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Ama La Vida: A Celebration of Diversity

- Cultural diversity
- Linguistic diversity (10 native languages)
- Living history
- Bio-diversity
- Geographic diversity
- Gastrodiversity
- Adventure travel
Components of the program

- **Courses:**
  - EDS 115 Cognitive Development in Education (ECE Focus in EDS minor)
  - EDS 111 Child Family Community (ECE Focus in EDS minor)
  - Seminar style courses: Group discussions, student led discussions, collaborative projects, focus on culture nature of development within diverse contexts

- **Ethnographic & Participant Research:**
  - Naturalistic Observations
  - Investigative Interviews
  - Linking Readings to lived experiences
  - Investigating a local topic related to education, social justice, & development

- **Connecting with local education policy & practice**
  - Visits to local schools
  - Guest lecture from local experts in practice and policy
  - Applied projects to inform local practice

- **Community Engaged: La Minga**
  - Satisfies Community Service Practicum for 6th college
  - A collaborative work system that dates back to the Incas.
  - Community members volunteer their time, effort, and sometimes funds to achieve a shared goal for the betterment of the community (for example, building a home, harvesting food or repairing roads).
  - Mingas also usually include a feast to celebrate the collaboration and hard work.
In Ecuador, we will study in: Quito, Otavalo Highlands, Amazon Rainforest.
Quito: Home Base

- Home Stays with local families
- Study Center with Classrooms, WiFi, Program Staff
- Active Urban City
- UNESCO Heritage Site
- Many first world modern comforts
- Old World History, Culture & Charm
- Eternal Spring weather
- Beautiful landscape, surrounded by volcanoes
- Easy home base for personal travel
Andean Highlands: Imbabura Province

• Homestay in an Indigenous community
• Visit Quechua/Spanish school
• “Minga” with local community
• Textile and artisanal market place
• Natural medicine
• Participation in Cultural Dance & Music Presentation
• Connecting with local students
La Minga: Comunidad de San Clemente
Amazon Region: Napo Province

- Minga with local indigenous school community: Teachers, Students, Families, Community leaders
- Stay in an Eco-lodge
- Link course content to local context
- Learn Quechua
- Make a difference for a school community
- Visit the world's largest rainforest
La Minga:
Escuela Emelio Cceco
Yupaychani!
Muchas Gracias!
Thank you!

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