



USFQ Summer Archeology Field Program

PROGRAM SUMMARY

Program Objective

The north coast of Ecuador housed one of the most remarkable societies of the New World, known as the Jama Coaque culture circa (300B.C-1540 A.D). The Jama Coaque chiefdoms had many difficulties including constant ash fall from the nearby volcanoes in the highlands, constant flooding as a result of el Niño, and heavy seismic activity that has affected the area since ancient times. Archaeological research has been centered on the Coaque valley, where a series of complex social formations have developed since around 1200 B.C. Since 2014, USFQ has been working with the Coaque community to conduct regional surveys, identify various archeological sites, and develop excavations projects.

As part of this program, students will enroll in a **6 week, 9-credit** program and receive training on archaeological field and laboratory methods, including archaeological surveys and excavations. Both surveys and excavations will take place at the site of Coaque, near the town of Pedernales. In addition to housing, students will have access to basic laboratories and on-site activities facilitated by the community.

Dates: May 16 - June 27, 2020

Credits: 9

Language: English

Campus: Cumbayá-Quito + field work off the Ecuadorean coast (Pedernales)

Academic Backgrounds: Open to arqueology, anthropology, social sciences

PROGRAM DETAILS

Application Deadline: March 1st, 2020

Program Fees: \$3,700.00

Program Includes:

- Health & Safety Orientation
- Access to facilities and placement locations, depending on track
- Transportation to and from Quito's airport at the start and end of the program
- Accommodation & meals for the duration of the program, barring lunch whilst in Quito
- Support in case of medical emergencies

Does NOT include:

- International Health Insurance (required)
- International Flights
- Personal expenses
- Gratuities (Strongly recommended)
- Additional expenses related to meals, travel & accommodation beyond what is covered by the program

For any additional information, please reach out to our email address: opi@usfq.edu.ec
