

IEP: Study Abroad Programs in the LACIS Region

Argentina

- Enroll in 1-4 different universities
 - All university classes are taken with degree-seeking Argentine students.
 - Spanish Language & Argentine Culture mandatory class through Butler
 - Tutor provided for length of program: language and academics
 - Independent research opportunity for semester/year based on interests

Belize

- Four weeks in the summer
- Archaeological investigations in ancient Mayan sites in the Mopan Valley (8 hours per week in direct archaeological research)
- Field site, field laboratory, six credits in anthropology
- Participants will learn about survey, mapping, excavation, recording, artifact analysis, and laboratory techniques through evening lectures and workshops.
- Can also be opportunities to design independent research projects for students who wish to pursue a senior thesis or project in future seasons.

Brazil

- City is leading cultural center, "best quality of life in Latin America." Population 3 mil.
- University is first among all Brazilian institutions of higher learning
- First two weeks are in a home stay, then students choose between a home stay or an apartment.

Chile

- Chile's cultural, political, economic center, Located in the valley between Andes and coastal mountains
- Two to three week Spanish course at beginning to get acquainted with Chilean Spanish
- Two or three excursions per semester (Valparaiso, Isla Negra, etc.)
- Live with host family, apartment, or student dorms

Atenas, Costa Rica

- All SFS courses are taught in English, except for the one taught partially in Spanish.
- Visits to forests, parks, rainforests. Live in field station.
- Highlights of the program include field research, participation in field trips, community service trips, and the opportunity to gain research experience through an independent project.
- An extended field expedition to Nicaragua is included to compare and contrast development and resource use issues between the two countries.

Monteverde, Costa Rica

- Conservation and preservation of biological resources.
- Students live in a biological station located next to the cloud forest where all classes are taught.
- Students spend several extended periods of time traveling with their professors throughout Costa Rica to explore the country's various ecosystems. There is also a one-month (semester) or one-week (summer) homestay during which participants live and take their meals with local Costa Rican families.
- Fall/Spring/Summer - one ecology or environmental science course recommended.

Dominican Republic

- Students who go on Summer program to Jarabacoa have the option to stay through the fall as well
- Latin American Health, nutrition, environmental studies
- Summer program is 8 credits, fall program worth 12-18 credits, or combination
- Language course, field study project
- Host families
- JARABACOA
 - the summer component is an intensive experientially-based, practical program designed for self-starting students who are interested in health and nutrition and desire enriching academic and cross-cultural challenges
 - The first half of the program is comprised of an intensive Spanish language course and a seminar focusing on health, nutrition, and related environmental issues of the Latin American and Caribbean region.
- SANTIAGO
 - Since program participants enroll directly in courses taught at PUCMM, the program is best suited for independent, self-sufficient students. Students chose from advanced Spanish language classes, courses in the health sciences, and elective courses for foreigners in social sciences and humanities.

Quito, Ecuador (Conservation Semester)

- See some of the most remote and pristine ecosystems left on earth.
- Students take classes for the first month of the semester at the Universidad San Francisco de Quito (USFQ). While at USFQ, students take intensive Spanish language classes as well as introductory classes on the ecology of Ecuador.
 - Students with over five previous semesters of Spanish may have the option of completing an independent project or research instead of the Spanish language course.
- Students spend over half of the semester at field sites studying ecology and conservation in some of the richest ecosystems on earth: the Galapagos, the Andes, and the Amazon.
- During the last month of the semester, students select one of several internship or research opportunities with an Ecuadorian conservation or development organization.

- While conducting field research, students stay at accommodations provided at the field research sites.

Quito, Ecuador (Ecology)

- Provides students with a solid background in ecological principles and field methods, while giving a realistic view of the biological, sociological and economic complexities underlying conservation issues.
- The course will consist of daily lectures and field activities, supplemented by readings and group discussions. Students also will conduct short group research projects in the rainforest to gain practice with research design, field techniques, and data analysis.
- The Tiputini Biodiversity Station is situated right in the center of one of the world's "diversity hotspots" and may in fact be the most biologically diverse place on the planet.

Bahia Magdalena, Mexico

- Students will participate in research on the management of important fisheries and water quality issues in Bahia Magdalena. Students in the fall and summer programs also research conservation strategies to protect marine turtle populations reduced to near-extinction. Spring semester students, while continuing research on turtle conservation, also focus on applied ecology of the gray whale and a socioeconomic analysis of whale watching activities.
- 16 credits for a semester, 8 for summer
- Live in cabins with modern facilities.
- As part of the program, students take field trips to explore wildlife ecology and management techniques in the area. Camping, hiking, traveling, and research may all be part of the trips.

Cuernavaca

- Grammar/language class OR health related
- City of Eternal Spring
- Spanish 102, 203, 204 or 205
- Host families
- Some group excursions plus can do independent

Guanajuato

- 8 weeks in Latin American literature and civilization
- mountains of central Mexico, NW of Mexico City
- Two or three courses
- Host families
- The program is enriched by guest lectures, cultural and social events, movie screenings and excursions to local historical sites and cities
- Overnight excursion

Matamoros

- Environmental justice on borders of Brownsville, TX and Matamoros
- Three weeks: One week of instruction at UW-Madison, two weeks on the border
- Lectures and service learning
- 3 L and S interdisciplinary credits
- Workers and worker rights advocates have been active in asking both the Mexican and US governments to deal with on site health and safety issues for workers and post production waste disposal within Mexico.
- Students will learn about the border region from multiple perspectives as they work in neighborhoods in both Mexico and Texas to address environmental justice issues.
- The program is especially designed to allow students to gain an appreciation of the issues affecting border communities

Oaxaca – Summer

- Program participants take Spanish language classes Monday through Friday, participate in cultural workshops, and work in volunteer placements in the local community.
- Upper level Spanish, up to 9 credits
- Host family
- The program's four to five excursions included in the program cost give participants the opportunity to learn about many of the area's ancient ruins, historic sites, and contemporary life with an experienced guide.
- The program works with local schools and organizations to place program participants in volunteer positions.

Oaxaca - Winter

- Program participants take Spanish language classes Monday through Friday at the Instituto Cultural Oaxaca (ICO), as well as participate in cultural workshops during the afternoon. (Usually Spanish 226/325 – take one)
- Host family
- Two program excursions

Peru

- Directly enroll, wide variety of classes
- One of top Peruvian and Latin American universities
- Host family or in residencies, or find own housing
- Cultural groups, sports activities
- Visit Andes, Cuzco, Macchu Picchu, Nazca Lines

Venezuela

- VENUSA college of International Studies and Modern Languages, a language and culture study center specializing in English for Venezuelan students and Spanish studies for US students.
- Spanish language; Latin American Studies; International Business; Natural Sciences. Which classes depends on your Spanish level. Students under fourth semester of Spanish must select two courses in Spanish language department and one to two other courses taught in English.
- Host families
- Day trips, weekly activities, and tours/excursions. Program to get to know Venezuelans.

Alcala, Spain

- Combination of CIEE Study Center language courses and courses offered through the Instituto Universitario de Estudios Norteamericanos de la Universidad de Alcala de Henares. Those with the prereqs can enroll in the University of Alcala. One language + three elective classes.
- Home stay or University residences with international/Spanish students.
- Field trips and excursions. Participate in university clubs/events.

Granada, Spain

- An international center for higher education that specializes in the teaching of Spanish language and culture to foreign university students. All classes in Spanish.
- Spanish grammar, literature, history, linguistics, art history, contemporary Spanish politics and culture, and Islamic history and art. Advanced students may also find courses in law and business available to them
- 5+ semesters of Spanish can take courses at the University of Granada (end later than institution courses)
- Home stay
- Comprehensive cultural program to get to know the area/country

Madrid, Spain

- Regular university courses alongside Spanish students at the Complutense as well as courses specially designed for American students through consortium of US unis.
- Humanities and social sciences
- Year: one month intensive language/culture class (week for Spring)
- Live in residence halls for a month, find apartment. Spring with host family, then choose that or apartment
- Organized excursions. Tutoring, volunteering.

Seville, Spain

- Council on International Education Exchange Study Center
- Liberal Arts (LA) and Advanced Liberal Arts (ALA): The LA program is designed for students to improve their spoken and written Spanish while pursuing coursework in a variety of subjects. Some university classes. The ALA option is for at least six semesters of Spanish, study within the Universidad de Sevilla alongside Spanish students. (More classes)
- Home stay or dorms. Year students can live with Spaniards in apartments. Field trips, excursions, ability to participate in university orgs/volunteer/etc.

Coimbra, Portugal

- Portuguese Language and Culture program for international students at the Universidade de Coimbra as well as the option of directly enrolling in up to two regular Universidade de Coimbra courses. Elementary, intermediate, and advanced classes depending on level of Portuguese, will determine which classes you can take.
- Regular university courses may start several weeks prior to the Portuguese Language and Culture program.
- Residence hall, home stay, or apartments. Can stay in dorm month-to-month and change later.
- Couple excursions, can get active on campus.

CALS offers programs in Mexico, Chile and Costa Rica