

Spanish Department Newsletter

Las noticias para ti

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EL CLIMA DE ECUADOR

Because Ecuador is one of the many locations students can choose to go for the Study Abroad Program, I thought I would provide some information about the country's climate.

Ecuador is famous for its warm climates and the beautiful landscapes. Unlike Illinois, Ecuador has very different climates and microclimates. Weather patterns vary according to geography, and



temperatures are determined more by elevation than by season. The Pacific current causes a hot, rainy, humid season from January through April, when torrential downpours occur. Daytime high temperatures average 30°C (86°F). From May to December, the cool currents from the south keep temperatures a few degrees lower, and it rarely rains, although it is often gray, damp, and overcast, especially in July and August. The highland's dry season is from June through September; however, there is another dry season, a short one, around Christmas. Contrary to what one would imagine, it doesn't rain daily in the wet season. April, the

wettest month, for instance, averages one rainy day to two. What I thought was pretty amazing about Ecuador is that its weather is very unpredictable and there is a chance that you can experience all four seasons in one day!

— Nick Crain

Word of the Month



New Year
AÑONUEVO

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The Galapagos

<http://www.ecuadors.org/weather.htm>

Phrase of the Month

Mis resoluciones del nuevo año son...
My New Years resolutions are...

| Month | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec |
|--------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Avg. High (°F) | 86 | 88 | 90 | 88 | 84 | 80 | 78 | 76 | 78 | 79 | 80 | 82 |
| Avg. Low (°F) | 72 | 78 | 78 | 78 | 78 | 72 | 72 | 68 | 66 | 68 | 70 | 72 |
| Water Temp. (°F) | 76 | 78 | 78 | 78 | 76 | 76 | 74 | 68 | 70 | 72 | 74 | 76 |
| Rainfall (Inches) | 1.5 | 2.1 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 2.7 | 2.2 | 1.1 | 0.7 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.8 | 1.5 |

Happy Birthday Tiffany



Happy Birthday to Tiffany Gould! Tiffany is the Administrative Assistant in the Spanish Department.



Student Worker Spotlight

My name is Allison Call. I am from Rockford, IL. I am majoring in Criminal Justice with a minor in Spanish. I work as a Lab Coordinator for the Spanish Department. My job requirements are helping students work with the software and supervising the Spanish lab. I enjoy being outdoors and spending time with my family. I hope to be able to use what I learn from Spanish in my career after college. What I like about Spanish is the culture and the history. If I could travel to any Spanish-speaking country I would go to Zacatecas, Mexico because that is where my friend's family is from and I

She just turned 22 and this is her second semester working in the Spanish Department. Tiffany started taking Spanish her freshman year at Blackburn, and now she has decided to double major in Spanish and Secondary English Education. With her majors she plans to teach abroad in Spain. To help her with her career goals, she is applying to study abroad in Spain over the summer.

-----Nick Crain

have heard many stories about how nice it is there. Also, it is surrounded by many other interesting places in Mexico that I would like to visit as well.

— Allison Call

Feliz Cumpleaños

The Spanish Department would like to say *Feliz Cumpleaños* to Tiffany Gould (January 8) and Nicole Eichelberger (January 10).

¡Felicidades!



Featured Recipe

Envueltos de pancetta

(Argentina)

"Bacon Wraps"

Ingredients:

5 thin steaks

5 strips of bacon

Olive Oil

1 clove of garlic (crushed)



Wrap each steak in a bacon slice to form a roll and seal them with toothpicks.

Spoon some oil in a pan, and add the crushed garlic.

Place wraps in the pan, and fry them on all sides.

Lower the heat, and let the wraps cook until tender.

Remove wraps from the pan. Let them cool. Add salt and pepper to taste.

The Study Abroad Program

The Study Abroad Program at Blackburn gives students a chance to take classes in a Spanish-speaking country, such as Ecuador and Spain. While students take their classes in Spanish, they also have a chance to take cultural classes and participate in extracurricular activities, such as dance and cooking courses. Throughout the semester, students also participate in field trips to different parts of the country, such as national parks and Pre-Columbian ruins (in Ecuador) or famous cities like Toledo and Segovia (in Spain). Each student stays with a host family in a wonderful community close to the school. All the credits taken abroad transfer to Blackburn, so if students plan in advance, they should not have to worry about getting behind in their college career. Students interested in studying abroad should consult with their advisor and the Director of the Study Abroad Program as soon as they know when they would like to travel. These programs were not only created to enhance ones Spanish speaking skills, but also to show the wonderful cultures of the Spanish speaking world.

This semester Jared Bernhardt, a Business major and Spanish minor, is participating in the Study Abroad Program. He has already packed his bags and headed off to Ecuador. He is living with the Serrano Family. José and Zaida are

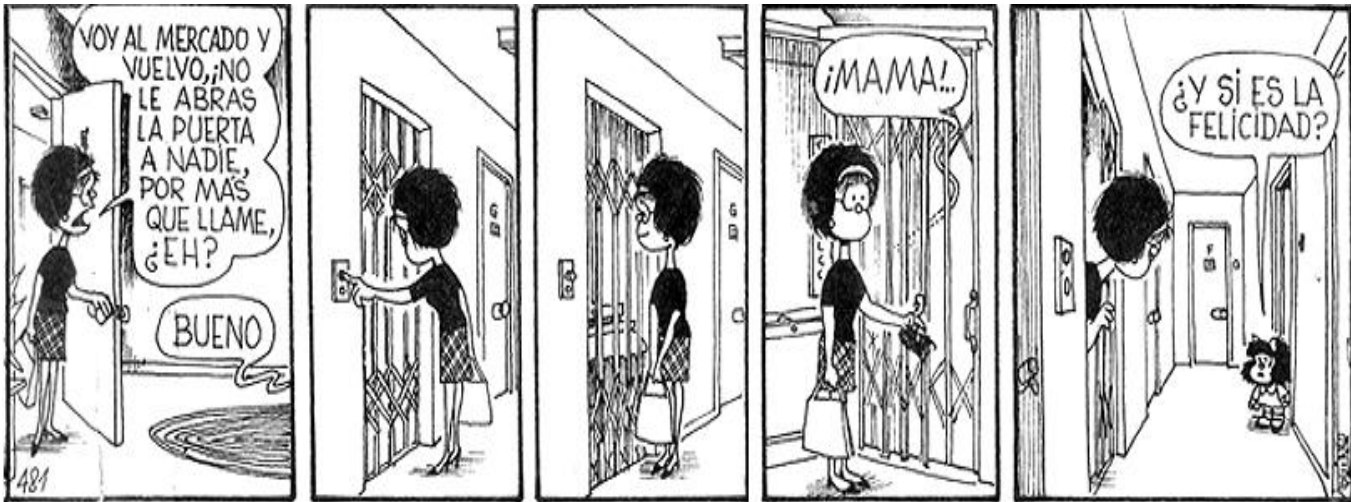


his host parents. They have two daughters and one son, and now they have Jared as a new member of the family for the semester. During his Orientation Week in Ecuador, Jared has already toured Quito, the capital of Ecuador, has visited Otavalo (an indigenous town in the Andes of Ecuador) and straddled the Equator. He has also visited the jungle (see picture of Jared by a giant tree). During his semester there, Jared will have more opportunities to travel. He will be taking a trip to the Galapagos Islands, and at the end of the program, he will be going to Peru where he will tour Lima and then Cusco and visit the majestic city of the Incas: Machu Picchu. Jared has taken advantage of this program, and turning his spring semester into an opportunity of a lifetime. Not too many students can say they have traveled to a different

country and took a semester of studies there. I am sure Jared will come back with many great stories to tell us about his amazing trip. Don't you think it is time for you to take advantage of The Study Abroad Program?

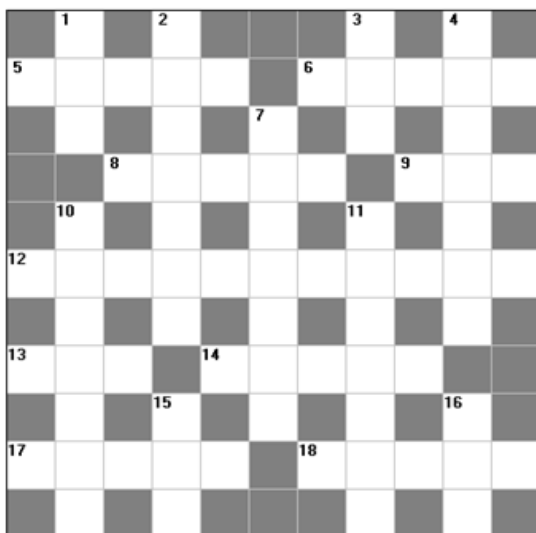
If you would like to know more about the Study Abroad Programs in Ecuador and Spain, stop by the Spanish Department (in Hudson 204) or send an e-mail to: spanish@blackburn.edu

-----Nick Crain



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Spanish Crossword



| Across Clues | | Down Clues | |
|--------------|----------------|------------|------------|
| 5 | islands (5) | 1 | bear (3) |
| 6 | bone (5) | 2 | horse (7) |
| 8 | goat (5) | 3 | south (3) |
| 9 | cough (3) | 4 | wives (7) |
| 12 | libraries (11) | 7 | trees (7) |
| 13 | light (3) | 10 | shark (7) |
| 14 | sale (5) | 11 | window (7) |
| 17 | dollar (5) | 15 | salt (3) |
| 18 | anchor (5) | 16 | wing (3) |

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New Open Hours!

In the Spanish department we have included the "New Open Hours" for tutoring students. These new hours are for the students who would like to get additional help. This type of tutoring is more beneficial because it allows the students to work one on one on specific areas they are having trouble with. This also allows students to get more questions answered without the fear of asking in front of other students. We created

this one on one tutoring hour for the students to better their Spanish skills by practicing weekly. With these new open hours students can reserve their own tutoring session. Students can even reserve a certain tutor if they want to. If the student likes the one on one tutor sessions more, they can even reserve a tutor for the whole semester! We

have four tutors to help students in Spanish classes, so take advantage of it and reserve your own spot soon!

---Nicholas Crain

Spanish Lab. and Tutoring Hours



Computer Lab. Hours (Hudson 206)

| Sundays | Mondays | Tuesdays | Wednesdays | Thursdays | Fridays | Saturdays |
|---------|---------|----------|------------|-------------------|--------------------|-----------|
| 7-9 pm | 4-8 pm | 6-8 pm | 4-6 pm | 8-10 am 5-8 pm | 11-12 pm 2-4 pm | |

Regular Tutoring Hours (Hudson 204 and 222)

| Mondays | Tuesdays | Wednesdays | Thursdays | Fridays |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|
| 10-11 & 12-1 (222) 1-4 (204) | 10-11 (222) 1-3:30 (204) | 10-1 & 6-7pm (204) | 10:30-12:30 (204) 1-2 (222) | 10-11 12-2 (204) |

NEW SPANISH OPEN HOURS!

| <i>Monday</i> | <i>Tuesday</i> | <i>Wednesday</i> | <i>Thursday</i> | <i>Friday</i> |
|---------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------|---------------|
| | 5-6 pm (Shelby) | 1-2 pm (Nick) 7-8 pm (Allison) | 2:30-3:30 (Tiffany) | |



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