



Department of Conflict Resolution Studies
Participatory Research Methods for Sustainable Development
Ecuador 2019

CARM/D 6625: Global Field Studies Practicum in Conflict Resolution

Description

This is a summer hybrid course that includes an online component and a 10-day field study component in Ecuador from **June 28 to July 7, 2019.**

The course is developed around principles of participatory research, conflict resolution, and sustainable development. The course uses an **experiential learning** approach that promotes interaction with communities through research, learning, and practice. Instructors concentrate on providing the theoretical and practical skills needed to engage in field research. Students will work as a research team to analyze the impact of immigration in the community of Vilcabamba, which is known as *The Valley of Longevity*. Students will be interacting with local government officials, local residents, and immigrants from the U.S. and Europe. Using a sustainable systems framework, students will analyze the interactions of all components of this community, identifying how, where and when conflicts arise and the potential for transformation.

Who Can Enroll?

This course is open to **all graduate students**. Students can take it as a practicum or an elective course.

Cost

- Cost of Field Study Component: \$1,000

Cost includes:

- Lodging
- 2 meals per day (breakfast + one meal)
- Transportation in Ecuador

This cost does not include:

- Airfare
- Tuition and NSU fees
- Mandatory travel & medical insurance

Payment

Deposit of \$500 due by March 15, 2019.

Final payment of \$500 due April 15, 2019.

All payments are nonrefundable. However, if the course is cancelled, all payments made to the university will be refunded.

If you have any questions or are interested in registering for this course please contact Dr. Elena Bastidas, bastidas@nova.edu, for more information. **Spaces are limited!**

*****The first 8 students to register for this course will be eligible for a \$400 scholarship towards the field component program fee. Contact Dr. Bastidas for registration details. *****

Itinerary

After an orientation and introductory sessions, a charter bus takes the group to The Valley of Longevity in the South of Ecuador. Students become part of a participatory research team that will analyze the impact of immigration in The Valley of Longevity.

06/28 DAY 1 – Students arrive in Guayaquil.

06/29 DAY 2 – Orientation & Introduction. Travel to the city of Cuenca.

06/30 DAY 3 –Historical, cultural and political background of Ecuador. Travel to Vilcabamba.

07/01 DAY 4 – Start research process. Planning, formation of research teams, data collection.

07/02 DAY 5 – Morning: data collection / Afternoon: data collection/ Evening: debriefing.

07/03 DAY 6 – Focus groups: local government, local residents, immigrants/ Evening: debriefing.

07/04 DAY 7 – Morning data analysis/Afternoon: last round of data collection. Evening: debriefing

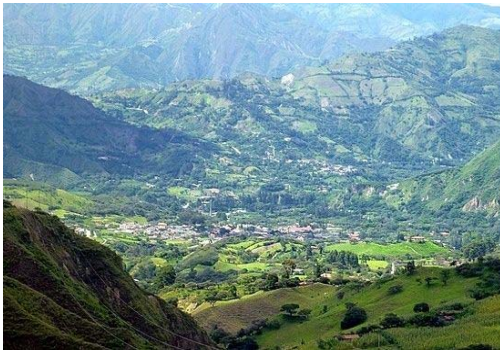
07/05 DAY 8 – Analysis, conclusions and recommendations. Presentation of results to stakeholders.

07/06 DAY 9 – Travel to Guayaquil

07/07 DAY 10 – Departure



NSU STUDENTS AT VILCABAMBA SENIOR CENTER



VALLEY OF VILCABAMBA



STUDENT WITH SMALL FARMER



RESEARCHERS AT WORK



Research Headquarters: Casa Hacienda Lasofia. Click on the link for a tour:

<https://vimeo.com/314435273/4e3f877cd8>