HON 121: Honors in Peru: From the Capital to Machu Picchu

Program Overview

Andean civilizations flourished thousands of years before the arrival of the Europeans. When the Spanish landed in Peru, they encountered one of the most powerful and sophisticated empires the world had ever known: the Incas. Experts in engineering, architecture, government, irrigation, land management, road-building, food distribution, and more, the Incas controlled an extensive portion of today’s South America. They called this Tawantinsuyu: land of the four quarters (suyu=quarter). Both the Spanish and the Incas were astonished by what they learned of each other (for good and for ill). Although the conquistador Francisco Pizarro and a small group of men effected the downfall of Inca rule, the Andean people, and their culture, endure.

Join this spectacular journey into the world of the highland Andes. Walk in the footsteps of the Incas and the Spanish, and come away with an understanding of a world few are ever privileged to see!

Academics

HON 121 is a one-credit course, taught “on the hoof” in Peru, S. America. Participants will have taken spring 2017’s HON 212, “El cóndor y el toro”, for preparation for what they will experience in country. Course objectives include use of Spanish learned in 212; visits to sites studied previously; and field work meant to implement course objectives of both 212 and 121.

Program Facts

Location: Peru
Tentative Program Dates: May 15 - June 1, 2017
Program Leader(s): Valerie Rider - riderv@uncw.edu

Eligibility

Students are eligible to apply for this program if they meet the following eligibility criteria:

- Degree-seeking student
- At least 18-years-old at time of participation
- Medically able to hike
- Good judicial standing
- 2.5+ GPA at time of application

Application

Application Deadline: November 30, 2016

- To apply, log in at: https://itsappserv02.uncw.edu/intprogapp/ and select your program of choice
- A $500 non-refundable deposit is due at time of application
Location

Our location is one which many dream of visiting. Peru is fascinating on so many levels, it’s almost impossible to list it all here. See for yourself by studying HON 212 and journeying for HON 121: you will discover a land, a people, flora, fauna, architecture, music, etc., that you may not have dreamed possible.

Program Activities & Features

We begin this journey in Peru’s capital, Lima. Visits to museums and archaeological sites prepare us for journey to Cuzco, capital of the Incas. Cuzco is America’s oldest continually inhabited city. The Spanish, upon seeing it, dropped their jaws. We acclimate in Cuzco, at 11,000 feet above sea level, for several days. We visit sites of historic and cultural interest while there. Next up: the Sacred Valley, and finally, a hike of the Inca Trail to Machu Picchu or the Lares Trek (to be determined).

Estimated Program Fee: $3,249

Program Fee Includes:
• Transportation within Peru
• Internal Flights
• Excursions and Guided Tours
• Some Meals
• Health Insurance

Additional Costs:
(not included in program fee)
• International Airfare
• Trip Insurance
• Tourist Visas
• Optional Tours/Admissions
• Certain Meals

Federal and state financial aid may be applied toward this program. Even if you are normally ineligible for financial aid, you should submit a financial aid application (FAFSA). You may find that you are eligible for additional funding.

UNCW students may also apply for a UNCW Education Abroad Grant and additional study abroad scholarships. Grant applications and additional information are available at: www.uncw.edu/international/abroad/aid.html