This travel study program is offered by the Departments of Biological Sciences and Communication in cooperation with the Office of Global Studies, University of Wisconsin-Whitewater (BIOLOGY 491 or SPCH/JRNL 491/691, 3 credit course).

Where will you go?
Primary destinations include various marine and terrestrial habitats around Ecuador including cloud forests & rainforests, museums and other cultural and historical sites, as well as exploring the wonders offered by the Galapagos Islands.

What will you do?
You are required to attend 10 pre-departure, in-class, lectures (spring 2013 semester) to prepare for the travel study component. Due to the abundance of diverse flora and fauna you will experience some of the richest and most complex communities of plant and animal life in the world. This chance of a lifetime experience will also increase your knowledge of Ecuadoran history, culture and communication practices through this three week immersion opportunity!

Prerequisites: Biology 120/141, Speech 424 or instructor consent.

Tentative Travel Dates: May 23-June 8, 2013

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Cost: Estimated cost of $4,000 (for three weeks) is based on 30 full paying participants. Includes all instructional costs for 3 undergraduate/graduate credits, airfare, accommodations, lectures, admission fees to cultural/historical sights and entertainment, ground transportation, and most meals. Financial aid may apply.

To receive an application packet and additional information, please contact:
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Or visit their website at http://www.uww.edu/international/faculty-led-courses
Course Description:

The objective of this course is to provide students with a basic understanding of Ecuador with particular emphasis on the Galapagos Islands and the Amazon rainforest as well as provide students with understanding of Ecuadoran culture and communication practices through this immersion experience.

The course can be taken for biology undergraduate major/minor credits OR speech/journalism undergraduate major/minor credits or graduate level credits. Academic requirements will vary.

This course will be offered at UW-Whitewater during the spring 2013 semester followed by three weeks exploring Ecuador and the Galapagos Islands. During the travel component, the class will attend lectures at universities in Cuenca and Quito as well as go on field trips to museums, cultural and historical landmarks, scenic tours, and cultural events.

Tentative Itinerary:

Day 1-2  Quito (city tour, San Francisco Cathedral, museums)
Day 3  Mitad Del Mundo (visit to equator and Otavalo Market)
Day 4-8  Rainforest Adventure (butterflies, canopy walks, waterfalls, etc.)
Day 9  Patate Indigenous community (dancing, traditional food, handicrafts)
Day 11-12  Cuenca (city tour, museums, shopping at the markets)
Day 13  Cajas National Park
Day 14  Mangrove swamps, tour of cacao and banana plantations
Day 15-19  Galapagos Islands (dolphin swimming, beaches, sea turtles habitat)
Day 20  Guayaquil

Eligibility:

- Cumulative GPA of 2.5
- Signature of Instructor on application
- Must be 18 years of age

Application/Deposit Deadline:

- Application available at Center for Global Education, Hyland Hall, Suite 1227
- Application due to Center for Global Education on December 7, 2012.

INFORMATIONAL MEETING: Fall 2012—TBA