The Stone Center for Latin American Studies and the Andes and Amazon Field School are pleased to offer an exciting summer opportunity in Napo, Ecuador. This three week program will give students hands-on experience in one of the most biodiverse and endangered forests on earth: the headwaters of the Amazon. Tulane faculty director Dr. William Balée, who has spent a lifetime working with the Ka’apor Indians in Brazil, is a pioneer in understanding the role Amazonian indigenous communities have in the formation and maintenance of the Amazonian forest. Geared towards majors in anthropology, ecology and evolutionary biology, environmental studies, or marine biology, students will enjoy class sessions in the great outdoors. Housing is in shared double and or triple accommodations in en-suite dorms overlooking the Napo River at the Andes and Amazon Field School (AAFS), and served three meals a day of mixture of Ecuadorian and American dishes with opportunities to savor Andean and Amazonian cuisine.

Throughout the program, students will learn to see the Amazon from a native perspective. They will spend time in the forest listening to stories told by indigenous elders, making pottery in native style, and learning to prepare native foods and medicines. Students will learn about interactions between local peoples and Amazonian landscapes from prehistory to the present; Amazonian landscapes as an analytic unit from the interdisciplinary perspective of historical ecology; changes and development of forests and savannas since the arrival of human beings; historical, ecological, and cultural forces involved in biological and edaphic diversity in modern forests; long-term effects of prehistoric and historic human occupations and manipulation of landscapes; and implications for conservation and development. In addition to regular activities, the program culminates in a trip to the Yasuni National Park, one of the world’s last unexplored forests.

COURSES OFFERED:

ANTH 3090 (3 credits): Amazonian Arts: Making and Meaning
ANTH 3710 (3 credits): Historical Ecology of Amazonia

PROGRAM COST:
The cost of the program is $4,875 which includes six Tulane credits (tuition for two courses), plus housing and logistics fees which include lodging at the AAFS, three meals per day, transportation to/from the Quito airport, medical insurance, and specialized group tours and excursions. Airfare to/from Quito (UIO), incidental costs, and extra meals and expenses are not included in the program cost.

PROGRAM APPLICATION:
Student applicants must be in good academic standing and have at least a current cumulative grade point average of 2.5. Non-Tulane students are welcome to apply, but should check with their home institution that credits will transfer. There is no pre-requisite or language requirement. No visa is required for this program; however, students must have a valid passport expiring no less than six months after return date.

Complete applications and a $300 non-refundable deposit are due March 15, 2019.
To view complete application requirements and access the online application, please visit stonecenter.tulane.edu/page/AAFS

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