

## GENDER & CULTURE



This credit bearing short-term program abroad offers students the opportunity to learn both in and outside the classroom. It links GWST material with service experience and allows students to attain 2 credits for either GWST or their general education requirement while at the same time developing some competency in the understanding of gender and cultural diversity.

This is a unique program which allows students to meet requirements off campus and develop an understanding of gender across cultures by placing students in close contact with the diverse communities through its service-learning requirement.

As part of the assessment criteria for this program the Intercultural Personal Index will be used as a tool for measuring the cultural competency that students will have acquired as a result of their participation. It will be administered before their arrival and upon their return to the United States.

You can work the first eight weeks of the summer and use the remainder of the time earning 2 credits while living and working in Ecuador.

**DATES:** July-August

**DEPOSIT:** \$300 non-refundable

**COST:** Approx. \$1,505 + airfare & tuition

Participation in the course includes transportation, excursions and room & board.  
No language requirement

Applications available online at:  
<http://www.csbsju.edu/internationaleducation/mayjune/default.htm>

**Application & deposit deadline:**  
Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2010



Gender & Culture - Ecuador 2010

## Ecuador at a glance



**Population:** 13,032,000

**Capital:** Quito; 1,451,000

**Area:** 283,560 square kilometers  
(109,483 square miles)

**Language:** Spanish, Quechua

**Religion:** Roman Catholic

**Currency:** U.S. dollar

**Life Expectancy:** 71

**GDP per Capita:** U.S. \$3,200

**Literacy Percent:** 93



## GWST 180—Course Description Gender Designation (Experiential Designation Pending) 2 credits

This is an interdisciplinary survey of the role of gender in a cross-cultural context. It introduces students to a range of concepts and issues in the discipline of gender and women's studies. It is intended as a theoretical and experiential 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.

Taught in English. Open to all students. Service-learning is a requirement of this course. **THIS COURSE WILL FULFILL THE EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING COMPONENT FOR THE GWST MAJOR.**

## The Experiential component

The 2010 program will be located in the highland area of Otavalo. Students will have classes in the mornings and spend the rest of their days working with the indigenous community at Yambiro.

Student will work in collaboration with the Yambiro community in different projects based on student interest and expertise. Some of the ongoing projects at the **local school** are: English, Art and Physical Education classes or components. If your interest lie more in the **health field**. The Yambiro community has been building a local clinic which it hopes will serve the immediate community needs. For those interested in more sustainable projects, the people of Yambiro have also identified the need to build a **greenhouse** where they can grow fruits and vegetables to enrich their diets and also to sell at the local market.

