Drs. Marr and Jantz invite you to join them on a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to visit and learn about one of the most remote and fragile areas on the planet: the arid region northern Chile.

We’ll be traveling over 4,000 miles to begin the journey in the coastal desert and urban center of Iquique. We will then travel to the Atacama, the driest desert in the world, and to the Altiplano and the Andes, reaching elevations up to 14,000 feet. As part of a 6-credit course, you will learn about this area’s **geology, mineral resources & mining, cultural & political history, archeology, indigenous cultures, and water resources**.

**Details:** Travel will take place mid-May/mid-June 2014 and we will spend at least 12 days in Chile. The estimated cost (not including tuition) is $3,400 - $3,600. This includes all travel costs (air and ground), meals, and lodging. We will require a $200 non-refundable deposit by Nov 2013, followed by $500 installments in Jan and Feb 2014, with the balance due in Mar 2014. Tuition will be billed separately by the University. There will be a meeting at the beginning of the Fall 2013 semester, open to both students and parents, to discuss the course, including financial aid (loans, grants) options.

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**Course website:** [http://webspace.ship.edu/pgmarr/Chile/ChileCourse.html](http://webspace.ship.edu/pgmarr/Chile/ChileCourse.html)

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**FAQ: Are there any prerequisites?**
No! All majors welcome. Grad students, too!

**FAQ: Will this count towards my major?**
If you are in the GES dept., then absolutely! If you are in another dept. we will be happy to work with your dept. chair and college dean to make the course count towards your major.

**FAQ: Do I need to know Spanish?**
No! We will be working with a bi-lingual in-country support team. But, if you are learning Spanish this will be a great opportunity to use it!

**FAQ: That’s a lot of money! How can I pay for it?**
Because this will be a 6-credit class, financial aid can be used for both the tuition and eligible travel expenses. For financial aid guidance, contact Eric Dinsmore, Associate Director of Financial Aid at EADinsmore@ship.edu or 717-477-1131

**FAQ: It sounds exciting... but is it safe?**
Yes! Chile is a modern, stable country. Drs. Marr and Jantz have 1st hand experience traveling in these areas, and we will be working with an in-country support team with back-country experience.

**FAQ: What will the accommodations be like?**
Expect all the modern conveniences in Iquique and Pica. However, in remote areas the accommodations are very basic... we will be living in the same accommodations as the native Aymaran people. So, smile and enjoy the experience!

**FAQ: Will I need specialized gear?**
A pair of good hiking boots, a sleeping bag, and a water bottle are all that is really needed. Layered clothing would also be useful (it gets chilly ay 14,000ft). Also bring your best camera and plenty of memory cards!

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**Trivia:**
- Chile is one time zone EAST of us! So you’ll lose 1 hour on your flight south.
- The most powerful earthquake ever recorded (9.5) occurred in Chile in 1960. Not to worry, it was far south (in Valdivia) and we’re going north!