

## Pachaysana’s SPRING 2021 Virtual Study Abroad Program: “From the Cracks”

### STUDENT DIRECT ENROLLMENT

**Summary:** Pachaysana offers a flexibly structured virtual study abroad program for Spring 2021. Pachaysana faculty and community-based educators from Ecuador will use participatory and creative pedagogies to co-teach four upper-level courses, all of which are accredited by Juniata College (PA). Divided into two 7-week modules, each of which features a course in English and a course in Spanish, students can enroll in the entire program, or simply in the courses of their choice.

**Introduction:** The public health crisis has disrupted our ways of “doing education,” exposing deep cracks in our higher education institutions; and the community-led movement to end systemic racism, supported by many students, faculty and administrators, is revealing even more cracks. These fractures to our system intersect and it is now clear that none of us will return to an old “normal.” Pachaysana sees these disruptions as opportunities to re-imagine international and intercultural learning, and in response, we have created a virtual study abroad program that is born “from the cracks.” With members from our partnering Ecuadorian communities and students from our partner institutions in the US, this program plants seeds of change in the cracks, inspiring the radical learning, healing and dreaming that these times demand from us.

**Description:** Our virtual program will be offered in the Spring 2020 semester over two modules of seven weeks each (exact dates TBA). Each module includes a content-based course, a methodology-based course, and an optional independent study (see [course descriptions](#)). The content-based courses are only for students from our partner schools in the US and are conducted in English. Taught by Pachaysana faculty, these content-based courses include a local knowledge component that is delivered by community-based educators from Ecuador (in Spanish with English translation). Methodology-based courses are taken jointly with local Ecuadorian community members and are taught in Spanish by Pachaysana faculty and guest lecturers/artists. Content courses examine big human questions related to identity and systemic injustice, integrating epistemologies and voices from the Global South. Methodology courses explore interactive and “decolonizing” methodologies to foment a creative dialogue among internationals and locals. In all our courses we place emphasis on our learning space where we rehearse the changes we hope to create in the world. This [video](#) provides a sample of how our online communities work.

### Tuition and Fees

Students may apply and pay tuition for one or more courses in the program. There is no application fee or deposit required and official transcripts are emitted by Juniata College.

Tuition/Fees (All inclusive – “Full Program” includes an independent study)	1 class	2 classes	3 classes	4 classes	Full Program
	\$1,800	\$3,400	\$4800	\$6000	\$6800

### NOTES

- Before applying, please consult with your college to assure that they will accept credit from this program.
- Included in tuition costs is a grassroots development project funds that Pachaysana distributes to its local partner communities in Ecuador.