

ECUADOR-GALAPAGOS

GLOBAL COURSE-SUMER 2012

CARD 6624 Advanced Practicum

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION



This interdisciplinary course introduces students to the field of Conflict Analysis and Resolution in the context of International Development. As part of the course, students travel to Ecuador for two weeks during the summer trimester and visit different regions including the **Galapagos Islands**. In these different ecosystems students have the opportunity to interact with local farmers, community groups, local organizations and policy-makers. Using a systems approach and participatory research methodologies, students will conduct an investigation of potential conflicts between Tourism and Community Sustainable development. The course puts emphasis on understanding the environmental, economic, social and political implications of conflict situations.

Spaces are limited! Contact Dr. Bastidas ASAP at bastidas@nova.edu
Ecuador video (7 min.) <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xM-o1eesn4M>

THE GALAPAGOS ISLANDS



There is nothing in the world quite like the Galapagos Islands. It is a dramatic and beautiful world of volcanic landscapes and fearless animals: Giant Tortoises, Fur Seals, Sea Lions, Land and Sea Iguanas and many species of birds. Located in the Pacific Ocean and approx. 1000 km off the coast of Ecuador, directly on the equator, the isolation of the islands has permitted life forms to evolve into species found only in Galapagos. This was observed by Charles Darwin, and his research contributed to the fame of the islands.

These Enchanted Islands, however, are not free from conflict. As the popularity of ecotourism has grown over the past 30 years, so has the tourism business and related development in these volcanic islands. In 1959 there were about 2,000 people living in a series of small settlements on the islands. Today there are three growing municipalities home to nearly 30,000 people. Common conflicts include conflicts between Marine Conservation and humans, fishing and tourism, eco-tourism and conservation, as well as political and social conflicts. In this Global Course students will have the opportunity to see **life at its purest** and use their conflict resolution knowledge to analyze some of the conflicts described.



GLOBAL COURSE GOALS AND COURSE OBJECTIVES

The goal of this Global Course is to provide an overseas experience that will enhance student's cross-cultural skills and foster sensitivity, appreciation, and understanding of diversity and global issues.

The students' learning outcomes for this course are to:

- Gain understanding of the environmental, economic, social and political implications of conflict situations in the context of international development.
- Apply a systems framework to explore conflict issues among individuals, households, communities and ecosystems, in order to improve understanding of diversity in these systems and its implications for conflict transformation.
- Conduct an investigation of potential conflicts between Tourism and community sustainable development in a real case study (Galapagos/ Vilcabamba, Loja).
- Work more effectively in teams, developing communication and collaborative learning skills.

Students in the Middle of the World Monument



WHO CAN ENROLL AND COURSE DETAILS

This course is open to all DCAR graduate students who are interested in learning more about international development and CR issues. **Space is limited!** Contact us as soon as possible **at bastidas@nova.edu**

Type of course: This is a summer hybrid course that includes an online component and a two-week intensive program in Ecuador.

Credit hours: 3

Dates: June 23 to July 7, 2012

Cost: **\$1,500** Includes local transportation, meals, lodging, local tour fees, guided tour to the Galapagos Islands. It does not include *tuition (3 credit course), airfare (\$500-\$700), or passport fees.*

Pictures below are from the ECUADOR 2010 Global Course



In the Jungle



In the Ecuadorian Coast



With the Minister of Agriculture

TENTATIVE ITINERARY

Date		City	Activity
23-Jun	Saturday	Guayaquil	US-Ecuador Travel- transfer to Hotel
24-Jun	Sunday	Guayaquil	Introduction to Course-Visit our host University ESPOL
25-Jun	Monday	Guayaquil - San Cristobal Island	Depart to Galapagos Islands Visit highland, Galapaguera, Puerto Chino beach
26-Jun	Tuesday	San Cristobal Island	Boat ride to Leon Dormido, Isla Lobos, Playa Manglesito
27-Jun	Wednesday	San Cristobal - Isabela Island	Boat ride to Floreana Island, Snorkel, tour the Island, ride to Isabela
28-Jun	Thursday	Isabela Island	Visit Tintoreras Islets
29-Jun	Friday	Santa Cruz Island	Travel to Santa Cruz, visit Charles Darwin Exprtl. Station, Galapagos in their natural state or Tortuga Bay beach.
30-Jun	Saturday	Isla Santa Cruz- Guayaquil	Travel Free afternoon
1-Jul	Sunday	Guayaquil-Loja	Travel from the coast to the Andes Mountains, visiting the Ingapirca Ruins and the City of Cuenca
2-Jul	Monday	Vilcabamba	Morning Free –Afternoon introduction to the area, Introduction to community authorities
3-Jul	Tuesday	Vilcabamba	Morning Participatory Rural Appraisal tools Stakeholder Analysis
4-Jul	Wednesday	Vilcabamba	Work in groups, interviews, focus groups, participant observation, livelihood analysis
5-Jul	Thursday	Vilcabamba	Putting it all together
6-Jul	Friday	Vilcabamba Guayaquil	Travel Loja-Guayaquil
7-Jul	Saturday	Guayaquil	Travel Guayaquil-US



Students at ESPOL, our Host University-Guayaquil, Ecuador, 2012

REGISTRATION FORM
ECUADOR GLOBAL COURSE PROGRAM
DATES: JUNE 23 – JULY 7

Please provide the following information:

Name:

N#:

Date of birth:

Address:

Telephone:

Department & Degree:

How far along are you in the program? – Please indicate number of semesters and number of classes taken:

GPA:

Do you speak Spanish?

Have you traveled outside of the United States before? Where?

What other courses are you taking during the summer?

List 3 reasons for registering in this Global Course:

I have read the information provided regarding:

- Global Course Program

I understand that the cost of the Global Course program is \$1,500, which includes local transportation, meals, lodging and local tour fees inside the country. Program fee does not include tuition (3 credit course), airfare, passport fees and other personal expenses. Program fee for the Ecuador Program is due April 20th.**

I understand that by typing my name below, I am authorizing Dr. Bastidas to register me for the Global Course and Ecuador trip. If I decide to drop this course I will have to let Dr. Bastidas know ASAP. Once you pay the fee (\$1500) for the course we cannot reimburse that money since the Galapagos travel agent must buy tickets and educational tour in advance.

I understand I will be responsible for completing the course drop procedure during the Summer add-drop period to avoid tuition University charges.

Please register me: Name of Student:

**Please contact Dr. Bastidas if you have any questions regarding program fee.