Discovering Bolivia: Language, Church and Economy in Context

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- 9 credits
- 7 weeks immersed in South America
- Choice of either THL 343 or ECO 479

The Maryknoll Language Institute in Cochabamba, Bolivia is uniquely positioned to serve as a site for a seven-week immersion program in the heart of South America. We will study the language, the Church and the economy of South America in its context through an encounter with its people and their culture.

Spanish Language
6 hrs of Spanish (Creighton approved, may apply to major or minor)

Basic, Intermediate and Advanced classes in Spanish are offered seven times a year. Each module is six weeks long and consists of four classes daily with one teacher to one student, except for conversation classes. The module is tailored to the individual’s level and needs. A student already at an intermediate level will improve both comprehension and speaking ability in one module.

Immiscion Program
- 6-week home stays with families who have hosted North Americans for 40 years, providing room, board and assisting in ongoing conversation language instruction in the home.
- Service sites which will make both courses, as well as the Spanish instruction “service-learning.” Service sites will be assigned and monitored and evaluated by both instructors.
- A faith component including regular liturgy, group faith-sharing, and opportunities to meet missionaries from around the world living the faith that does justice.
- An emphasis on the challenge of interculturality, especially in the faith traditions we will witness, with the attitude of “finding God in All Things” through our encounter with the people and history of Bolivia.
- A weekly lecture by Maryknoll staff that focuses on social justice and the challenge of intercultural missions in Latin America with a particular focus on the Andean Region.

Application Process
Contact Dr. Thomas Kelly at: thomsakelly@creighton.edu

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