Ecuador Virtual Ethnographic Field School

anthropological field school with the cost and convenience of an online course

Course Description

We will carry out anthropological research in a village in the Ecuadorian Andes, connecting with villagers through Zoom and WhatsApp. Our research focuses on agricultural livelihoods and sustainability in a context of climate change and globalization.

- Develop anthropological research skills
- Analyze economic and environmental challenges in rural Latin America
- Develop Spanish fluency and translation skills
- Oriented to students with at least intermediate-level Spanish fluency, sufficient to carry on a conversation
- For students in anthropology, Spanish, Latin American Studies, Environmental Studies, Global Studies
- Undergraduate and graduate levels

Location

San Vicente de Bolivar is a Spanish-speaking village in the Andes mountains, at 8,000 feet above sea-level. Farmers in San Vicente grow corn on modest plots they own or sharecrop. They face multiple challenges including low prices for their corn, declining agricultural fertility, new crop diseases, dependence on expensive and harmful chemical fertilizers and pesticides, and disruptions to normal weather patterns associated with climate change. Our research aims to understand the social and cultural dimensions of these challenges and ultimately help to develop economically and environmentally sustainable responses.

“It’s something that I will remember for the rest of my life. This was a beautiful experience. To be able to look into a completely different culture and share some laughs with people on the other side of the world is special.”

- Yoel Gonzalez on Fall 2020 field school

Apply now -- limited space

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3 Credit Course

May 11-June 29

Tues. and Thurs.

2:30 pm - 5 pm EST

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