

## Important dates for NW/SW Field Experience Prep (ENVL 4500) – Jan 2022 Trip

The Ecuador Experience is divided into two and all students must participate in both:

1. A Fall 2021 prep course to prepare for the Experience (ENVL 4500). See details below
2. The Ecuador Field Experience itself (ENVL/SUST 3701 – no meetings, just the trip from Jan 2-17<sup>th</sup>, 2022). Details about this experience are posted on the course website.

Everyone must sign up for ENVL 4500 with me (we can do it as independent study if you have a class conflict on Mondays). Send me a message with your Z number and request a POI for the course. 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 (note that one of them is this Spring). The mandatory meetings have the word “**mandatory**” in red next to them. Talk to me if you are graduating this fall so we can adjust the credits as needed.

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

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

- i. April 10: \$500
- ii. May 1: \$500
- iii. June 1: \$1,000
- iv. July 1: \$1,000
- v. August 1: \$1,000.
- vi. Sept 1: \$500

Why do we start this process so early? The earlier we book and confirm activities, the cheaper they are, and the more stuff we do (and the more extra money we have in our budget for extra excursions!)

### Spring 2021

- a. March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – Deadline to sign and email intent to participate on trip contract to me (you can also send it via WhatsApp). I need this to get started with paperwork.
- b. April 10<sup>th</sup>, send first payment (trip deposit to the Stockton University bursar). How do you do this? Once you send me your signed contract, I will send your name and Z number to the bursar so they can start billing you for the trip on the dates listed above. The first payment is important because it demonstrates your commitment. The other payment dates are negotiable. Let me know if you need me to send a budget and explanation to the bursar so they have it on file (this allows you to include the cost when you apply for financial aid)
- c. April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 – **mandatory** (ZOOM) – group Office of Global Engagement (OGE) registration for the trip

What happens if you miss these dates? Not much. The only issue this year is that we have 27 students interested in going on a trip that accommodates a maximum of 20 people (including the professor and TA). This means that the first group of 18 that meets the requirements will be guaranteed seats.

## Fall 2021

2. Sept 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021 - First Fall meeting (USC 245). Review <sup>st</sup> set of readings (Galapagos, due Oct 4<sup>th</sup>)
  1. <https://amalavidaexperience.weebly.com/galapagos.html> (Navigate to Assigned Work)
3. Oct 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – **mandatory (USC 245)**. Review 2<sup>nd</sup> set of readings (Guayaquil, due Oct 18<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 8<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup>. This trip is to Ricketts Glen, PA.
4. October 8-10<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> )

Proof of Immunization & passport (everyone must get vaccinated, no exceptions). If you have a condition and can't get vaccinated, that's ok, but we will have to find a substitute for you on this trip). Bring both passport and immunization card to my office before the end of the day
5. October 18<sup>th</sup> (USC 245) – Review websites and finalize presentation schedule. Register for ENVL/SUST 3701.
6. Nov 1<sup>st</sup> (USC 245) – 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)
7. November 15<sup>th</sup> (USC 245) – 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)
8. November 29<sup>th</sup> (USC 245) – Review of whole trip, and last minute details
9. December 13<sup>th</sup> – (USC 245). Final Orientation, **mandatory**, pizza will be provided (Bring parents or guardians, they are welcome to the pizza as well. We always get somewhat great pizza)

## Spring 2022

January 1<sup>st</sup>: Please be at the Campus Center (front entrance) no later than the designated time for the shuttle pick-up to the airport (or hotel, depending on whether we have a late or early flight). You can also go straight to the airport/hotel on your own. If we are staying in a hotel overnight, everyone stays in that hotel.

January 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> to 17<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 8-10<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 2022 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 15<sup>th</sup> or 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 the US.

January 17<sup>th</sup>: Arrive back in the US. Get on shuttle at a predetermined time and get to Stockton university a couple of hours later (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>