

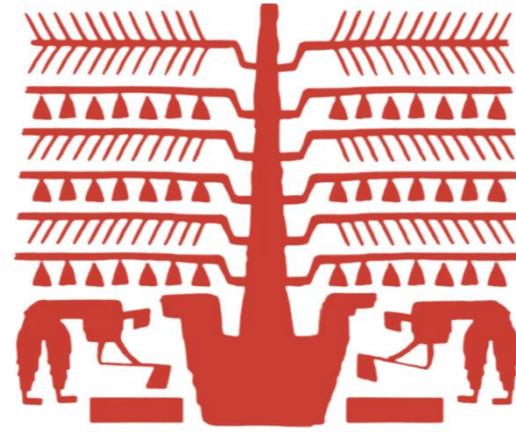


Studying Abroad

The GDST study abroad programs are part of the GDS curriculum and combine third year level university course work in a developing country context with valuable hands-on experience through applied learning and researching in community. Students learn about the history and culture of another society, acquire skills in community-based research, engage in a cross-cultural living experience, and make contacts and friendships in a new community. Students who participate in the study abroad program generally do so in the third year of an honours degree. Many students who have participated in an GDS study abroad program have found it to be a positive and life-transforming experience. Working and living in another culture challenges many of one's assumptions and opens new avenues of thinking and understanding.

The Trent-in-Bolivia Program

The Trent-in-Bolivia program (TiB) is a collaborative undertaking of the Global Development Studies department and the Languages & Linguistics program. The program boasts a semester-long study abroad experience in Sucre, Bolivia, with our partner institution, Universidad San Francisco Xavier de Chuquisaca (USFX). Students will refine their Spanish language skills while learning about issues like resource extraction and development, Indigenous movements, and rights, and struggles for gender equality, at the second oldest university in the Americas.



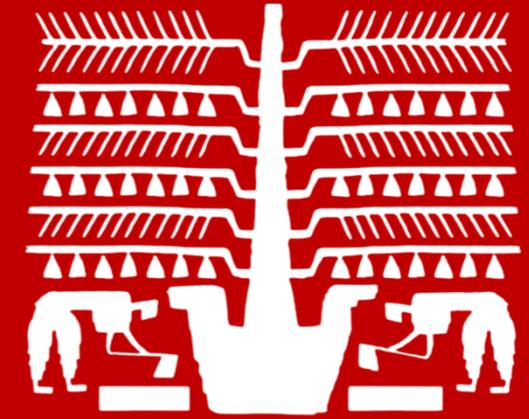
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Eligibility

The Study Abroad is designed primarily for students in the third year of an honours degree majoring in Global Development, Anthropology, Politics, International Studies, or a cognate discipline, who have a minimum standing of B- (70%) in at least eight full-year courses. A full year credit in Introduction to Spanish language or equivalent with a mark of 70% or higher is also required. Places are available for students who transfer to Trent for the year on a letter of permission.

All applicants are interviewed to assess their expectations, and their capacities for adapting to a foreign cultural setting where conventional academic resources are limited. The interviews take place in November. Successful applicants are notified shortly thereafter of their acceptance.

Experiential Learning

TiB provides students with the opportunity for intense personal growth, enriched by interactions with many generous and wonderful people of Bolivia. It also offers opportunities for students to develop the skills necessary to live, study, and work in the unfamiliar context of a developing country where they are privileged to be guests. In meeting these challenges, they can rely on excellent support structures provided by program staff, Bolivian hosts, and fellow students.

Academic Program

GDST 3860Y: Bolivian seminar

A module-based course covering topics such as Indigenous social movements, Andean Indigenous jurisdiction, and feminist struggles and gender-based violence, as well as a case study on mining in the Potosí region.

GDST 3840H: Field course in community development

A course combining theoretical, methodological, and practical reflections on development studies and a hands-on community development experience. Involves a placement with an organisation or community involved in addressing substantive social and economic issues.

SPAN 2500Y: Intermediate Spanish

An intensive course in oral and written Spanish, with a particular focus on conversational skills necessary for the Bolivian context.

Organization

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Orientation & Living Arrangements

In addition to the Trent-based coordination team, led by the non-resident director, there will be three levels of local Bolivian coordination:

- (a) Main USFX coordinator: responsible for the hiring of teaching staff, overall coordination of registration and academic matters, field trip logistics, submission of final grades, budgetary review, liaison with Trent team,
- (b) Assistant USFX coordinator: responsible for day-to-day activities at USFX and extracurricular programming with Trent students.
- (c) Homestay coordinator: responsible for arranging homestay accommodations for Trent students with Spanish-speaking families in Sucre; liaison with homestay families.

Costs

- Trent tuition fees are the same as those paid by on-campus Trent students.
- Program cost: \$3,500 in addition to regular Trent tuition (less ancillary fees). Note, most students will be able to cover most of this cost through bursaries for study abroad, as well as through government funding (until at least March 2025)
- In addition, students will be responsible for airfare, homestay costs, field trip accommodation, personal expenses.
- Health and other insurance will be covered through Trent International.