

Cultural Immersion: Latin America

Nine (or more) weeks of field study with direct exposure to the people and cultures of Central and South America through volunteer work, homestays, environmental work, wildlife conservation, and trekking. Through these activities, students cultivate awareness of their relationships to other cultures, and learn about activism through service work and of the positive and negative impacts of North American culture. Additional topics include culture shock, cultural differences, the effects of privilege, and work ethics. Opportunities abound for concentration on each student's individual interests. Students identify their own cultural assumptions as well as learn the skills to travel effectively and cooperatively within a group. Travel and study in Latin America is bracketed by two nine-day seminars in the United States, giving students time to prepare for their travels, and upon returning, giving time for reflection on and integration of their experiences.

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