

Global Field Studies Practicum in Conflict Resolution

CARM/D 6625

Ecuador 2017- International Development

Program Description



This practicum is developed around principles of multidisciplinary conflict resolution which promote scholarship of engagement in communities through research, learning, and practice. The theme of the Ecuador practicum 2017 is International Development and concentrates on providing the theoretical and practical skills to understand the interaction between conflict and development, preparing students to work towards attaining sustainable development initiatives. As part of the course, students travel to the Coastal, Andean and Amazon Regions of one of the most bio-diverse countries in the world. In these different ecosystems students are exposed to diverse communities of researchers, practitioners, policy makers, who share with students their experience and career journeys. For their final project students are expected to work with a partner organization developing research, training, or

consultancy projects where students apply theoretical concepts within a practical framework.

If you are interested in registering for this course please contact Dr. Elena Bastidas, Bastidas@nova.edu, (954-559-5068) for more information. Spaces are limited!

Learning Objectives

After the successful completion of this course, students will have:

- Enhanced their cross-cultural skills and cultural sensitivity, appreciation, and understanding of diversity and global issues related to conflict resolution, community development, and peace building.
- Enhanced their knowledge of different cultural practices for understanding and resolving conflicts.
- Utilized an experiential learning approach to engage in conflict resolution in various settings and situations.
- Been exposed to a diverse community of researchers, practitioners, and policy makers and learned about their career paths and tips for success
- Designed a career development plan in light of their new experiential learning activities.
- In collaboration with an Ecuadorian organization, developed a research, training, or consultancy project where they applied theoretical concepts within a practical framework.



Who Can Enroll

- This Study Travel course is offered to graduate students as a Practicum or an Elective Course.

Fees

- The Ecuador Program fee is \$1,500, includes: from the time you arrive in Ecuador, lodging, 3 meals per day, local transportation and tour fees.
- Note that this fee does not include airfare (\$500-\$700), passport fees or other traveling costs.

Tentative Course Structure and dates.

This is a summer hybrid course that includes an online component and a two-week intensive program in Ecuador during June 1 to June 15, 2017. After an orientation and introductory sessions a charter bus takes the group to different locations of the Ecuadorian Coast, Sierra, and Amazon. In each location there will be a combination of practicum activities, in addition to tours, and development project visits. The last days of the trip students present their project drafts, execute trainings, and evaluate the trip.



Ecuador Videos

For a 7 min. video of Ecuador go to the following link.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xM-o1eesn4M>



REASONS WHY YOU SHOULD CONSIDER REGISTERING FOR OUR GLOBAL PRACTICUM

- ✓ *In my view an international educational experience is both a priceless professional asset and life lesson, as it will strengthen one's independence, tolerance, cultural sensitivity, and communication skills.*
- Jonas Claes is a program specialist in the Center for Conflict Management USIP
- ✓ *Students with international exposure come to understand the value of dialogue between people from different cultures and between people with different points of view. They also gain an understanding of the importance of relationships. Relationships are the foundation for meaning and success in life.*
- Penny Loretto, Professional HR Consultant
- ✓ *Today it is mandatory for students to partner with multicultural teams and develop leadership skills with global projects during their educational careers.*
- Tom Cole, U.S. Representative, Oklahoma
- ✓ *The world is a book and those who do not travel read only one page.*
- St. Augustine
- ✓ *There are no foreign lands. It is the traveler only who is foreign.*
- Robert Louis Stevenson
- ✓ *The use of traveling is to regulate imagination by reality, and instead of thinking how things may be, to see them as they are.*
- Samuel Johnson
- ✓ *One's destination is never a place, but a new way of seeing things.*
- Henry Miller