

Regional Seminar: Tradition, Change, and Cultural Resilience

This course is designed to facilitate the development of an in-depth understanding of the cultures of the Andes and Amazon and their relationship to the land. Students begin their study in this course through an overview of the country's cultural, social, and political background, including South America's colonial history and the role the region played in the Spanish empire and then the liberation of the region from Spanish rule. Using lectures, readings, and discussion, this course surveys social issues and vulnerable populations in Bolivia and Peru, such as racial and social conflicts, sustainable development, human rights, globalization, and the impact of colonialism on indigenous cultures. This course also examines political, racial, and social conflicts that Bolivia and Peru have experienced. Opportunities are also provided for students to engage local experts in discussion through guest lecturers and field trips. In addition, program travels in South America take students to communities that are engaged in addressing these issues, providing experiential opportunities for learning and growth. For Global Studies students only.

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