In this program, students select courses from one of four Academic Tracks in the biological and social sciences: (1) Evolution, Ecology & Conservation, (2) Marine Ecology; (3) People, Politics & the Environment (4) Sustainable Tourism. Each academic track consists of five intensive 3-credit courses taught in 3-week modules that combine in-class learning with field excursions. All courses are taught in English. Students will learn about Ecuador’s amazingly diverse land- and seascapes with visits to the Amazon rainforest, the Andean Mountains, and the Galápagos Islands. Students will live and take courses on the main USFQ campus at Cumbayá (near Quito), at Tiputini Biodiversity Station, and on San Cristobal Island, Galápagos. Students in all tracks also take a required Spanish conversation class (1 credit). Volunteer placements (non-credit) in San Cristobal are also available.

Quito, Galápagos Islands, Tiputini Biodiversity Station in the Amazon

Module 1: Quito city tour, and visits to surrounding tropical ecosystems; Modules 2-4: Multiple field excursions from the campus on San Cristobal Island while in the Galápagos Islands; Module 5: Trip to the Amazon at Tiputini Biodiversity Station while on the Ecuadorian mainland.

Host families in Cumbaya (Quito) and Galápagos (San Cristobal Island). Hotels and hostels for field excursions.

COURSE INFORMATION

WIS 4934: Tropical Ecology & Climate Change
(3 UF GPA credits)

Spanish Conversation
(1 Transfer credit)

In addition, students will take up to 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/en opi galapagos-semester-program

Total Number of Credits Offered: 13-16
TROPICAL ECOLOGY & NATURAL RESOURCE CONSERVATION
FALL: AUGUST 5-DECEMBER 3, 2022

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS
– Minimum 2.5 GPA
– Must be in good standing
– Must love being outdoors
– Open to all majors (5 spots reserved for WIE majors)

2021 PRICING
Track 1 (Evolution, Ecology, & Conservation): $16,704
Track 2 (Marine Ecology): $18,823
Track 3 (People, Politics, & Environment): $16,704
Track 4 (Sustainable Tourism): $16,704

Students will receive invoices from both UFIC and USFQ (based on selected track). A $425 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, program excursions, international health insurance and emergency medical assistance

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

FINANCIAL AID
Most financial aid that you would receive on campus can be applied toward the cost of this program. However, all financial aid eligibility is determined by Student Financial Aid & Scholarships.

SCHOLARSHIPS
UFIC offers many study abroad scholarships, with various eligibility criteria. The Fall 2022 scholarship deadline is March 10, 2022. Apply on our website!