The 19th offering of the Field Quarter will be in Fall, 2018. The Field Quarter (FQ) is designed to allow courses to be taught largely in the field without conflict with other classes. The university covers all travel expenses (except roundtrip airfare to Nicaragua), meals, and scientific equipment. Students will need to provide for their own discretionary expenses (snacks, personal items, film, etc).

The academic quarter will consist of four classes. Courses will be taught in block format. Much of the quarter will be spent in the field, however, there will be short intervals spent in Denver throughout the fall (keep this in mind for housing during those periods). Course work will include substantial amounts of reading and report writing, field data collection, problem solving, and some laboratory or other analytic work. Due to the extended periods spent away from campus, students will not be able to register for classes other than those in the Field Quarter. Students must have proof of health insurance coverage (either through the University of through a private provider) and must obtain an International Student ID (available in Driscoll University Center) and a valid passport. Additional information may be obtained from Professors Sullivan, Kerwin, or Taylor.

Each completed application must include one letter of reference from a faculty member. This letter must include an evaluation of the student’s ability to participate in field-based classes. Faculty letters may be sent separately. In addition, applicants may be interviewed by FQ faculty.

The Fall 2018 Field Quarter classes (dates are approximate, and may vary by a couple of days):

- **GEOG 3550: Paleoenvironmental Field Methods** (3 credits), taught by Prof. Don Sullivan (Sept 3 - Sept 11), this class will focus on obtaining samples from various environments for paleoenvironmental analysis. The field work will take place in the West Elk Mountains and on Grand Mesa, in western Colorado. Laboratory analysis will be done on campus after returning from Grand Mesa. Note that this class will begin before the start of the regular Fall Quarter.

- **GEOL 2400: Geology and Ecology of the Southwest** (5 credits), taught by Prof. Mike Kerwin (Sept 12 - Oct 3). This course will be taught at the University of Denver High Altitude Lab at Echo Lake, in the Rio Grande Valley of New Mexico, and in the Chihuahuan Desert in Arizona.

- **GEOG2830: Cultural Geog Seminar: Nicaragua, Accumulation by Dispossession** (4 credits), taught by Prof. Matthew Taylor (Oct 6 - 15). This class will be taught entirely in Nicaragua. Please note that students must purchase roundtrip airfare from Denver to Managua for this class. (This class is optional.)

- **ENVI 2660: Mountain Islands and Desert Seas: the Natural History of Sonora and Baja California** (5 credits), taught by Prof. Don Sullivan (Oct 21 - Nov 18). This class visits the Mexican states of Sonora, Baja California Sur and Baja California in a field trip that covers more than 4500 miles of driving. Note that we will camp out during this entire trip, and will cook most of our own meals in camp. Please be forewarned that there will be many long hours of travel in the vans in this class.

Enrollment in the Field Quarter is limited, and requires completion of 1) the application (next page), 2) a faculty letter of recommendation, and 3) consent of the instructors. Please complete this application as a Microsoft Word document, and return it by email to Prof Mike Kerwin (mkerwin@du.edu) by 4:30 pm, Wednesday March 28. Faculty letters should also be emailed to Prof Kerwin by March 28.
FIELD QUARTER 2010 APPLICATION FORM

Name______________________________ Local Phone____________________

Permanent Address______________________________________________________________

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email address__________ Major _______________ Year in school_______ GPA____
Vegetarian?_____ Vegan?___ Food Allergies?___

1. What previous courses in Geography, Geology, Chemistry, Biology, Anthropology, or Environmental Science have you taken?

2. Have you had prior camping and/or travel course experience?

3. Have you had prior international travel experience?

4. Are you now, or have you ever been, on academic or judicial probation? If so, when, and for what reason?

5. Are you a member of any university campus groups or organizations?

6. Have you taken the University of Denver defensive driving course?

The application process for participation in the Field Quarter is competitive—we often have more applicants than we have spaces. Decisions regarding accepting applicants are based on a variety of criteria, including grade point average, academic year, suitability for the FQ program, prospects for success and excellence in the program, and a number of other factors. Please note that senior standing is not a guarantee that you will be selected to participate in the FieldQuarter. Your answers to the following questions will serve as a writing sample, which will be part of the selection criteria. With that in mind, please take time to write a well thought out two to three paragraph response to each question.

7. Why should the Field Quarter be part of your undergraduate education at the University of Denver? How will the Field Quarter experience fit in with your long-term academic and/or career plans?

8. Describe a past life experience where hands-on or experiential learning helped you understand a concept or phenomenon.

9. Describe a time when you found yourself in a stressful, awkward, or confrontational social situation. How did you deal with the situation, and what did you learn from the experience?

Be sure to have a letter of reference from a faculty member sent to mkerwin@du.edu by Wednesday March 28.