

FSD SPANISH IMMERSION PROGRAM

Cochabamba, Bolivia



The Foundation for Sustainable Development (FSD) Spanish Immersion Program complements our mission of achieving community-driven goals through asset-based development and international exchange in Africa, Asia, and Latin America. This new addition to our program provides participants Spanish-language instruction at our program site in Cochabamba, Bolivia.

After a successful pilot program in 2014, FSD is excited to offer this additional service for our participants who seek to increase their Spanish Language skills before and during their international development field work.

FSD offers two program options, one before and one concurrent with an FSD internship for volunteer service work abroad. This Spanish Immersion Program offers participants individual language instruction, similar program components of FSD's Intern Abroad program (host family, site team support, orientation, etc.), and flexible course options.

SPANISH LANGUAGE INSTRUCTORS

FSD's instructors offer quality Spanish training regardless of your level. The classes are held one-on-one with the instructor, so that each class can be tailored for the student. Our professors design curriculum based on the needs of the students; developing conversation, grammar, reading and writing. Are instructors are local Bolivians who are bilingual and have taught at the elementary, intermediate and advanced levels. The professors have taught over two thousand students across Bolivia, and make learning Spanish practical and relevant to Cochabamba. Classes include information on Bolivian culture, politics, and history.

PILOT PROGRAM PARTICIPANT NICHOLE CLARK

Nichole Clark interned with FSD's community partner Alerta Verde, a local organization that focuses on environmental sustainability by implementing gardens at schools and homes. Nichole worked on a compost system project with local restaurants that do not separate their waste, even though 85% of the waste is organic. Nichole developed partnerships with local restaurants to pick up their organic waste, convert it into compost, and used the compost to grow organic produce to sell back to the restaurants. The project's goal was to improve the environment and provide economic benefits to everyone involved.

"I absolutely loved my experience with Toni! She always knew how to make me feel at home and loved even when I felt completely out of place. Toni was so encouraging, I've learned so much in such a short period of time. I was complimented on my Spanish from local Cochabambinos, which was one of the greatest rewards and I owe it all to my amazing Spanish tutor."

TO LEARN MORE

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LEVEL ONE

- Who** FSD's Level One Spanish Immersion Program is intended for participants who have zero to basic command of the Spanish language.
- What** Two or more weeks of language classes, 3 hours a day (1.5 hours in the morning and 1.5 hours at night), before normal start date orientation. Participants will be placed with a host organization that supports an intern with a low level of Spanish language skills.
- When** Courses are programmed to finish right before FSD's programmed start date and orientation. After your Spanish Immersion Program, you would join orientation with other interns. You can elect to add on additional weeks of Spanish Immersion Program Level Two after orientation, if you would like.
- Cost** The first two weeks of our Level One Spanish Immersion Program costs: \$576 (\$268 for each additional week).

LEVEL TWO

- Who** FSD's Level Two Spanish Immersion Program is intended for participants who have a basic command of the Spanish language.
- What** A one month block of language classes, 1.5 hours a day, which will be programmed concurrently with the internship as the participant would complete language learning for half the day, and work with their host organization for half the day. Participants will be placed with a host organization that supports an intern with a basic level of Spanish language skills.
- When** Courses are programmed to coincide with FSD's programmed start date and orientation. After the initial course, the participant can elect to add on additional weeks of training, one week at a time.
- Cost** The first four weeks of our Level Two Spanish Immersion Program costs: \$402 (\$100.50 for each additional week).