

An aerial photograph of the ancient Inca city of Machu Picchu, Peru. The city is built on a high mountain plateau, surrounded by steep, lush green mountains. In the background, a prominent, jagged mountain peak rises against a blue sky with scattered white clouds. The foreground shows the stone ruins of the city, including terraces, walls, and a central green field. A semi-transparent white rectangular box is overlaid on the center of the image, containing the text "QUECHUA AND ANDEAN & AMAZONIAN STUDIES AT OSU".

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*Machu Picchu, Peru*

# What is Quechua?

- Indigenous South American language family
- Major language family of Inca Empire
- Now 8-10 million speakers throughout Andes
- The words *jerky*, *llama*, *puma*, *condor*, *poncho*, *quinoa*, and *guano* all come from Quechua!
- There are no irregular verbs in Quechua!
- Add suffixes to make new words:
  - *wasi* → *wasi-man*, *wasi-manta*, *wasi-pi*
  - *house* → *to the house*, *from the house*, *in the house*
  - *llama* → *llama-cha* → *llama-cha-y* → *llama-cha-y-wan*
  - *llama* → *little llama* → *my little llama* → *with my little llama*



Modern extent of the Quechuan languages (color differentiation indicates the two primary subfamilies)



# Study Quechua at OSU!

- OSU offers **six levels of Quechua** (5501–5506)
- There are **no prerequisites**
- Taught by a **native speaker from Bolivia**
  - The variety of Quechua you'll learn can also be understood in Ecuador and most of Peru
- Quechua 5504 and above **counts toward Andean & Amazonian Studies minor**
- *Studying an indigenous language offers a **new perspective** on Latin American culture and language*

[Learn more here](#)



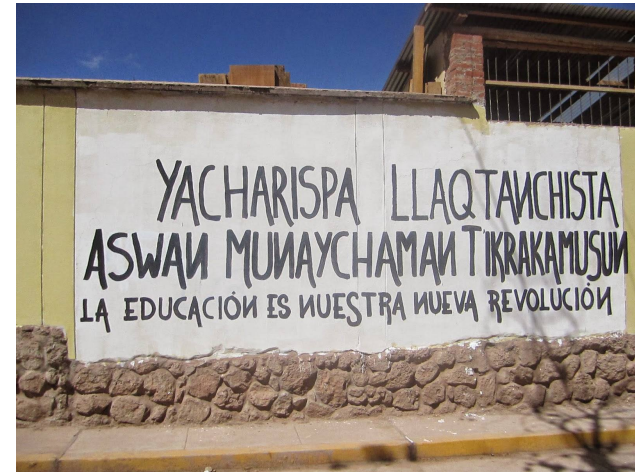
Peruvian boy learning to read Quechua

(Photo: 30 Minutos Blog)

# FLAS Fellowships

- **Foreign Language Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowships** are available to Quechua students
- Year long fellowship: **up to \$10,000 in tuition** and a **\$5,000 living stipend**
- Must have 3.2 GPA, be US citizen/perm. res., and have completed Quechua 5501 & 5502
- If awarded, students take **one Quechua course** and **one area studies course** per semester
- Summer Fellowships also available

[Learn more here](#)



*"Education is our new revolution"*  
Street art in Quechua and Spanish,  
Cusco, Peru  
(Photo: CusCooperativo Blog)

# Andean & Amazonian Studies Minor

- Interdisciplinary look at the culture, history, politics, economics, and language of a vast region of South America spanning nine countries, encompassing climates ranging from tropical rainforests to highland glaciers, and home to a diverse population of over 70 million.
- Take **Spanish 2332: Introduction to Andean & Amazonian Studies**
- Language requirements: Quechua 5503, Spanish 1103, or Portuguese 1103/5502
- There are two options to complete the minor...



*Amazon Rainforest, Ecuador  
(Photo: Wikimedia Commons)*



*Farming in the birthplace of the potato, Andes mountains, Peru  
(Photo: Inter Press Service)*

## Option 1: Pachaysana, *Rehearsing Change* study abroad program in Ecuador

- Complete minor **while studying abroad in Ecuador** in this unique performance-based study abroad program.
- Take courses focused on storytelling, theater, identity, community, and sustainability.

## Option 2: OSU Main Campus Courses

- Complete **12 credit hours** in wide offering of courses in language, history, anthropology, geography, int'l studies, linguistics, and poli. sci.

[Learn more about the minor](#) and [about the Pachaysana program](#)



*Pachaysana, Rehearsing Change study abroad program, Ecuador*  
(Photos: Pachaysana Institute)



# Andean Music Ensemble

- Explore Andean language and culture musically by participating in OSU's **Andean Music Ensemble**.
- Enroll in **Spanish/Music 2208.22** (1 cr., repeatable to 3 cr. for minor)
- **No prerequisite** and **no previous music experience** required
- Learn to play new and unique instruments in this hands-on class!

[Learn more here](#)

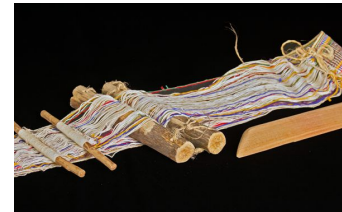


*Andean Music Ensemble*  
(Photo: OSU)

# *K'acha Willaykuna*: Andean and Amazonian Indigenous Arts and Humanities Collaboration

- Get involved in this Global Arts and Humanities Discovery Theme initiative!
  - Working Groups
  - Artist/Artisan Residencies
  - Undergraduate Research Opportunities
  - Events
- Sign up for the listserv to stay up-to-date with events and opportunities!

[Learn more here](#)



Artifacts from the OSU [Andean and Amazonian Indigenous Art and Cultural Artifact Collection](#)

(Photos: OSU)



# Get involved!

If you're interested, fill out the survey: [forms.gle/cMtCL6RNhaY61rba7](https://forms.gle/cMtCL6RNhaY61rba7)

Or email me with any questions: bland.97

## Important links:

- Quechua language program: [u.osu.edu/quechua/](https://u.osu.edu/quechua/)
- FLAS Fellowship: [clas.osu.edu/FLAScompetition](https://clas.osu.edu/FLAScompetition)
- Andean and Amazonian Studies Minor: [sppo.osu.edu/undergraduate/minor-programs](https://sppo.osu.edu/undergraduate/minor-programs)
- *Pachaysana* study abroad program in Ecuador: [go.osu.edu/rehearsingchange](https://go.osu.edu/rehearsingchange)
- Andean Music Ensemble: [sppo.osu.edu/undergraduate/andean-music-ensemble](https://sppo.osu.edu/undergraduate/andean-music-ensemble)
- *K'acha Willaykuna*: Andean and Amazonian Indigenous Arts and Humanities Collaboration: [globalartsandhumanities.osu.edu/cross-disciplinary-research-focus-areas/immobility/kacha-willaykuna](https://globalartsandhumanities.osu.edu/cross-disciplinary-research-focus-areas/immobility/kacha-willaykuna)

THANK YOU!

PACHI!

¡GRACIAS!

OBRIGADO!



*Alpacas in the Andean highlands of Argentina  
(Photo: Wikimedia Commons)*