



InterACTION Labs ► Iquitos, PERU LARCH 395 / 495; GH 399 / 600 (5 UW CREDITS) **Early Fall: Aug 20 - Sep 16, 2022**

Urban Development and Human and Ecological Health in the Amazon Rainforest

Understanding the impact of urbanization on health and ecosystems using interdisciplinary approaches

The program begins with excursions to one of the last primary forest ecosystems in the Amazon Rainforest to explore unique flora, fauna, and environments with very little human presence. The students will then visit new peri-urban nodes near the expanding city of Iquitos to understand the social, ecological, and health problems related to unplanned urban development. After, our group will visit projects in the city of Iquitos that are leading efforts to mitigate these problems and learn tools to assess different aspects of the city, including health, ecological, and environmental conditions.

Students will examine questions including: what are the social, political, and environmental drivers and implications of rural to urban migration? What are the socio-cultural, spatial, and material characteristics of Iquitos and their impacts on health? What are the everyday conditions of life for people and animals in the Peruvian Amazon? How might community-based participatory action and community interventions in the build environment serve as agents of positive change in under-served communities?

INFO SESSION(S?)

TBD

via zoom

APPLICATION DEADLINE Feb 15, 2021

Open to interested undergraduate and graduate students, all disciplines welcome

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