Study Abroad Ecuador: Service Learning a Focus on Food Security

CSES 3954
First Summer Session: May 20-June 4, 2017

PROGRAM OVERVIEW
The core of this unique two-week experience in Ecuador is to expose students to food security issues across regions within mainland Ecuador and Galapagos Islands. Students will be exposed to issues of food security, and sustainability in communities where high dependency on food import exists (Galapagos Islands). The course will highlight the effect of environment and agricultural practices on ecosystem integrity and services. Several service-learning projects will engaged students with the community. Discussion and reflections throughout the program will focus on key questions around food security and sustainability.

COURSE CREDIT
3 credit hours - Spring Break, 2017 (CSES 3954). These credits count towards global food Security and Health Minor (new Pathways Minor), International agriculture option (CALS/CSES), Capstone Projects, and Areas 2, 6 and 7 of the CLE. Check with your advisor to see how they may apply towards your major.

EXCURSIONS (Program Fee Cover all Excursions)
- 5 day excursion to Galápagos Islands (San Cristóbal, Galápagos, with visits to Satun Sacha, Punta Pucuna, El Junco/Puerto Chino
- 3 Day excursion to Coastal Region of Ecuador, including visits to Santo Domingo, Quevedo, and surrounding areas
- 2 Day excursion to Andean Region of Ecuador, including a visit to the Salasaca community and surrounding areas
- 3 Day excursion to Amazon Region of Ecuador, including a visit to Yachana Lodge and surrounding areas

COSTS
- Virginia Tech Student Price: $3,900.00* (Based on 8-12 students)* *Price will be much lower if we have 15+ students.
- Plus airfare - < $600 (from Charlotte to Quito)

RESOURCES AND FINANCIAL AID
- Scholarship and Financial Aid Office (www.finaid.vt.edu)
- College of Agriculture and Life sciences (CALS)
- Global Education Office (GEO) (https://www.globaleducation.vt.edu/)

HOW TO APPLY
- First Register for the Course. First summer session CSES 3954 – Study Abroad Ecuador
- Visit the GEO website for application materials. (https://www.globaleducation.vt.edu/).
  - Submit completed application online and bring $500 deposit (check made out to Treasurer of Virginia Tech) to the CSES office – 337 Smyth Hall. Upon acceptance, the Bursar’s Office will bill students for the remaining program fee.

If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Ozzie Abaye (cotton@vt.edu)