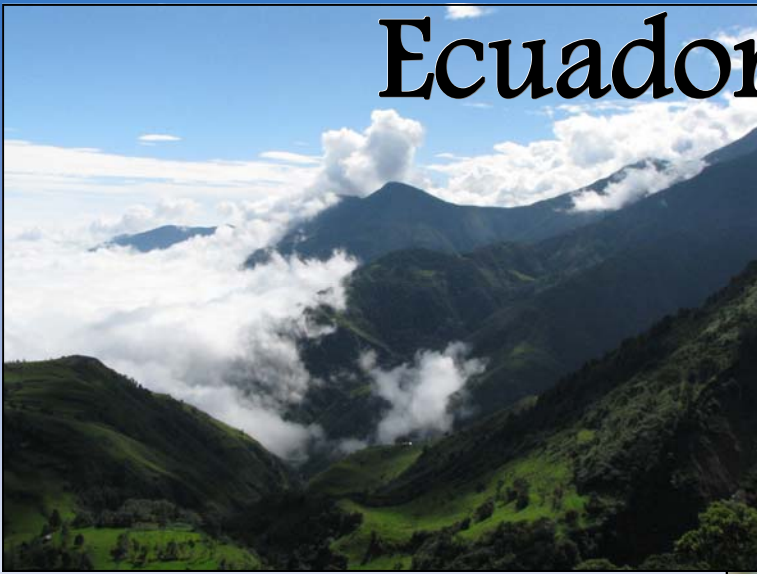


Ecuador Travel Study

Including
the Galapagos!

Spring 2015



This travel study program is offered by the Department of Biological Sciences in cooperation with the Office of Global Studies, University of Wisconsin-Whitewater (BIOLOGY 491, 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 of the Galapagos Islands.

What will you do?

You are *required* to attend 10 pre-departure, in-class, lectures (spring 2015 semester) to prepare for the travel study component. Experience the rich flora and fauna which form some of the richest biological communities on Earth. This **chance of a lifetime experience** will also increase your knowledge of Ecuadorian history and culture during this three week immersion opportunity!

Prerequisites: One biology course or instructor consent.

Tentative Travel Dates: May 18-June 6, 2015

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Cost: Estimated cost of just under \$4,200 for 30 full-paying participants. Includes all instructional costs for 3 undergraduate credits, airfare, accommodations, lectures, admission fees to cultural/historical sights and entertainment, ground transportation, and most meals.

Financial aid may apply.



For online application: <http://www.uww.edu/international/faculty-led-courses>

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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 Ecuadorean cultural practices through this immersion experience.



The course can be taken for biology undergraduate major/minor credits.

This course will be offered at UW-Whitewater during the spring 2015 semester followed by three weeks exploring Ecuador and the Galapagos Islands. During the travel component, the class will attend lectures as well as go on field trips to museums, cultural and historical landmarks, scenic tours, and cultural events.

Tentative Itinerary:

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| Day 1 | Travel to Quito |
| Day 2 | Explore Quito area (museums, city tour, historic sites) |
| Day 3 | Travel to Otavalo (indigenous clinic, Otavalo market) |
| Day 4-6 | Rainforest adventure (river rafting, jungle hikes, indigenous museums, traditional food, etc.) |
| Day 7 | Travel to Baños (waterfalls, baths, traditional food, handicrafts) |
| Day 8 | Ingapirca and tour ruins |
| Day 9 | Cajas National Park |
| Day 10 | Cuenca (city tour, museums, markets, cultural experiences) |
| Day 11 | Travel to Guayaquil |
| Day 12-15 | Galapagos Islands (dolphin swimming, sea turtles, Galapagos tortoises, marine and land iguanas) |
| Day 16-17 | Return to Quito (hummingbird sanctuary, Papallacta spa, markets) |
| Day 18 | Depart for U.S. |

Eligibility:

- Cumulative GPA of 2.5
- Must be at least 18 years of age

Application Deadline: Friday, December 5, 2014.

- Application available online at <http://www.uww.edu/international/faculty-led-courses>



Watch for informational meetings, Fall 2014.