

College of Charleston Summer 2010 Study Abroad Program Peru

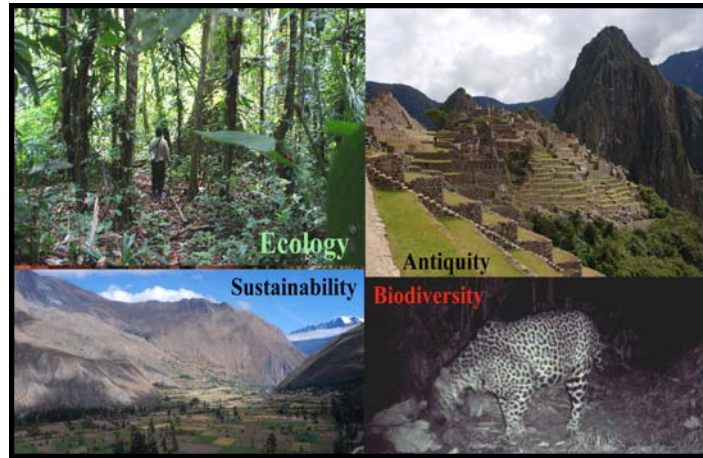
Program Dates:

June 2010

Program Fee:

\$4,745*

(*subject to change and does not include tuition)



Program Courses:

BIOL 250 & LAB: Intro. To Tropical Ecology for Non-Majors: Natural and Human Ecology of Amazonia

OR

BIOL 453 & LAB: Intro. To Tropical Ecology for Majors: Natural and Human Ecology of Amazonia

Program Information:

This course is designed to introduce students to the natural and human ecology of the Amazonian region of Peru. The program will be based around a two week experience into the lowland Amazonian rain forest of Peru, the most diverse terrestrial ecosystems on earth. The travel portion of this program will begin upon arrival in Lima. The class will move to Puerto Maldonado in southern Peru, followed by a 5-7 hour boat excursion upstream to Los Amigos Forest Reserve. At Los Amigos, students will study lowland rain forest ecology and will employ the services of an experienced guide who knows the area very well. This area has some of the most pristine rain forests in Amazonia and is the site of ongoing ecological, conservation, and biogeochemical research on the tropical rainforest. The course will then explore human and natural ecology of the Sacred Valley region of the Andes including ancient agricultural terraces of Yucaj that are still in use today, the archaeological ruins of the fortress at Ollantaytambo and the spectacular World Heritage site of Machu Picchu.

Some immunizations are required in order to participate in this program. Additionally, participants should be apprised that the equatorial rain forest is populated by stinging insects, carnivores, and venomous snakes, all of which may pose certain health risks. Participants will be required to walk great lengths in a hot, tropical humid environment.

Program Director:

Dr. Phillip Dustan, Biology Department, dustanp@cofc.edu, 843-953-8086

Dr. Dustan, Professor of Biology, has extensive experience in tropical marine, aquatic and terrestrial habitats. He was the principal scientist for The Cousteau Society Amazon Expedition which explored the entire length of the Amazon River ecosystem between 1982-1984, and has been involved with tropical conservation issues in addition to his coral reef ecology research throughout his professional career. Dr. Dustan directed this program to Peru in summer 2008 and summer 2009.

To Apply:

For information and to apply, contact **Julie Swigert**, Study Abroad Coordinator, Center for International Education, swigertj@cofc.edu, 843-953-7823.

The Program Fee of **\$4,745** includes a non-refundable application fee of \$50 (CofC students), round-trip airfare, lodging, transfers, some meals, and medical insurance. **TUITION FOR THE COURSES IS NOT INCLUDED.**

Application and a deposit of \$550 are due by **March 5, 2010**. **SCHOLARSHIPS OF UP TO \$1500 ARE AVAILABLE TO COFC STUDENTS FOR STUDY ABROAD. ELIGIBILITY IS BASED ON DEMONSTRATED FINANCIAL NEED AND ACADEMIC MERIT.**