Summer 2014 Study Abroad Academic Course to Peru
Perú Universitario
(Spanish and Service Learning)

Application Deadline: 02/15/2014

Please click here to apply!
(http://www.uwc.edu/academics/abroad/)

COURSE DESCRIPTION
Whatever your level of Spanish proficiency may be, you can develop your language skills in “The City of Kings” through Perú Universitario. Live a thirteen day, all-inclusive adventure with a Peruvian Family while taking Spanish classes in one of the oldest and most vibrant cities in the western hemisphere—Lima, Peru! Fully immerse yourself in all aspects of Peruvian society—experiencing both the reality and royalty of this South American treasure. With breathtaking sights, a remarkable homestay experience, high-impact service learning, tours throughout Lima, Cuzco, The Sacred Valley, and Machu Picchu and classes in an unparalleled Spanish language school, you are guaranteed to have an experience of a lifetime.

Students can earn a total of three credits for their involvement in Peru: Perú Universitario. They will be required to take a pre-travel and post-travel survey to measure academic progress, the impact of the service learning and their growth in cultural understanding. Students will also be required to keep a guided daily reflections journal and use their findings as material for the required closing reflections speech—a presentation given in Spanish at the closing banquet in Peru.

SPA 118 Practical Spoken or 215 Elementary Conversation & Composition (2 credits)
A total of 2 credits may be earned for class work and experiential learning. Participants will engage in one week of the following courses: Spanish grammar and vocabulary, reading and conversation, the history of Peru and Peruvian literature. Students will extend their learning after class with their host families and through individual written work. Historical tours throughout Lima, Cuzco, the Sacred Valley and Machu Picchu will provide hands-on opportunities for students to apply and further explore their course-based knowledge.

LEC 115 World Language Service Learning (1credit)
The service-learning component of Perú Universitario will consist of a full week of afternoon service work at a local school or orphanage. Students will constantly be challenged to establish connections amongst their classes, historical tours and service learning endeavors, making for a holistic and meaningful Peruvian immersion experience.
DEADLINES AND DETAILS

IMPORTANT DATES
a) February 1, 2014 – deadline for applications for scholarships (see Scholarships below)
b) February 15, 2014 – deadline for program applications and for full payment
c) May TBD, 2014 – pre-travel survey
d) May 31- June 12, 2014 – travel portion of the course (see complete itinerary below)
e) June TBD, 2013 – post-travel survey

INFORMATION FOR CREDIT STUDENTS
Students within the UW System are encouraged to incorporate international aspects of education into their academic plans. These study abroad opportunities are intensive learning experiences supervised by faculty members. They are by nature experiential, but they are also designed to be rigorous academic experiences. They are often physically demanding as well, and may require extensive walking, hiking, or climbing. Participants taking these programs for credit are expected to complete three academic credits in a short amount of time, so they should not expect a lot of free time.

When a student accepts a place in one of these programs, the student agrees to support the policies and procedures developed to ensure the success of the program. The student also has a responsibility to make the course the best possible group, personal and academic experience. Students are required to submit a UW Colleges Study Abroad Application and a Uniform Statement of Responsibility. Students should read all information included in this document.

BRIEF OUTLINE OF POLICIES FOR STUDENT PARTICIPATION

1. A student must complete a study abroad application and receive approval for the study program.
2. A student must submit the required down payment with his/her application form.
3. A student on academic probation must submit a letter of recommendation from a faculty member or Student Services representative when applying for participation in the study abroad program.
4. A student on disciplinary probation may not apply for or participate in the study abroad program...
5. A student is expected to conduct him/herself in a responsible and mature manner at all times. This includes being sensitive to members of the group and to the group as a whole, as well as to cultural norms and behavior.
6. A student is required to attend all classes and scheduled outings.
7. A student is obliged to follow the directions of the course instructor. Traveling with a large group of people requires organization and coordination. Schedules for site visits, movement at airports and train stations, and other areas concerning travel arrangements will often necessitate a certain regimentation that the course instructor must impose.
8. Course instructors have full authority to act on behalf of the UW Colleges in any matter concerning the academic program, travel procedures, student personnel, and financial matters that fall within the limits of the program budget. Should the instructor decide that a student must be separated from the program because of violation of rules, that decision will be final. Separation from the program will result in being sent home at the student’s expense. See the Uniform Statement of Responsibility, Release and Authorization included in the required application documents for specific details regarding the code of conduct.
REGISTRATION
Students wishing to take this program for credit should contact the Student Services Office at any UW Colleges campus to see whether this program is right for you. Community members interested in participating should contact your campus Continuing Education office. There is an application form and a Uniform Statement of Responsibility, Release and Authorization and both forms are available at: http://www.uwc.edu/academics/abroad/

APPLICATION DEADLINE
The final application deadline is February 15. Full payment is due on or before February 15 and is non-refundable at that point.

SUBMIT APPLICATIONS TO: Tetyana Schneider
University of Wisconsin Colleges
432 North Lake Street, Room 237
Madison, Wisconsin 53706

NON-CREDIT AUDITORS
Non-credit auditors who are interested in a learning experience are welcome to apply for participation but are not eligible for scholarship consideration.

STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS
Students who have a physical or learning disability and require special arrangements while traveling or on-site, are strongly encouraged to contact Tetyana Schneider, at 608-890-4611 or tetyana.schneider@uwc.edu

FINANCIAL MATTERS

PROGRAM COSTS
Students are responsible for reviewing course description and information on what is and what is not included in the program fee.

COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAM FEE
The comprehensive fee of $4,788 for the Peru program includes international airfare, lodging, all in-country transportation, most meals, insurance, instruction, and three UWC credits.

Costs listed are approximate, based on a minimum enrollment. If the minimum enrollment is not reached, the course may be cancelled and down payments refunded. We reserve the right to adjust fees due to dollar devaluation, fuel surcharges and general inflation.

PARTICIPANTS’ PERSONAL EXPENSES
The program fee does not include the following expenses and they are participants’ responsibility:
- U.S. passport which costs $140 if you don’t already have one
- International Student Identity Card (ISIC) which costs $22;
- Spending money: estimate $50/week (such as a handful of meals, souvenirs, calling cards, etc.)
- Immunizations if you choose to get some prior to travel (See “Immunizations” below).

***Passports and additional spending money are the participants’ responsibility.
CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS
All cancellations must be submitted in writing. Cancellations due to medical emergencies or U.S. government shut down (such as passport offices) do not guarantee a refund. Students are strongly encouraged to consider trip cancellation insurance.

SCHOLARSHIPS
To be considered for a study abroad scholarship, please submit your application forms and administrative application fee by February 1, 2014. The scholarships will be awarded based on financial need. Students must meet the following criteria to be considered for a scholarship:
- Applicants must be full-time students the semester prior to travel.
- Applicants must be in good academic standing with a 2.0 cumulative grade point average.
- Applicants may not be on academic or disciplinary probation.
- Applicants must be admitted to the study abroad program
- Applicants must have completed the FAFSA and be eligible for financial aid.
- New student applicants must have a high school diploma earned prior to August 31, 2012 to apply for a scholarship
If you feel you qualify and wish to apply, check the box on the application form that indicates you wish to be considered.

FINANCIAL AID
Would you like to be considered for additional federal student or parent loans for the study abroad program? Please review the Financial Aid for UW Colleges Study Abroad Programs handout for information on eligibility.

PAYMENT DEADLINES
The $500 deposit is due upon application. The deposit is non-refundable unless we cancel the program.

The remaining program fee ($4,288) is due by February 15, 2014 and is non-refundable at that point unless UW Colleges cancels the program. Please make your check payable to “UW Colleges.” Please submit your payment and application forms to:

UW Colleges Study Abroad
432 North Lake Street, Room 237
Madison, Wisconsin 53706

If the trip is canceled by UW Colleges due to low enrollment, all deposits and payments will be refunded in full.

PASSPORTS AND TRAVEL LOGISTICS

PACKING AND BAGGAGE
Please consider packing light and taking only necessary things with you. It is strongly advised that you should have only one carry-on to avoid extra fees as well as the travel hassle. Most airlines allow you carry on one bag and one personal item at no charge. Please note that your carry-on cannot exceed 45 inches (length + width + height), or 115 cm and that all items must easily fit into the overhead bin or under the seat in front of you.
U.S. PASSPORT
You do not need a passport to apply to participate in a study abroad trip. However, all participants traveling on any study abroad trip are required to have valid passports. Obtaining a passport is your responsibility and the passport application fee is NOT included in the comprehensive fee quoted. Passport applicants are currently experiencing lengthy delays. We recommend that you apply immediately. To participate in the Peru study abroad program, you must have your passport by no later than February 1.

If you already possess a passport please check when it expires and make sure that its expiration date is NOT earlier than 6 months before the program travel dates.

OBTAINING A PASSPORT
To obtain a passport, you will need the following:
1. Proof of U.S. citizenship (birth certificate, expired passport, proof of naturalization).
2. Current identification (driver’s license, government I.D. card or document that bears your signature).
3. Two photographs – identical, passport-quality, front-view photos cut exactly to the measurements required on the passport application.

Information about obtaining a passport and application forms may be found at: http://travel.state.gov/

Students who would like additional information about Peru should check out the following Web Site: http://www.travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/cis/cis_998.html

ENTRY / EXIT REQUIREMENTS
All U.S. citizens must have a U.S. passport valid for at least six months from the date of arrival in Peru and a proof of return to the U.S. No visas are required for citizens of the United States for tourist visits, but they must provide evidence of return or onward travel. Travelers to Peru will receive a card from Peruvian Immigration upon arrival stating the length of approved stay (usually 90 days). Extensions are not available, and overstays will result in fines. Visit the Embassy of Peru Website for the most current visa information. Peru does not require any immunizations for entry, although it recommends vaccination against Yellow Fever.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS
If you are an international student who is applying to participate in this study abroad program please inquire if you need a visa to the country where the study abroad program takes place and contact the Student Services person on your campus who is responsible for international students to make sure:
1. That there’s a current DSO signature on your I-20s.
2. That your visas and passports are valid for re-entry into the U.S. when you return.
3. That if you are a Youth for Understanding (YFU) or Global Undergraduate (IREX) student, YFU or IREX is made aware of this travel and has contact information for you while you are gone.

IMMUNIZATIONS
Travel in some countries may require and/or recommend additional immunizations. Travel health information is available from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for specific countries. Visit their Web Site at: http://wwwn.cdc.gov/travel/default.aspx We also recommend that you consult with your doctors about this matter.

HEALTH INSURANCE
Health insurance coverage through CISI is included in all UW College study abroad opportunities.
PROPOSED ITINERARY

Day 1, May 31
Depart USA for Peru. Arrive to Peru late evening. Homestay.

Flight itinerary:
May 31, 2014    AA1370    Chicago O'Hare – Miami    11:25A    3:30P
May 31, 2014    AA917    Miami – Lima    4:30P    9:10P

Day 2, June 1

Day 3, June 2 – Day 7, June 6
8:00 – 9:00  Placement testing at EL SOL school. Homestay.
9:00 am – 1:00 pm  Classes &.
2:00 pm – 6:00 pm  Service Learning work
Homestay.

Day 8, June 7

Day 9, June 8
Flight to Cuzco. Cuzco City Tour: Plaza de Armas, Qorikancha temple, Sacsayhuaman Ruins.

Day 10, June 9
Sacred Valley Tour: Llama Farm, Pisac Ruins mountain hike, Pisac town, Urubamba, Ollantaytambo. Hotel Stay in Aguas Calientes.

Day 11, June 10
Early AM climb up Huayna Picchu Mountain, Machu Picchu Ruins Tour. Return to Cuzco.

Day 12, June 11
Return flight to Lima. Lima Closing Banquet.

Day 13, June 12
 Early departure for USA. Arrive to USA.

Flight itinerary:
June 12, 2014    AA1346    Miami – Chicago O'Hare    4:25P    6:50P

For the Questions Regarding the Program Content Please Contact:

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