

# 2023 UW Early Fall Exploration Seminar

## Andes to Amazon: Biodiversity, conservation, and sustainability in Peru

**Dates:** 25 August-19 Sept 2023

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**Program fee:** \$4,450 (airfare not included)

**Credit options:** 5 credits (BIS 480, BIOL 493 and others possible)

### **An ecological and cultural exploration from the high mountains to the rainforest of southeastern Peru**

Explore the fascinating diversity of this region, while studying conservation challenges confronting local communities and wild species. Through biodiversity surveys and meetings with local people, land-use managers, conservationists, and other stakeholders, we analyze sustainable alternatives for conservation of this biodiversity hotspot. Students will engage in a short field research project, based in the Amazon, and visit many biodiversity and cultural conservation projects in the Andes and the Amazon.

#### **Learn about:**

- Natural history and basic research techniques for studying birds, mammals, invertebrates and plants
- Ecology and conservation of Amazon rainforest, cloud forest, and Andean ecosystems
- Traditional agriculture and resource use by Andean and Amazonian native communities
- Historical relationships of the Incas and the environment, & current tourism impacts on ecosystems

For more details, info sessions and to apply, please see: <https://tinyurl.com/37m8s9vn>

**ROLLING ADMISSION UNTIL 15 Feb. APPLY EARLY, this is a popular program, only 20 spaces!**

