

# Peru 2027

## CARDINAL DESTINATION COURSE ABROAD



### Tropical Ecology of Peru

- Gregory Ruthig
- May 12-24, 2027
- Cusco and Los Amigos Field Station

### ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS

- Conduct Field Research in the Amazonian Rain Forest
- Hike the Inca Trail
- Guided tour of Machu Picchu
- Hike to Rainbow Mountain
- Guided tour of Lima
- Take the Natural History of Peru course in conjunction with Tropical Ecology (BIOL 250) (Optional, 2 Credits)

### ACCOMMODATION DETAILS

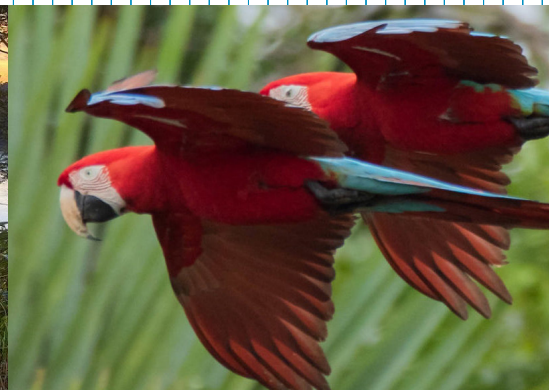
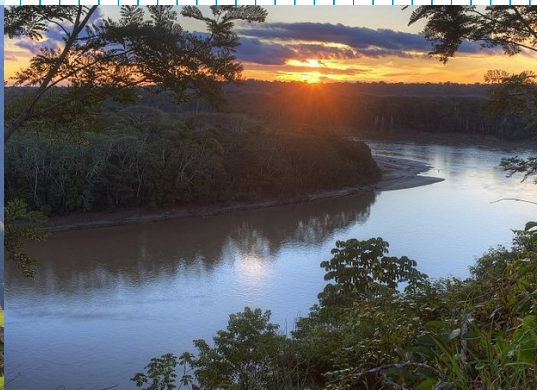
- Hotels
- Field Station

### CARD\*260\*BL5

*This course can be substituted for BIOL\*250 credit. See instructor for details.*

### Course Description:

Study the rich biological, geological, and cultural diversity of Peru. We will conduct research in the Amazon River basin at Los Amigos Biological Station in the Amazonian rain forest. We will then head into the high elevations of the Andes Mountains where we will hike to Rainbow Mountain and hike the the Inca Trail to tour the Inca citadel of Machu Picchu. To enhance your experience on the Peru course, consider taking Dr. Ruthig's Tropical Ecology course in the first eight weeks of the Spring semester.



## Enrollment Steps:

To participate in a Cardinal Destination Course Abroad (CDCA), you must enroll in and successfully complete its prerequisite work.

- Contact your student success coach to understand how enrollment in the CDCA will affect your academic plan.
- Register ON MERLIN for the correlating 2-credit CARD\*260 course on Merlin in the spring 2027 semester (designated course section listed on the flipside of this flyer). This course encompasses both the required prerequisite work and the travel component in May.

**Enrollment Deadline: November 1, 2026**

*(or before, if course capacity is met)*

## Center for Global Education (CGE) Registration:

- **November 1, 2026:** Students enrolled in a CDCA will begin the registration process, be charged a non-refundable \$40 registration fee, and prompted to pay the non-refundable \$500 program fee deposit, through the Center for Global Education.
- **January 29, 2027:** Proof of a valid passport is due. *(Current passports must be valid through November 2027 for May term travel, six (6) months past your return travel date.)*

## CONTACT INFORMATION

### Course and Itinerary Questions

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## ESTIMATED COST & PAYMENTS

\$3,915-\$4,415 based on 12 enrolled students

### PRICE BREAK DOWN INCLUDES:

- Airfare & host country transportation estimate: \$1,100
- Program fee estimate: \$2,815-\$3,315

### NOT INCLUDED:

- Meals (other than those listed in the itinerary)
- Optional entertainment and excursions
- Excess baggage charges
- Personal items (telephone charges, laundry fees room service, souvenirs, etc.)
- Departure taxes (except U.S.)
- Passport fees

### Payment Deadlines:

- **December 11, 2026:**  
\$500 non-refundable program fee deposit due to North Central College
- **January 29, 2027:**  
\$500 non-refundable airfare deposit due to North Central College
- **April 2027:**  
Remaining program fee balance (including airfare) will be billed to your NC Student Account

### CDCA Tuition

- All CDCA experiences are worth 2-credits, which fall under the spring semester.
- All participating students will be registered in a 0-credit course in summer session for administrative purposes only. There is no summer tuition course fee.
- Contact the Office of Financial Aid during the fall semester to inquire about financial aid options for Cardinal Destination Courses Abroad.

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