



SEMESTER IN CUSCO & SUMMER IN CUSCO

PROGRAM

Universidad San Ignacio de Loyola (USIL) has the programs *Semester in Cusco* and *Summer in Cusco*. Students live at our university residence, Casa Don Ignacio, in Cusco, taking five courses, some of which are taught in English (Biodiversity of Peru, Contemporary Society and Culture of Peru, History of the Inca Civilization, Inca Architecture, Photography, Art & Design, and more), while others are offered in Spanish (Latin American Literature). There are also Spanish language courses (Beginning, Intermediate, and Advanced), for which students take a placement test.

HOUSING

Students live at Casa Don Ignacio, which offers Wi-Fi, a computer room, a kitchen, a TV room, a library, laundry service and more. Visit us at www.casadedonignacio.com. Family homestay is also another option.

BENEFITS

International students may enroll for our regular semester, which lasts **16 weeks**, or our summer program, which lasts **4 to 5 weeks**. This is a wonderful opportunity to study and live in the most important landmark city in South America and visit one of the New Seven Wonders of the World: the Inca ruins of Machu Picchu.



COURSES	TAUGHT IN	HOURS	CREDITS
Beginning Spanish	Spanish	60	4
Pre-Intermediate Spanish	Spanish	60	4
Intermediate Spanish	Spanish	60	4
Advanced Spanish	Spanish	60	4
Quechua (the language of the Incas!!!)	Quechua	60	4
Business in Peru and Latin America	English	60	4
Biodiversity of Peru	English	45	3
Inca Architecture	English	45	3
Photography	English	45	3
Art & Design in Cusco	English	45	3
Contemporary Society and Culture of Peru	English	45	3
History of the Inca Civilization	English	45	3
Andean Nutrition	English	45	3
Latin American Literature (for Advanced Spanish students)	Spanish	45	3
Introduction to Communication	Spanish	60	4
Written Communication	Spanish	60	4
Intercultural Communication	Spanish	60	4
International Trade: Imports and Exports	Spanish	60	4

SEMESTER – 16 weeks*

January 14th – May 6th (2016)

August 11th – December 2nd (2016)

SUMMER – 5 weeks*

May 18th – June 23rd (2016)

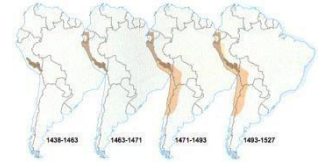
June 29th – August 5th (2016)

Course description



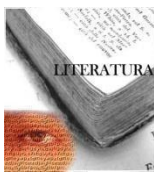
Spanish (Beginning, Pre-Intermediate, Intermediate, and Advanced): This course enables students to develop communicative skills of the language in order to express ideas and understand everyday needs. What a great experience to speak Spanish in a real context!

History of the Inca Civilization: It provides knowledge and information of the prehistory of civilizations in the Central Andean Region with critical and updated opinion about the studied historical periods and the great Inca Civilization. Benefit from studying the Inca culture in the most appropriate city and complement your studies by taking a walk to ruins around Cusco! You can travel to archaeological ruins or visit Machu Picchu to understand what you are being taught.



Contemporary Society and Culture of Peru: Peruvian society has undergone a series of historical transformations enriched by Andean, Occidental and Amazonian traditions. These transformations will be addressed from a historical, anthropological, and sociological perspective. Cusco is the best meeting point to discover and understand the changes the country is undergoing.

Biodiversity of Peru: Since Peru has a mega biodiversity which enables it to be among the “Top 12” most biodiverse countries in the world, this theoretical course will mainly focus on developing skills to analyze and value the components of biodiversity, identifying its potentials and the tools to make this sustainable use and conservation possible. Take your time and visit the National Reserve of Manu to see what your teacher means by biodiversity!



Latin American Literature: This theoretical-practical-oriented course develops students' skills in order to read critically and value Latin American Literature textbooks through detailed analysis of poetry and novels. This course is for those students who have an advanced Spanish level. Enjoy reading the best Latin American novels and authors, and improve your Spanish by reading the most *delicious* stories in our language.

Inca Architecture: This amazing course develops students' knowledge of, as well as their interest in, the concepts, techniques, and architectonic and urban management of Andean society represented by the Inca culture. Since Inca agrarian architecture until colonial architecture will be covered in classrooms made of Inca stones and colonial styles.



Art & Design in Cusco: The course is aimed at critical analysis of the history of Cusco's art from a visual perspective, creating new spaces for reflection. Artistic expressions from the different periods of its cultural development are studied and interpreted, within the framework of their particular contexts of time and space. In addition, the history of Cusco's architecture, painting and sculpture are covered through analysis of the most significant works.

Photography: While in Cusco, hundreds of photographs will be taken by you. In order to have the best shots, students will learn the photographic production process, including the study of visual treatment, lighting and mastery of digital photography resources. You will take the best photos of Machu Picchu, rivers, churches, archaeological sites, markets, people, using the appropriate composition and measures.





Andean Nutrition: The ancient roots of Inca nutrition span thousands of years, allowing these natives of the Andean mountains to thrive in a harsh and high altitude environment. Crops such as the nutrient rich Quinoa provide not only a means to good health, but also a spiritual connection with the Earth. Learn why this crop was held in the same esteem as gold as this fascinating course reflects on the past in order to explore dietary wonders of the future.

Business in Peru and Latin America: Peru has become one of the strongest economies in Latin America: this course will enable students to better understand the economic environment of investing, trading, and importing in Peru and Latin America. This course expands on the topics of economics, marketing, trade opportunities, and free trade agreements in the context of doing business in Latin America.



Quechua: Learn the language of the Inca civilization. This ancient language is still spoken in Peru and indigenous people from Cusco and the rest of the Andes still use it as a daily form of communication. Learning Quechua will allow students to feel closer to the people of this region while enhancing their understanding of this culture's millenary past.