

## Important dates for NW/SW Field Experience Prep (ENVL 4500) – 2020 Trip

Everyone must sign up for ENVL 4500 with me (we can do it as independent study if you have a class conflict on Mondays). As I discussed earlier, I strongly encourage attendance at all meetings, but I know that some of you have classes and/or labs that conflict with the Monday 3:35pm module. There are four meetings that are absolutely mandatory (you cannot skip those if you are interested in going on this trip – note that one of them is this Spring). The mandatory meetings have the word “**mandatory**” in red next to them.

Refer to [www.amalavidaexperience.weebly.com](http://www.amalavidaexperience.weebly.com) any time the course website is mentioned.

Payment due dates (and amounts, first three require deposit form):

- i. April 1: \$500
- ii. May 1: \$500
- iii. June 1: \$1,000
- iv. July 1: \$1,000
- v. August 1: \$1,000.
- vi. Sept 1: \$350

### Spring 2019

2. March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019 – Deadline to bring signed trip contract to me (USC 213)
3. April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019 – **mandatory** (USC 245 at 3:30pm) – group OGE registration for trip

### Fall 2019

4. Sept 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019 - First Fall meeting (F212). Review of 1<sup>st</sup> set of readings (Galapagos, due Oct 4<sup>th</sup>)
  1. <https://amalavidaexperience.weebly.com/galapagos.html> (Navigate to Assigned Work)
5. Sept 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019 – **mandatory** (F212). Review 2<sup>nd</sup> set of readings (Guayaquil, due Oct 15<sup>th</sup>)
  1. <https://amalavidaexperience.weebly.com/guayaquil.html> (Navigate to Assigned Work)
  2. Book review to be posted by midnight on this day: See website for guidelines
    - i. Link for book: <https://amalavidaexperience.weebly.com/>
  3. Prepare for bonding trip from Oct 11<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup>. This trip is to Ricketts Glen, PA.
6. October 11-13<sup>th</sup> (Prep weekend trip)- **mandatory (meet in front of USC 1 at 1pm)**
  1. Topics for trip presentations to be assigned during this trip
  2. You can pick a partner ahead of time or be assigned one (see examples from Brazil here: <https://brasilexperience.weebly.com/student-blogs.html> )
7. October 14<sup>th</sup> (F212)– Proof of Immunization & passport (penalties apply for not meeting these)
  1. Bring both passport and immunization card to my office before the end of the day (whether you are coming to the meeting or not)
8. October 28<sup>th</sup> (F212) – Review of 3<sup>rd</sup> set of readings (Quito, due Nov 15<sup>th</sup>)
  1. <https://amalavidaexperience.weebly.com/quito.html> (Navigate to Assigned Work)

9. November 11<sup>th</sup> (F212) – Review of 4<sup>th</sup> set of readings (Cuenca, due Nov 30<sup>th</sup>)
  1. <https://amalavidaexperience.weebly.com/cuenca.html> (Navigate to Assigned Work)
10. November 25<sup>th</sup> (F212) – Review of whole trip, and last minute details
11. December 9<sup>th</sup> – (Room to be determined). Final Orientation, **mandatory**, pizza will be provided (Bring parents or guardians, they are welcome to the pizza as well. We always get great pizza)

## Spring 2020

January 1<sup>st</sup>: Please be at the Campus Center (front entrance) no later than 3 pm. We will wait 30 minutes for anyone who may be stuck in traffic, but if you show up after 3:30pm, you would have missed us, and we are not allowed to pick folks along the way to NYC (University rules, not Tait rules). For those who are not getting the shuttle, please be sure to be at the hotel by 7pm. We start our evening program at 8pm. This is the address of our NYC hotel: SpringHill Suites by Marriott New York LaGuardia Airport, 112-15 Northern Boulevard, Corona NY 11368.

January 2<sup>nd</sup>: Get up early, have breakfast, then check out. Get on a private shuttle for JFK at 9:30 am. Depart the US (NYC, JFK) for Guayaquil, Ecuador on (Jet Blue B61769 departs at 2pm and gets to Guayaquil at 9:04pm. Spend the night in the Grand Hotel.

January 2<sup>nd</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> – Ecuador Field Experience (see [this link](#) for details). Everyone is required to do a presentation while we are on the road. The presentation schedule will be updated after our October 11-13<sup>th</sup> trip (we will select topics and teams during that weekend). Your parents and loved ones will now be kicked off the Ecuador 2020 WhatsApp group. However, they can still monitor our progress via our Facebook Group: The NW/SW and Global field Experience (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/89892993982/>). No need to friend me to get into that group. I update the group everyday with photos and stories from the road! Everyone is encouraged to post photos there as well.

January 16<sup>th</sup>: Submit trip notebooks for inspection to Tait by noon on this day. He will inspect and give them back to you before our flight back to NYC.

January 17<sup>th</sup>: Arrive at JFK at 5:13 AM on Jet Blue B61770 (departs GYE at 10:55PM). Get on shuttle at 7 am and get to Stockton by 9:30 AM (time dependent on flight and shuttle punctuality).

After this date, you can work on the blogs and term paper on your own. However, feel free to see or email me if you have any questions about these assignments.

March 15<sup>th</sup>: Blogs and term papers must be complete by this date. Email the term paper as a PDF file (I will access the Weebly from the course homepage). See this page for examples of term papers: <https://amalavidaexperience.weebly.com/blogs.html>