UF in Quito & the Galápagos Islands
TROPICAL ECOLOGY & NATURAL RESOURCE CONSERVATION
Fall: August 12 - December 6, 2019

COLLEGE INFORMATION
College of Agricultural and Life Sciences
Department of Wildlife Ecology and Conservation
Courses are taught by UF Faculty & USFQ Faculty

PROGRAM
In this program, students select courses from one of four Academic Tracks in the biological and social sciences: (1) Evolution, Ecology and Conservation, (2) Marine Ecology; (3) People, Politics and the Environment, and (4) Sustainable Tourism. Each academic track consists of five intensive 3-credit courses taught in 3-week modules. The first module takes place near Quito in the main USFQ campus at Cumbayá as well as in the surrounding tropical ecosystems such as the Amazon. The remaining four modules take place on San Cristóbal Island, Galápagos. All courses are taught in English. Please note courses are subject to change. Students can take up to two courses from different tracks, assuming they meet any necessary prerequisites and spaces are available (see Academic Tracks). Students in all tracks also take a required Spanish conversation class (1 credit). Volunteer placements (non-credit) in San Cristóbal are also available to interested students.

LOCATION
Quito, Tiputini Biodiversity Station in Amazon, Galapagos Islands

EXCURSIONS
First module: day trips to cloud forest and field time (several days) at Tiputini Biodiversity Station in Amazon. Modules 2-6: 12 weeks in Galapagos Islands with multiple field excursions from campus on San Cristóbal Island. Each module is 3 weeks in length and represents a 3-credit course.

HOUSING
Host families in Cumbaya (Quito) and Galapagos (San Cristóbal Island). Hotels and hostels for field excursions.

STUDY the ways in which Ecuador’s diverse ecosystems shape ecological and evolutionary processes
EXPERIENCE a variety of ecosystems, including the subtropical ecosystems of the Humboldt Current and tropical ecosystems of the northern Ecuadorian coast
EXPLORE the various economic, cultural & social issues that affect relationships between humans and their environment
EXAMINE components of the tourism industry and their interrelationships for successful and responsible planning and management

COURSE INFORMATION
WIS 4934: Tropical Ecology & Climate Change
(3 UFGPA Credits)
Spanish Conversation (1 Transfer Credit)

In addition, students will take 4 other courses taught in 3-week modules from the 4 tracks at Universidad San Francisco de Quito (3 Transfer Credits each). Courses can be viewed at www.usfq.edu.ec/galapagos/international_program/

Total Number of Credits Offered: 13-16
APPLICATION INFORMATION

2018 Application Deadline: May 11, 2018
Please apply online at: www.ufic.ufl.edu/sas

ELIGIBILITY | REQUIREMENTS

— Open to all majors (5 spaces reserved for WIE majors)
— 2.5 GPA or higher
— Students in good standing

2018 PRICING

Undergraduate Program Fees:
Track 1: Evolution, Ecology, & Conservation: $14,656
Track 2: Marine Ecology: $16,724
Track 3: People, Politics, & Environment: $14,656
Track 4: Sustainable Tourism: $14,656

Students will receive two different invoices, one from UFIC ($192) and one from USFQ (program fee). A $375 nonrefundable deposit toward the total cost of the program is due at the time of application. The remaining fees are due no later than 45 days prior to departure. If you receive financial aid, you can defer payment until it disburses.

WHAT’S INCLUDED
Tuition, lodging, meals, domestic airfare, international health insurance and emergency medical assistance.

WHAT’S NOT INCLUDED
Round-trip airfare to Ecuador, additional personal travel, and personal expenses.

FINANCIAL AID

Most financial aid that you would receive on campus during the fall can be applied toward the cost of this study abroad program; however, all financial aid eligibility is determined by Student Financial Affairs. You must speak with your financial aid advisor to determine what aid can be applied to the cost of this program, including scholarships.

SCHOLARSHIPS

UFIC offers semester scholarships for qualified students. This year’s fall scholarship deadline is March 14, 2018.

Apply online at: www.ufic.ufl.edu/sas/scholarships/