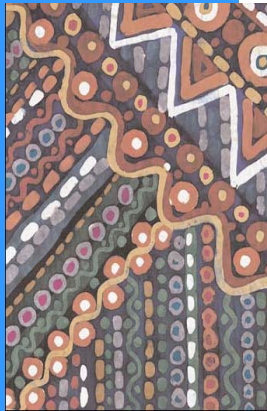
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**WISDOM OF
THE ANDES
ECUADOR
2008**



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Wisdom of the Andes Program—Ecuador 2008

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION



The Wisdom of the Andes Program is a team-taught, interdisciplinary program presented as a mentored independent study with a travel abroad component from August 1-8. The goal of the program is to give students the opportunity to research and study the rich and expressive culture of indigenous Ecuador. Through a multidisciplinary approach, the program will explore the various aspects of Ecuador's indigenous culture, including archeology, art, botany, dance, ecology, history, music, religion, and shamanism. The travel abroad component consists of practicums, lectures, seminars, panel discussions, performances, excursions to historical and cultural sites, and community service at local schools and factories.

LOCATION DESCRIPTION



The travel abroad component of the program is based at San Jorge Eco-Lodge and Botanical Reserves, located just outside of Ecuador's capital, Quito. The facility is an 18th century farm situated on 200 acres of protected land in the Pichincha Foothills. The only private reserve near Quito, San Jorge is home to a large variety of endemic plants and animals, including more than 130 species of birds, and has several pre-Inca trails and sacred waterfalls. San Jorge's reserves encompass four distinct ecological zones including high barren plains, highland rain forest, cloud forest, and subtropical rain forest. Students can explore the grounds on mountain bike, horseback, or on foot. The program also includes day excursions to Quito—renowned for its beautiful historic center and colonial architecture— and the

HOUSING

Students will stay in co-ed dormitories located on the grounds of San Jorge Eco-Lodge and Botanical Reserves. For more information about San Jorge, visit the organization's web site at www.eco-lodgesanjorge.com.

COST

The estimated program cost of \$2300 covers the study abroad component and includes all instruction, accommodations, most meals, excursions, airfare and health insurance. In addition, students will pay FIU tuition (based on Florida residency) and fees for three (3) credits. Students should budget some extra cash for personal expenses and incidentals.

A 20% deposit is due by June 1, 2008; and the balance is due July 1, 2008.

