

## **Intensive Language Study: Quechua / Runasimi** QUEC-1503 (3 credits)

### **Peru: Indigenous Peoples and Globalization**

*This syllabus is representative of a typical semester. Because courses develop and change over time to take advantage of unique learning opportunities, actual course content varies from semester to semester.*

#### **Course description**

This is an intensive language course of a theoretical-practical nature, and its purpose is that the student approaches the use of the Quechua language within the social sphere. This subject is considered important for fostering an understanding of the concepts within Andean worldview and for facilitating acceptance and immersion among Quechua speaking populations in Peru.

#### **Course objectives**

This course is oriented students who already have a basic knowledge of Quechua. It will build on the knowledge they have and further their communication skills through immersion in the language in order to facilitate their involvement in the cultural and social environment of the Peruvian Andes. The course aims to bring students to the 'Intermediate Low' ACTFL Level, or A2 CEFR level.

#### **Student Learning Outcomes**

By the end of the course, the student will be able to:

- *Speak and comprehend* Quechua in more complex living experiences by full participation in everyday communications: Shopping, traveling, cooking, giving complete descriptions, expressing likes/dislikes, giving orders, etc.
- *Interpret and analyze* the cultural and historical events, symbols and Andean cosmivision through cultural products of the area: stories, customs, Quechua usage within the city, with Western cultural and historical analysis.
- *Distinguish* between cultural activities of the time such as festivals, the agricultural cycle, etc. with those most same events in Western cultural activities

#### **Prerequisites**

Quechua (QUEC1003) or equivalent. Additionally, all classes will be taught in Spanish as it is the language spoken by the teachers in Cuzco. Students must therefore have at least two semesters of college level Spanish in order to undertake this course.

## **Methodology**

Classes will be taught on-site in Cuzco, with students participating in small-group activities, discussion groups, language games as well as traditional exercises and tasks. Non class-based activities will consist of required conversation practice with homestay families, assignments within the city interacting with the Quechua speaking population, as well as full language immersion during the 5 day rural family homestay on Taquile Island in Lake Titicaca.

## **Organization of the course:**

The course is made up of 45 class hours, divided into 10 face-to-face classes combined with 15 hours learning on the academic trip to Taquile Island which will include set assignments. Additionally, the course consists of 90 hours of non-class based learning through immersive homestay family conversation practice, Cuzco city based assignments and family and community activities whilst on Taquile Island.

## **Course content**

- Future Simple
- Adverbs of place
- Adjectives
- Verb KASHAY (have exception)
- Additional suffixes
- Prohibitive AMA
- Imperatives
- Travel planning
- Climate description

## **Evaluation criteria**

|               |     |
|---------------|-----|
| Participation | 10% |
| Assignments   | 10% |
| Oral Exam     | 40% |
| Written Exam  | 40% |

### Participation

This criterion considers the attendance and punctuality of the student. The student must always arrive before class and any absence must be communicated in advance. In this case, it is the student's responsibility to communicate with their classmates to find out what was taught in class and what assignments were set, and have them ready for the next class.

### Assignments

This criterion considers the fulfillment of the assigned tasks in an appropriate way according to the teacher's criteria and completed before the class. Homework grades are not recorded.

### Final Oral Exam

The student will present their Taquile host family, describe their daily life and the things that most stood out to them regarding life on the island and their opinions and thoughts about it.

## Final Written Exam

This exam will assess components of grammar, vocabulary, and descriptive skills.

## **Rating scale**

The grades reflect the student's interest and effort in improving their performance according to their abilities and characteristics.

|    | <b>%</b> | <b>DESCRIPTION</b>  |
|----|----------|---|
| A  | 94 – 100 | Exceptional performance; balance between academic, attitude and sociocultural learning achievements.          |
| A- | 90 – 93  |   |
| B+ | 87 – 89  | Methodical and hard work; includes solid foundations to keep moving forward.                                  |
| B  | 84 – 86  |   |
| B- | 80 – 83  |   |
| C+ | 77 – 79  | The result meets the requirements, but requires further study.  |
| C  | 74 – 76  |   |
| C- | 70 – 73  |   |
| D+ | 67 – 69  | The work reflects deficiencies and errors that have not been corrected despite the exercises and indications. |
| D  | 64 – 66  |   |
| F  | < 64     |   |

## **Bibliography**

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## **SIT Policies and Resources**

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## Course Schedule and Content

|          | Week / Unit | Objective  | Class Content  | Hours     | Non-Class Content   | Hours     |
|----------|-------------|--|--|-----------|---|-----------|
| IN CUZCO | 1           | Dialogue and conversation  | Getting to know your homestay family<br>Interrogatives<br>The verb Kay - 'to have'<br>Climate vocabulary   | 15        | Conversation and grammar practice with family<br>Market visits, practice buying<br>Street name/area translations<br>Diary of Cuzqueñan weather                | 30        |
|          | 2           | Gather and request information about a destination                       | Trip and planning vocabulary<br>The Future Simple<br>Expressing thoughts, plans and likes  | 9         | Readings and videos about Andean geography<br>Create upcoming trip itinerary<br>Weather forecast<br>Oral+written presentation of future plans and trip ideas  | 15        |
|          | 3.1         | Listening, pronunciation, fluidity.<br>Express opinions and give orders. | <b>Rural Homestay:</b><br><i>investigate + learn</i><br>Direct and indirect imperatives<br>The prohibitive 'Ama'<br>The obligative<br>Food and health vocabulary | 15        | Write a recipe that your homestay family cooks using instructions<br>Research the community and family rules and write down.                                  | 35        |
|          | 3.2         | Using Quechua with confidence  | <b>Cuzco:</b><br>Consolidate and verify new grammar learned<br><b>Final exam</b>   | 6         | City activities to verify progress<br>Exam: Present your family, community rules etc., compare with Taquile and illustrate your opinion, discuss future plans | 10        |
|          |             |  | <b>TOTAL CLASS HOURS:</b>  | <b>30</b> | <b>TOTAL NON-CLASS HOURS:</b>   | <b>90</b> |

*\*Please be aware that topics and excursions may vary to take advantage of any emerging events, to accommodate changes in our lecturers' availability, and to respect any changes that would affect student safety. Students will be notified if this occurs.*