A Global Studies Seminar Abroad

GLBL 298: Education & Development
Lumbisi, Ecuador

*This is a 6-credit course with 6 weeks abroad!
Course overview

Pre-Departure
(Spring Semester, Term B)
- Theory and Methods
- Context
- Practical Skills

Service Learning Abroad
(6 weeks)
- Live with a host family
- Research education and development in Ecuador
- Run a summer day camp
- Explore Ecuador
Communicate

- Communicate effectively in a cross-cultural context.
- Facilitate communication between Spanish and English speakers.
- Converse in Spanish.

Lead

- Share your interests and expertise through teaching.
- Plan and carry out extra-curricular lessons for children.
- Lead group activities and manage personnel.
Course goals

- Professionalize
  - Negotiate and respond quickly to directions from supervisors and co-workers.
  - Professionally discuss and apply feedback on your work.
  - Adapt to continually changing needs and circumstances in an unfamiliar context.
  - Articulate your professional goals using concrete examples and experiences.
Course goals

Research

- Collect and critically analyze data that informs our service learning work.
- Assess your role in the development of Lumbisí.
- Discuss the complexities of collaborating with multiple actors in a foreign context.
## Assessment

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Live in Lumbisi
Serve and learn

Megan teaching kids parts of the body in English.

Emily teaching the alphabet to pre-schoolers.

Lumbiseños buying and selling in English.
Serve and learn

Students working on various art projects from a “holidays around the world” lesson.

Megan, Katina, and Rachel teaching the “cup song”

Students learning merengue.
Serve and learn

Derek and Joel demonstrating how a volcano erupts.

Children work on an environmental awareness campaign for their community.
Serve and learn

A daily dose of “crocodile moray”.

A game of “crab football”
Make friends!
Experience Ecuador and its human and natural diversity

We visited Otavalo and Mindo to learn about human and natural diversity of Ecuador.
Our transport across the rainforest.

A guided hike in Mindo.

Learning about the chocolate making process.
We even climbed Cotopaxi Volcano to around 16,000 feet!
Learn to be a global citizen that is locally responsible

We work with the children to put on a performance and party for the elderly community in Lumbisi.
To continue with the tradition, we painted a wall in the school with the help of the children.
What are the ‘tangibles’ you get out of this program?

- Speak better Spanish!
- Gain leadership experience and 70+ hours of valuable community service.
- Get teaching experience.
- Advance your intercultural and teamwork skills – employers look for these qualities!
- Practice research skills.
- Earn 6 credits of GLBL 298.
What are the ‘intangibles’ you get out of this program?

✔ Grow to love a community that is welcoming and appreciative of our service and will teach us more than we ever anticipated.

Spending time with your host family. We made our own Twister!

Making quimbolitos!
Make amazing friends!
Learn why education matters!
Questions?

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