

GWST 180: Gender & Culture

Summer Abroad: Ecuador

2 credit

Humanities, Gender & Experiential Designation (Pending)

Service Component Required

Duration: 3 weeks July-August 2010

Course Description: This is an interdisciplinary survey of the role of gender in a cross-cultural context. It introduces students to a broad range of concepts and issues in the discipline of gender and women's studies. It is intended as a theoretical foundation for further courses in gender studies, although special attention will be paid to the ways in which men and women differ through the examination of race, socio-economic class, ethnicity, sexual orientation and culture. Students will explore the cultural issues that surround the social construction of gender, the representation of men and women in different cultures and languages, the acquisition of gender identity across cultures and the similarities and differences among/between men and women of diverse cultural backgrounds.