



International Leadership Program- June 2020

Lima, Peru

Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: Do I need to be studying a specific major?

A: No. The program is open to all students regardless of major, both undergraduate and graduate students. Any student wanting to learn more about leadership on an international scale while living in Peru are welcome to apply. Generally, students should have at least sophomore standing for this program (minimum of 30 credit hours completed prior to summer 2020).

Q: Will we have free time?

A: Yes. The instructor will provide a class schedule for each week for the class. There will also be several set cultural activities for the group organized by Universidad de Lima and included in the program fee. Students will have free time in the evenings and weekends as well as some afternoons.

Q: Do I have to know Spanish?

A: No. The course will be taught in English. For students who are learning Spanish, this will be a great way to have a full immersion opportunity and practice what you have learned. We do encourage students to learn some basics of Spanish and also download Google Translate app on their phone in order to help with language barriers.

Q: Can I participate if I am not a WSU student?

A: Yes. The WSU admissions office allows non-WSU students to be admitted as "guest students". You will need to get admitted first and then, complete the application for the study abroad. You can then enroll in MGMT 462 or MGMT 690.

Q: When do I enroll in the class?

A: Generally, students will enroll in the class by late April. Details will be provided at that time.

Q: What does the WSU program fee of \$1,900 include?

A: The cost includes some in-country transportation(hotel to university), accommodations (shared rooms in a hotel), breakfast, culture visits and orientation.

Q: What is NOT included in the WSU program fee?

A: Airfare (approx.. \$1,200), International health insurance (\$25), Meals (approx. \$300), except breakfast will not be included. Cost depends on how well you want to eat, although it is relatively inexpensive to eat out in Peru. Most prices are comparable to the US (\$5-8 for lunch, \$10-15 for dinner).

3 credit hours tuition for class and textbook is not included in program fee • Passport (\$135 + photo) Processing time for passports is approximately 8 weeks. Go to www.state.gov for more information. • Souvenirs and sundries (luggage, maps, phone cards, film) • Entrance fees to sites you want to visit on your own.

Q: Do I have to pay the full price at one time?

A: No, it is split into three payments. The first payment to reserve your spot is \$100, due by Nov 20th. Second payment: \$1,000 is due February 1st and final payment: \$800 is due March 1st.

Q: Is money deposited refundable?

A: The first \$100 payment is nonrefundable and will be charged via LASI 479A course in mid-November. Once the February 1st payment has been made, you are committed to the program unless you can find a replacement for yourself. That payment is nonrefundable as well as the last payment on March 1st.

Q: Where will we be staying?

A: All students will stay at the Hotel Señorial located in Miraflores neighborhood of Lima. Students will be in shared rooms (2 to 4 students per room with their own bed). <http://www.senorial.com/#/>

Q: Do I need travel or international health insurance?

A: Yes, all students need to purchase international health insurance for this program. It will be a basic plan and more for medical emergencies. You should still check with your own health insurance company to see what kind of coverage they offer when you are traveling abroad. You will be given details on the international health insurance plan that WSU offers in late spring.

Q: How do I get the right kind of currency for my expenses?

A: The easiest way to get soles (Peruvian currency) at the lowest exchange rate is to use an ATM machine. ATMs are everywhere just as they are in the US. The bank will handle the exchange and the only fee will be for the ATM machine. To avoid too many ATM charges, I would get out enough money to cover your expenses for several days or a week. Make sure you have enough money in your account to cover your expected (and possibly unexpected) expenses. It is also suggested that you bring some U.S. dollars and/or exchange some currency in Kansas (for Peru) before you leave for the trip if possible. Intrust Bank- downtown branch can provide soles for Peru. Perhaps consider getting \$50 to \$100 exchanged in advance to Peruvian soles to take on the trip.

Q: Can I use my credit card to pay for purchases?

A: The simplest way to pay for your purchases in Peru is with cash or in some cases by credit card. Unless you are making a purchase over \$10, many merchants will not take a credit card. Often times, they will charge a slightly higher fee for customers who want to pay with credit card instead of paying with cash. If you do need to charge a purchase, MasterCard and Visa are the most widely accepted cards. Be sure to contact your credit card company in advance to let them know you will be traveling; otherwise they might freeze your account thinking your card has been stolen. And do the same with your bank account for the debit card.

Q: Where will we be eating?

A: Breakfasts are provided at the hotel. Lunch and supper will be on your own (a reasonable amount would be \$15 to \$20/day). There are many restaurants within walking distance of the hotel. You can eat cheap for some meals and save a bit for a nice meal occasionally. The meal estimate does NOT include the cost of any alcohol that you might consume.

Q: What are the guidelines for alcohol consumption?

A: In general, for all study abroad programs, we will observe the laws for whatever country we are in for legal drinking age. We are traveling to soak in the culture and a glass of wine is very much a part of the culture, so have a glass with your meal if you'd like. Several notes of caution: We will have class most days, except weekends and any actions that leave you incapacitated will make the program much less enjoyable. Missing class will also have a negative impact on your grade in the class. If you are drunk, you are vulnerable, and you probably don't want to be vulnerable in a foreign country. Drinking can be costly and might result in running out of money.

Q: Should I be worried about security concerns?

A: I do not anticipate any serious security concerns, but urge everyone to use caution and common sense to avoid any potential problems. Lima is a large city so you should always be aware of your surroundings and look out for the other members of our group. Always travel with at least one other group member if you are going out on your own during your free time. Pick pocketing is a serious problem in a number of places, particularly riding on public transportation. You MUST carry your passport and larger currency bills in a hidden waist pouch or neck pouch or leave them in a safe at your hotel if you are just in Lima (have a copy of your passport at all times). Passport pouches can be purchased in the travel section at Wal-Mart, or online: See for example:

<http://www.caribou.com/PassportPouch.html>

You should have a small luggage lock for your suitcase and should not keep any valuables in your backpack. If you are bringing a digital camera, hold onto it tightly (a fanny pack worn on your front is fairly secure).

Q: How will we be getting around?

A: We will be transported by a private bus/van between the hotel and university each day for class. All other times, students will need to use public transportation or walk. We will also do a lot of WALKING, so you might want to take some laps on the treadmill before we leave town and be sure to bring comfortable tennis shoes.

Q: Will my electrical appliances work in Peru?

A: Outlet plugs and electric current vary from the US (and from country to country). You will need a plug adaptor for Peru. Converters and adapter kits can be found many places for approximately \$30. Office of International Education has plug adaptors available for purchase at approx. \$10 each. Most students would only need a plug adaptor since cell phones, laptops, and tablets can typically convert the electric current.

Q: Is there internet connectivity available?

A: Yes. In Peru, you will should have wifi service that you can use free of charge at the hotel and the university.

Q: How easy is it to call home?

A: Alert your family members that 'no news is good news' and that they may not hear from you regularly (except by email). Cell phones are very common, just like in the U.S. If you'd like to check into the feasibility and cost to use your cell service, check with your own provider. Some providers do offer service in South America at no extra charge; however you will need to know how to set that up. You could also check into purchasing an inexpensive cell phone or SIM card for a month in Peru. Whatsapp is an excellent way to communicate if you have wifi service with your cell phone. That can be used with others in Peru, very common for Peruvians to use Whatsapp instead of text messaging.

Q: Can we do laundry there or do we need to pack for a full 3 weeks?

A: The hotel can help with laundry service. I would recommend that you pack enough clothes for at least 2 weeks if possible as long as you can stick to one suitcase and one carry-on. Pack the essentials.

Q: What kind of weather might we expect?

A: The weather can be quite variable in June in Peru. We may experience rain and 50 degrees, or sun and 70. Probably 60s to 70s for the highs in Lima, however lows could get down to the 50s at night and possibly only low 60s during the day. You should have a flexible wardrobe that can accommodate these variations by packing clothes that you can layer.