Andean Region Highlights

Home to:
- Highest mountain in the Americas (Aconcagua, Chile), highest lake in the world (Titicaca Lake)
- Macchu Picchu, UNESCO Heritage of Humanity, Wonder of the world.
- Origin of potatoes, quinoa, maca, and other food. Home of the condor.
- Various pre-16th century Empires, including Inca and Wari
- First Indigenous-language (Aymara) speaking President (Bolivia)
- Contact between Quechua and Spanish

Quechua Highlights

- Most spoken modern Indigenous language of the Americas
- Spoken in seven countries: Peru, Ecuador, Bolivia, SE Colombia, N Argentina, NE Chile, E Amazon region.
- Has 10-12 million speakers.
- Language of the Inca Empire in pre-Columbian times.
- Gave origin to Andean Spanish.
- Quechua Borrowings: condor, jerky, llama, puma.
- Used in modern music. Hear ‘The way you make me feel’ by Renata Flores in YouTube.
DESCRIPTION OF COURSE

- Two-week introductory course directed to High School students.
- 4.5-hours of daily instruction
- Introduction to the Quechua (Runasimi) language
- Immersion in Andean culture
- Language materials created by our internationally-known instructor, Clodoaldo Soto.
- Activities supported with authentic aural/visual materials (music, films, YouTube videos).
- Daily extracurricular cultural activities that introduce students to highlights of the Andean Cosmovision, art, music, history, and food.
- No prior knowledge of Quechua assumed.
- Enrollment limited to 12 students
- Day-Institute: 9:00 a.m.–1:30 p.m.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- Guided visit to the Spurlock and Krannert Art Museums
- Movie, Andean corn and drink, and Discussion
- Music/Dance Activity

COURSE OBJECTIVES/OUTCOMES

- Understand, produce, and maintain simple conversations on everyday topics.
- Acquire basic understanding of the Andean culture.
- Produce materials to be made available in the CLACS-Quechua website.

APPLICATION MATERIALS

Information: clacs.illinois.edu/Outreach

- Registration Form
- Teacher Recommendation Form
- Registration Fee: $ 25.00
- Course Cost: Free (includes daily snack, and materials)
- Registration opens: March 4, 2016
- Deadline: April 17, 2016
- Location: U of I campus

OUR INSTRUCTOR

Clodoaldo Soto
(Huanta, Ayacucho, Peru)
At UIUC since 1990, with teaching experience in the U.S., Europe, and Peru; consistently appears on the UIUC List of Teachers Ranked as Excellent.

Quechua Student Alliance meeting at the University of Pennsylvania in November 2015, honoring Clodoaldo Soto for his contributions to the study and teaching of Quechua.