

TROPICAL ECOLOGY & CONSERVATION 2018

STUDY ABROAD ECUADOR

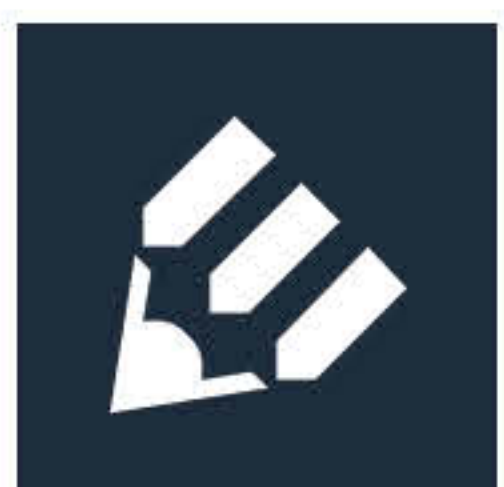
COURSE:
BIOL/FIW
3954

(6 credits)

Day/Time: TBD (Spring, 4 credits)
Study Abroad Dates: TBD, but between ~May 16 -June 8
(Summer, 2 credits)

SPRING & SUMMER

This two semester course provides an immersive experience in one of the most biodiverse, but also most threatened, areas on earth. From observing tropical birds, primates, and herpetofauna to interacting with indigenous tribes of the Amazon, our aim is to conduct research and learn how effective conservation efforts rely on successful cooperation between scientists, local peoples, multinational corporations, and governments.



SPRING SEMESTER

The first portion of the course (4 cr) will be taught on campus during spring semester 2018. Students will cover History, Ecology, Politics, & Conservation in Ecuador. The course is reading-, writing-, and discussion-intensive.



SUMMER ABROAD

Students will spend ~3 weeks abroad (2cr) in Ecuador, including visits to multiple ecoregions and will conduct a field research project.



REQUIREMENTS/SUBSTITUTIONS

BIOLOGY STUDENTS: Fulfills upper division elective and lab course, and CLE requirements: Area 2, Area 7, visual, oral, and writing intensive.

FWC STUDENTS: Fulfills Experiential Learning, Technical Writing, Wildlife Restrictive Elective or Wildlife Field Biology (Choose from 6 cr total, to include only one of the two wildlife core courses)

INSTRUCTORS:
Dr. Ignacio Moore
Dr. Bill Hopkins

APPLICATION PROCEDURES:

Contact the instructors:

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📍 Students must be in adequate physical condition for strenuous hiking and long days in tropical (hot, wet) conditions. Students must enroll both semesters (6 cr.)