

## Amizade – International Service-Learning Cochabamba, Bolivia

Amizade and West Virginia University offer students service placements and Spanish, History, and Political Science courses that focus on the issues today. Students stay with a Bolivian family while working for a nonprofit organization. The placement will depend on the student's interests and community consideration. Types of services include working with orphans, teaching English at local schools, spending time with children with disabilities, assisting in a home for elderly individuals, or working on sustainable development initiatives. Students experience Bolivia through service learning, courses, and field trips and excursions throughout this program.

Website link: <http://www.amizade.org/>

### Semester Dates (approx.)

Fall: mid-September–mid-December

Spring: early Feb–early May

### Application Deadline

Mar 1 for Fall study

Oct 1 for Spring study

### Location Facts

Cochabamba is the third largest city in Bolivia and home to plazas, fountains, churches, and the largest open-air market in the Americas, La Cancha. The Andes Mountain surrounds this bustling city of 400,000 people. The climate is mild and pleasant with warm sunny days, cool nights and little humidity. La Paz is located 240 km northwest.

For **Bolivia Map** and other information: <http://geology.com/world/bolivia-satellite-image.shtml>

**Academics:** Students take five courses, each worth three credits. These classes provide theoretical and historical perspectives of international and Bolivian political and ethical issues.

- \* Spanish language- *6 credits* (students will be placed in the appropriate level after arriving on-site)
- \* Political Science: International Development (POLS 494) – *3 credits*
- \* History: Contemporary Latin America History (HIST 104) – *3 credits*
- \* Service-Learning: Global Service-Learning (SRVL 293) – *3 credits*

**Language of Instruction:** English and Spanish

### Eligibility:

- \* Sophomore year standing and above
- \* Winthrop students annual enrollment limit of 5 students
- \* Minimum 2.5 GPA

**Housing and Meals:** The homestay accommodations are with Cochabamba family and within walking distance of the classrooms and service sites. The homestay family provides two meals a day. During excursions and field trips, three meals per day are provided.

**Costs:** Amounts in US dollars. Winthrop students pay Winthrop tuition, room and board fees which include the Amizade program items checked (√) below:

200	Study Abroad Application Fee
325	Study Abroad Participation Fee
√	Tuition
√	Housing
√	Meals
√	Program Excursions
√	Comprehensive Travel Insurance
100	Books/Academic Supplies
1000	Personal Spending Money
800	R/T Transportation to Location
100	Passport
N/A	Student Visa

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