ECUADOR STUDY ABROAD  
COURSE DESCRIPTIONS  
SUMMER 2007

SPA 101 Fundamental Communication in Spanish (3)  
Basic Spanish in which students learn to describe themselves to someone from another culture, to express preferences, needs, abilities and obligations, to ask for information, to describe people, places and things in the world, and to report their typical activities to a Spanish speaker.

SPA 102 Social Interactions in Spanish (3)  
Expanding upon skills built in SPA 101, students move toward increasing linguistic and social awareness of Spanish-speaking cultures. Students learn to use past tenses to talk about typical activities or to tell a story, to expand their vocabulary and ability to communicate in Spanish, and to demonstrate basic understanding of aspects of Latin American cultures.

HIS 390: Sports, Music & Art: Popular Culture in Ecuador (3)  
By exploring sport, music, art, and other forms of popular culture, this course helps students develop a richer appreciation of Ecuadorian society, both past and present. Specifically, we examine a range of cultural expressions including soccer matches and bull fighting, native festivals and dance, graffiti and billboards, food and film, and soap operas and beauty pageants in an effort to tap into the collective beliefs and values of this diverse Andean nation.

SOC 305: Markets & Development in Ecuador (3)  
This course is designed to give students an understanding of economic production in Ecuador. Students will have the opportunity to explore key development issues such as colonialism, land issues, export agriculture and export industries, industrialization, state regulation of industrial development, foreign investment, oil exportation, environmental degradation, and worker rights. We will take an interdisciplinary approach, providing students a better grasp of globalization and state development.

SOC 305 Social Problems & Solutions in Ecuador (3)  
This course will focus on topics such as poverty, inequality, unemployment, crime and deviance, abuse, neglect, discrimination, quality of health, and the solutions the state of Ecuador and put into place to service residents who suffer from these problems. We will focus on how such social institutions as the economy, politics, religion, popular culture, family, and media contribute to modern social problems in Ecuador.