Through field visits and seminars, students and professionals will observe and study the social and health services in urban Quito, Ecuador and the surrounding rural areas. Site visits and study of HIV-Aids, gerontology, child welfare, prisons, disaster interventions related to the volcanic eruption of Tunguragua, Trafficking in Human Persons and USAID policy, substance abuse services, disability services, analysis of native Quichua families, an examination of traditional and modern medicine and the local religious influences, site visit in an Afro Ecuadorian Community in Chota, education policy, and a firsthand view of a progressive labor policy at a flower farm in the Andes Mountains.

You will have opportunities for hiking, biking, and exploring rural villages, and other outdoor activities such as white water rafting, and time to experience Ecuadorian music, dance, and cooking. The hot springs at Baños near RioBamba, the Otavalo Market, the San Antonio de Ibarra Woodcarving, the Museo de la Ciudad San Francisco, the Museo Guayasamin, and other museums and places of cultural interest are on the itinerary.

Cost: $3,300 (tuition not included) Spring or Summer 2010 (3 – 6 credit hours), CEU & Independent Study. Open to all students and interested professionals.