Amazonian Ecuador is ethnically and linguistically diverse. In addition to Quichua, speakers of Shuar, Achuar, and Waorani will be at the Field school for on-site instruction. Important work on language documentation of Ecuador’s many understudied languages has begun, but much more work needs to be done. Students will have opportunities to interact with prominent scholars from the U.S and Ecuador. When their program is completed, students will articulate a deeper understanding of their linguistic discipline by comparing and contrasting how it is understood and practiced in an international setting.

DATES
10 June–19 July 2024

HOUSING
Students will be comfortably accommodated at the Andes and Amazon Field School, which is housed within the Centro Iyarina, near Tena, Ecuador. See http://iyarina.org.

AVAILABLE COURSES
Students will enroll in 6–9 credit hours from the following courses while on this program:
ANTHR 495R—Ethnographic Field Project (3 credit hours)
FLANG 101R—First Year Quechua (3 credit hours)
FLANG 102R—First Year Quechua (3 credit hours)
FLANG 201R—Second Year Quechua (3 credit hours)
LING 551—Anthropological Linguistics (3 credit hours; counts as elective credit for Linguistics majors)
LING 580R—Independent Research in Linguistics (3 credit hours, with permission of Prof Nuckolls)

Anthropology students doing thesis research usually enroll for 6 credits of ANTHR 495R.

Students may not take any other courses on this program, including BYU Online courses, without approval by the program director and ISP.
COST
$5,000–5,500

Includes Latter-day Saint, undergraduate full tuition (increased cost for graduate and non–Latter-day Saint students), housing, three meals each day, in-country transportation, and international health insurance coverage.

Does not include airfare or personal expenses. Students are also responsible for any travel they may wish to do in other parts of Ecuador during the break between the June and July sessions.

TRAVEL
Students are responsible for purchasing their own airfare to and from the program sites. Airfare reservations must be made through BYU Travel. Students should contact a BYU Travel agent.

BYU Travel | 280 HRCB | (801) 422-6293 | travel@byu.edu

PREPARATION
Students wishing to conduct linguistic fieldwork are encouraged to complete at least one of the following courses before leaving for Ecuador:

LING 110—Intro to Human Language
LING 201—Intro to Linguistics (Modern)
or
ELANG 223—Intro to the English Language

Students are required to take the following prerequisite courses prior to departure:
ANTHR 442—Ethnographic Research Design and Method

Accepted students are required to participate in an international, cross-cultural preparation course (IAS 201R, 1 credit hour). This class will be held during the second block of the Winter 2024 semester. Part-time BYU students and non-BYU students will need to pay an additional tuition fee.

Students must meet all country- and program-specific COVID and health requirements for travel.

FUNDING SOURCES
Regular BYU tuition scholarships, Pell Grants, and Federal Insured Student Loans may be applied to study abroad programs. Students who submit the financial aid section of the ISP application and who have a current FAFSA form on file at the Financial Aid Office (A-41 ASB) will be considered for a Study Abroad scholarship. Academic departments and colleges may assist with scholarships and grants. Private grants and scholarships outside of BYU may also assist (see kennedy.byu.edu/scholarships).

APPLICATION PROCESS
Students must be 18 years of age or older to participate. Complete the online application at kennedy.byu.edu/isp-apply. A nonrefundable $35 application fee is required; applicants will be interviewed once the application is complete. Students will be notified via e-mail of their acceptance into the program. The first payment is due upon acceptance.

Application Deadline: 1 December 2023

FACULTY
Janis Nuckolls is the faculty director of the program. She is a professor in the Department of Linguistics and English Language at Brigham Young University and has been conducting research in Ecuador for over twenty years.
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SCHEDULE AND TIME COMMITMENT
Students should plan to be in Ecuador from 10th of June until 19th of July and refrain from scheduling late arrivals or early departures.

INTERESTED STUDENTS SHOULD CONTACT
International Study Programs
101 HRCB | (801) 422-3686 | isp@byu.edu | kennedy.byu.edu/isp
PROGRAM ADJUSTMENTS
International Study Programs (ISP) reserves the right to cancel this program, revise its offerings, or make any adjustments to the preliminary cost. If it becomes necessary for ISP to cancel a program, all program payments made to BYU ISP will be refunded to the student's BYU financial account. ISP is the only office authorized to cancel any of its programs.