

SUMMER 2026 STUDY ABROAD

PERU ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE

PROGRAM DATES:

July 14 - July 28, 2026

DESTINATION:

Peru

COURSES:

**Environmental Science
(ENVS 115 | 3.0 Units)**

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Join our Upcoming Info Sessions

Thursday, January 29 3 - 4 PM

Thursday, February 19 3 - 4 PM

Friday, March 13 2 - 3 PM



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ECOSWELL PROGRAM IN PERÚ



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TRANSFORMATIVE LEARNING

Empowering students through sustainability projects

At EcoSwell, we believe people and nature can thrive in unison.

Our mission is to help marginalized communities develop sustainably by contributing to the UN's Sustainable Development Goals whilst transforming students into agents of change through impactful projects. Previous participants have described their experience with us as transformational and life altering.

Our key areas of work

- **Frugal Engineering:** designing cost-effective and innovative solutions
- **Renewable Energy:** implementing clean and accessible energy systems
- **Water and Sanitation:** enhancing access to safe water and hygiene
- **Public Health:** addressing key health challenges in underserved regions
- **Applied Research:** generating data-driven insights for our projects

Opportunities for Colleges

- **Service/experiential learning programmes:** partner with us to host immersive classes in Peru that blend academics with real-world impact.
- **Volunteer internships:** promote our individual internship opportunities for your students, providing life-changing fieldwork experiences
- **Faculty research:** collaborate with us to carry out applied research in sustainable development that directly benefits local communities

OUR IMPACT

We have hosted over 500 students from the world's top universities, winning multiple awards for our work. Through our initiatives we have impacted over 99000 people, aligning our work with the UN's Sustainable Development Goals.



'My 3 years of experience with EcoSwell in Lobitos, Peru has inspired both my teaching and writing about sustainability. The community engagement brings sustainability to life for both me and my students, whose most common reflection is: *this changed my life!*'



Dr. Thomas Siller

Associate Professor and Dean Emeritus
Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering
Colorado State University

'After working with EcoSwell for years, I've witnessed the transformative journey of countless students who complete these projects. Through learning, cultural immersion and a challenging environment, they develop invaluable skills that I've seen to have a profound impact on their future careers.'

Dr. Jean Hall



Director of Civil Engineering Degree Programme
Head of Global Engineering Module
University of Newcastle



SMCCCD Environmental Studies Program Information

Arrival and Departure

- Arrive at Jorge Chavez International Airport in Lima, Peru (LIM). Walk out of the airport and look for the EcoSwell representative
- Departure from Jorge Chavez International Airport in Lima, Peru (LIM)
- Airport pick-up and drop-off from the Lima, Cusco, and Talara airports is included with the program fee
- Transportation is included in tours specified in the itinerary and budget, other in-country transportation can be arranged as an additional cost

ACCOMMODATION



In Lima, Cusco, and Aguas Calientes, your group will stay in 3 star hotels with shared rooms for students and private rooms for faculty, breakfast included



For the Pachamama Raymi site visit, you will stay in a comfortable hostel for one night, as there are no 3 star hotels in the area



At EcoSwell, your group will stay at La Casona, the hostel with the best sea view in Lobitos! There are shared rooms for students and private rooms for faculty, with 3 meals a day provided by our local cooks

SITE VISITS

L I M A

The logo for Sinba, featuring the word "sinba" in a lowercase, purple, sans-serif font. The letter "b" is stylized with a horizontal line through its middle.

- **Sinba** is a multi-award-winning social enterprise whose mission is to create a world without waste, where nothing is left out, and no-one is left out
- Since 2016, they have provided circular economy waste solutions to restaurants in Lima
- Their co-founder, **Pipo Rieser**, will personally walk us through their process and explain how they have recovered more than **8,300 tons of organic material, recycled 900 tons of waste, mitigated 9 tons of CO2 emissions, and planted 148 trees.**

C U S C O

The logo for Pachamama Raymi, featuring a stylized green leaf icon to the left of the text "Pachamama Raymi" in a green, sans-serif font. Below the text is the tagline "Sembramos prosperidad" in a smaller, italicized green font.

- **Pachamama Raymi** is a non-profit organisation dedicated to restoring degraded Andean landscapes and lifting rural families out of poverty
- Since 2008, they have worked with communities across the Cusco region to reforest the highlands
- Their model has helped plant over **10 million trees** and improved the livelihoods of **6 000 rural families**
- The founder **Willem Van Immerzeel** will personally guide us through a culturally immersive reforestation site visit
- This visit includes an **overnight stay** in rural Cusco

DAILY SCHEDULE

**TUESDAY
14 JULY**

EVE

- ARRIVE AT JORGE CHAVEZ INTL. AIRPORT, LIMA, PERU (LIM).
- AIRPORT PICK-UP, THEN TRANSFER TO LIMA HOTEL
- DINNER ON YOUR OWN (WITH RECOMMENDATIONS AND GUIDANCE FROM ECOSWELL TEAM)

**WEDNESDAY
15 JULY**

AM

PM

EVE

- BREAKFAST AT THE HOTEL
- TOUR OF PUCLLANA PYRAMID
- TOUR OF LIMA'S HISTORICAL CENTRE

- TOUR OF SAN FRANCISCO MONASTERY
- LUNCH IS INCLUDED
- TOUR OF MIRAFLORES AND LARCOMAR

- DINNER ON YOUR OWN (WITH RECOMMENDATIONS AND GUIDANCE FROM ECOSWELL TEAM)

**THURSDAY
16 JULY**

AM

PM

EVE

- BREAKFAST AT YOUR HOTEL
- PICK UP AT YOUR HOTEL
- SINBA SITE VISIT

- DROP OFF AT YOUR HOTEL
- LUNCH ON YOUR OWN (WITH RECOMMENDATIONS AND GUIDANCE FROM ECOSWELL TEAM)
- AIRPORT TRANSFER THEN FLIGHT TO CUSCO

- TRANSFER FROM CUSCO AIRPORT TO HOTEL
- DINNER ON YOUR OWN

*Itinerary subject to change based on field conditions at time of program

DAILY SCHEDULE

**FRIDAY 17
JULY**

AM

- BREAKFAST AT THE HOTEL
- HOTEL PICK-UP
- TRANSFER TO OCONGATE (2-3 HOURS)

PM

- CHECK IN AT HOSTEL, LUNCH ON YOUR OWN
- TOUR OF PACHAMAMA RAYMI PROJECTS (TROUT FISHERIES, GUINEA PIG FARMS)

EVE

- DINNER ON YOUR OWN (WITH RECOMMENDATIONS AND GUIDANCE FROM ECOSWELL TEAM)

**SATURDAY
18 JULY**

AM

- BREAKFAST AT HOTEL
- PACHAMAMA RAYMI ORIENTATION WALK
- REFORESTATION SITE VISIT

PM

- LUNCH INCLUDED
- PICK UP FROM OCONGATE
- TRANSFER BACK TO CUSCO

EVE

- ARRIVAL AT CUSCO HOTEL
- DINNER ON YOUR OWN (WITH RECOMMENDATIONS AND GUIDANCE FROM ECOSWELL TEAM)

**SUNDAY
19 JULY**

AM

- BREAKFAST AT YOUR HOTEL
- SACRED VALLEY (PISAC, URUBAMBA, OLLANTAYTAMBO) TOUR

PM

- LUNCH INCLUDED
- TRAIN TO AGUAS CALIENTES

EVE

- DROP OFF AT HOTEL
- DINNER ON YOUR OWN (WITH RECOMMENDATIONS AND GUIDANCE FROM ECOSWELL TEAM)

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DAILY SCHEDULE

**MONDAY
20 JULY**

AM

- BREAKFAST AT HOTEL
- MACCHU PICCHU TOUR

PM

- LUNCH ON YOUR OWN
- TRAIN TO OLLANTAYTAMBO
- TRANSFER TO CUSCO

EVE

- DINNER ON YOUR OWN (WITH RECOMMENDATIONS AND GUIDANCE FROM ECOSWELL TEAM)

**TUESDAY
21 JULY**

AM

- BREAKFAST AT HOTEL
- TRANSFER TO CUSCO AIRPORT
- FLIGHT TO TALARA

PM

- ARRIVAL AT TALARA AIRPORT
- TRANSFER TO LOBITOS
- LUNCH AT ECOSWELL

EVE

- ECOSWELL ORIENTATION
- DINNER AT ECOSWELL

**WEDNESDAY
22 JULY**

AM

- BREAKFAST AT ECOSWELL
- CLASSROOM TIME AT ECOSWELL
- ITINERARY WALKTHROUGH

PM

- LUNCH AT ECOSWELL
- LOBITOS TOUR

EVE

- DINNER AT ECOSWELL
- ACTIVITIES AT LA CASONA (KARAOKE, FILM NIGHT, GAMES, CAMPFIRE, ETC.)

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DAILY SCHEDULE

**THURSDAY
23 JULY**

AM

- PIEDRITAS ECOTOURISM & BIRDWATCHING TRAILS
- MID-TRAIL SNACKS PROVIDED BY ECOSWELL
- MEETING WITH PIEDRITAS TOURISM COMMITTEE

PM

- LUNCH AT ECOSWELL
- CLASSROOM TIME AT ECOSWELL
- BEACH VOLLEYBALL, ETC.

EVE

- DINNER AT ECOSWELL
- ACTIVITIES AT LA CASONA (KARAOKE, FILM NIGHT, GAMES, CAMPFIRES, ETC.)

**FRIDAY
24 JULY**

AM

- BREAKFAST AT ECOSWELL
- RESILIENT MEDICAL CENTRE PROJECTS (TALARA)

PM

- LUNCH AT ECOSWELL
- RESILIENT MEDICAL CENTRE PROJECTS (LOBITOS)
- BEACH VOLLEYBALL, ETC.

EVE

- DINNER AT ECOSWELL
- ACTIVITIES AT LA CASONA (KARAOKE, FILM NIGHT, GAMES, CAMPFIRES, ETC.)

**SATURDAY
25 JULY**

AM

- BREAKFAST AT ECOSWELL
- VISIT TO SICHEZ PROJECTS (IMPROVED COOKSTOVES AND GOAT HERDING)

PM

- LUNCH AT ECOSWELL
- CLASSROOM TIME AT ECOSWELL
- BEACH VOLLEYBALL, ETC.

EVE

- DINNER AT ECOSWELL
- ACTIVITIES AT LA CASONA (KARAOKE, FILM NIGHT, GAMES, CAMPFIRES, ETC.)

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DAILY SCHEDULE

**SUNDAY
26 JULY**

AM

- FISHING TRIP
- BREAKFAST AT ECOSWELL

PM

- LUNCH AT ECOSWELL
- VISIT TO LAS CAPULLANAS CAVES

EVE

- DINNER AT ECOSWELL
- ACTIVITIES AT LA CASONA (KARAOKE, FILM NIGHT, GAMES, CAMPFIRES, ETC.)

**MONDAY
27 JULY**

AM

- VISIT TO NEGRITOS ECOTOURISM AND COASTAL ECOSYSTEM TRAILS
- MID-TRAIL SNACKS PROVIDED BY ECOSWELL
- MEETING WITH NEGRITOS TOURISM COMMITTEE

PM

- LUNCH AT ECOSWELL
- CLASSROOM TIME AT ECOSWELL
- BEACH VOLLEYBALL, ETC.

EVE

- DINNER AT ECOSWELL
- ACTIVITIES AT LA CASONA (KARAOKE, FILM NIGHT, GAMES, CAMPFIRES, ETC.)

**TUESDAY
28 JULY**

AM

- TRANSFER TO CAP. FAP VICTOR MONTES ARIAS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (TAL)
- FLIGHT TO LIMA

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