

College of the Holy Cross Study Abroad Program Lima, Perú

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The City

Lima, the capital of Peru, is known as one of the world's largest desert cities and is located on the coast of the Pacific Ocean. Since Pizarro founded the *Ciudad de los Reyes* as a foothold for Spanish colonists in Inca territory, Lima and its port has been the main point of contact between Peru and the outside world. Modern-day Lima is a city of stark contrasts, geographically, socially, and architecturally. Lima is filled with places to explore its deep history including brilliant museums, parks and archaeological sites, while it also has vivacious traditional and modern culture spots for students to enjoy. Students will observe skyscrapers in Miraflores, 400-year-old wooden balconies overlooking the Plaza de Armas, and shanty towns clinging to the surrounding hills. These contrasts and Lima's diversity, coupled with our well-established program at the PUCP experience make it an excellent student destination for a year or semester plus study abroad experience.¹



The University (<http://www.pucp.edu.pe/>)

The *Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú* or PUCP and often referred to as “*La Católica*” by students, is the largest and most prestigious university in the country and one of the preeminent learning institutions in South America. Study Abroad in Lima offers Holy Cross students the chance to live and study in the Peruvian capital for a full year or semester, attending classes alongside Peruvian students. The Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú reflects the long and varied history of Peruvian culture. Students will see, for example, the ruins of an Inca road mirrored in the glass façade of the Information Sciences building it faces. The PUCP's nine major schools are all located on the same main campus, which boasts tree-lined walks, bright flowerbeds, plenty of outdoor cafeterias, student centers, administrative buildings, a rose garden, a religious center, a modern sports complex, and the large central library. The PUCP offers 47 degree programs, with particular strengths in history, anthropology, sociology, urban development, politics, literature, and Latin American studies.

Program Overview:

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Holy Cross partners with EdOdyssey to manage the Peru Study Abroad program. Your program in Peru starts with an approximately month-long orientation and immersion program, which begins with the first week of February or July. The orientation program is designed to help students advance their language skills while simultaneously helping students acclimate to life in Lima through fun, educational, and unique local activities. Students participate in the language program Monday-Friday in the morning and have planned, local activities and excursions several afternoons each week. Some highlights of the orientation program in Lima include visiting the *Palacio de Gobierno*, a private tour of the *Casa de Aliaga*, discovering the ancient catacombs of *San Francisco*, a service project in *Pamplona Alta*, a traditional dance show, incredible museums, a hands-on Peruvian cooking class, a photo scavenger hunt, and much more.

During your study abroad experience, there are also three amazing, all-inclusive domestic excursions to Ica (coast), Cusco (*sierra*), and Iquitos (jungle). Some highlights of the excursions include hiking Machu Picchu, one of the New 7 Wonders of the World, in Cusco, sandboarding in desert dunes of Ica, and exploring the flora and fauna of the Peruvian Amazon, one of the most biologically diverse areas of our planet!

¹ Parts are adapted from *All About Peru: Travel Guide*. <http://www.allaboutperutravel.com/peru-lima.htm>

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The orientation program, excursions, and activities and support through the program are designed to expose students in an authentic way to Peru and its history, culture, gastronomy, and reality and help students fully acclimate and find their second home in Lima.

Academic Program

Because the seasons in Peru are the reverse of those in the U.S., the academic year does not take place during the same months as ours. The program presents various options for spending a semester or year in Peru. As most students choose to study abroad for a full year there are two options: students can elect to start during fall semester (July - July) or spring semester (February - December). For students that choose to only spend a semester abroad students can spend spring semester (February - July) or fall semester (July - December) abroad. In Peru, a short winter break takes place in July and August and the longer summer vacation takes place mid-December through mid-March.

Course Load

Usually a full course load abroad is equal to a full course load at Holy Cross. However, since students are taking their courses in a foreign language a full course load in these programs will be slightly less than that required of local students. Generally, students choose to take one course from the *Facultades* (third and fourth year of study) and three from *Generales Letras*. No credit is given for the intensive language course during orientation, but students receive a grade, which will appear on their Holy Cross transcript.

**N.B.: Students should not take more than the equivalent of four Holy Cross credits within their major. Moreover, for Political Science students can take a maximum of 3 (one-semester) courses for major credit and for Economics and Economics/ Accounting a maximum of 2 (one-semester) courses (one upper- and one lower-level elective) for major credit.*

Housing

The homestay experience is a hallmark of this program and students often describe it as the most important part of their experience. Using the Host Family Applications and the Student Application EdOdyssey matches students with fantastic families, most in the *Jesús María*, *Miraflores*, and *San Isidro* neighborhoods. Students will always have a private room and all homestays have wireless internet access.

Volunteer/Internship & Independent Cultural Immersion Project (ICIP)

While living in Lima, students are encouraged to get involved in volunteer work and/or a professional internship. EdOdyssey has incredible connections throughout Peru and across numerous industries and loves to share these connections with students. Before arrival, EdOdyssey will prepare internship and/or volunteer options for students according to their interests and, upon arrival in Lima, work with students to place them in a volunteer or internship opportunities that interest them. For many students, this will serve as their Independent Cultural Immersion Project (ICIP).

The ICIP is an activity paired with a reflection paper. Successful completion of the project is a normal part of the academic requirement. You may fulfill the ICIP as an internship, as community service, or by “following your passion.” It does not become part of your thirty-two courses required for you to graduate. A much extended description of the project can be found on the Study Abroad web site.

Costs

You will be billed Holy Cross tuition as well as standard Holy Cross room and half board charges. Your account will receive a credit to help defray travel costs. These bills and credits will come directly from the Bursar’s office at the College of the Holy Cross. These charges cover the tuition for the Orientation program, room, & board; academic year tuition, room, & board; academic support; academic and cultural advisors; and selected excursions during the Orientation and the academic year. Students should budget for incidentals outside of basic needs as well as possible travel.

Financial Aid

For Holy Cross sponsored programs, financial aid is available to students who qualify with the exception of Alumni Memorial Scholarships, which do not travel abroad. Generally, the total financial burden on the family for a student to study abroad should not be significantly more than for a student remaining at Holy Cross. A financial aid package may be different from what a student receives at Holy Cross.