Documenting our Changing World: Ecuador

Destination: Quito, Cotopaxi, Maquipucuna and Galápagos Islands, Ecuador
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In this summer field experience course, Media School students will travel to Ecuador to photograph and film the country’s unique landscape, culture, art, people and diverse biology. Through the creation of photo essays, mini documentaries, short films and a half-hour TV show for WTIU, students will explore the impact of geological, environmental and climatic changes over time, and the effects these have had on Ecuador’s civilization, culture and quality of life.

Students will spend two weeks in Bloomington learning about Ecuador and planning for the trip. The class will travel as a group to Ecuador, capturing stories and photos, and shooting interviews and footage. The final two weeks will be dedicated to processing the experience and post-production.

Activities in Ecuador will be in collaboration with the Universidad San Francisco de Quito. While in Bloomington, the class will meet 11:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesdays (with a lunch break) and 1-5 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Travel dates
May 17-June 2, 2019

Eligibility

To be eligible, you must:

- be an undergraduate or graduate student in good standing
- have a minimum 3.0 GPA (cumulative)
- have taken at least two 300-level or higher Media School journalism or media arts and production courses

Graduate students are encouraged to apply, but the course number and credit hours must be determined in conjunction with their committee adviser(s).

Spanish language capability is not a requirement for this course, although it is helpful. You may address your proficiency level in the appropriate section on the application form.

This field experience class contains activities that some may find physically demanding. Alternate activities will be provided to students should the need arise. Applicants should see the instructor if they have concerns about a physical or mental disability.
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Costs

The Media School provides a scholarship to all Media School students admitted to this course to lower the course fee assessed for travel.

Full program cost: $4,200
Course fee after scholarship: $3,150

The course fee covers round-trip transportation from Bloomington, lodging for two weeks of travel in Ecuador, all required activities, health insurance and most meals. Students are also responsible for passport expenses, some meals, personal expenses and the tuition cost of three summer credit hours. Your tuition rate varies based on your student status. Visit IU’s tuition estimator for more information: go.iu.edu/27Km.

Upon acceptance into the program, your bursar account will be billed a $500 non-refundable deposit. The remainder of the basic program costs will be billed to your bursar account in April, due in May with summer tuition.

These costs can be reduced through other scholarships and grants, such as the Hutton International Experiences grant.

Timeline

Nov. 15, 2018: Application opens
Jan. 15, 2019: All application materials are due
Jan. 25, 2019: Applicants will be notified of whether they have been accepted
Feb. 8, 2019: Deadline to confirm participation
March 8, 2019: Applications for additional Media School scholarship funding are due
Applications for Hutton International Experiences Program grants are due

How do I apply?

The online application will go live Nov. 15, 2018, and submissions will be due by 11:59 p.m. Jan. 15, 2019. You will be asked to submit:

- letter of intent
- a resume