

# ROC Galapagos- Fall 2025



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## U of R Program

- Financial aid transfers = same cost as being on campus
- Five modules, one module at a time (3 weeks, weekends off)
- Credit equivalencies, diversification credits (but that depends on your major\*\*).
- Can work for credit needs, depending on the program
- **\*\*\*Important:** consult with your academic advisor to plan how the credits will work for you towards your track's requirements

About the program:

<http://tropbiolab.org/ROCGalapagos/>

To apply via the CEA:

<https://studyabroad.rochester.edu/index.cfm?FuseAction=Programs.ViewProgramAngular&id=11426>

# Collaboration between UR and Universidad San Francisco de Quito

What are the specific modules offered for Fall 2025?

Week-long immersion in Spanish (Aug 11-15) (1 credit)\*

MODULE 1- Geographical Information Systems (GIS) (3 credits)\*

MODULE 2- Tropical Ecology (3 credits) \*

MODULE 3- Behavioral Ecology (4 credits) \*\*

MODULE 4- Evolutionary Ecology (4 credits) \*\*

MODULE 5- Evolution and Conservation Genetics (4 credits) \*\*

\*Taught in the main USFQ campus in Cumbayá (mainland Ecuador by USFQ faculty

\*\*Taught in San Cristóbal Island, in USFQ's Galapagos Satellite campus, by UR faculty



Satellite campus in San Cristobal Island

Not to scale! The islands are ~600 miles offshore



Main campus in Cumbayá



# Example of our 2022 UR track

\*Currently being updated for Fall 2025

COURSE SCHEDULE FALL 2022					
Monday through Friday 9:00am to 12:00pm					
Mainland			Galápagos		
Module 1 Aug 15th - Sep 2nd	Module 2 Sep 5th - Sep 23rd	Module 3 Sep 26th - Oct 14th	Oct 17th-Oct 23rd	Module 4 Oct 24th - Nov 11th	Module 5 Nov 14th Dec 2nd
Evolution, Ecology and Conservation Track					
Geographical Info System	Tropical Ecology	Quantitative Field Ecology	Fall Break	Origin of Species & Island Biodiversity	Native & Intro Plants
University of Rochester					
Geographical Info System taught by USFQ	Tropical Ecology taught by USFQ	Behavioral Ecology taught by UR	Fall Break	Evolution and Conservation Genetics taught by UR	Evolutionary Ecology taught by UR
Marine Ecology Track					
TMR1	Freshwater Ecology	Marine Ecosystem Based Management	Fall Break	Marine Ecology	TMR 2
People, Politics and the Environment Track					
Socio Ecosystem and Development	Wildlife Conserv. Biology	Political Ecology	Fall Break	Climate Change	Strategic Planning of N.R.M
Sustainable Tourism Track					
Socio Ecosystem and Development	Wildlife Conserv. Biology	Intro to Sustainable Tourism	Fall Break	Climate Change	Destination Marketing

- Lectures/Discussions/Activities in the morning
- Assignments and activities in the afternoon

Certain days: all day fieldtrips and/or data collection, analyses, writing up assignments/edits for assignments

**Five modules – each 3 credits + 1 credit Spanish**

## **TENTATIVE SCHEDULE**

Module 1 – Geographical Information Systems (GIS) in Quito (3 credits taught by USFQ)

Module 2 – Tropical Ecology in Quito (visit the Tiputini station in the Amazon for 2 weeks 3 credits taught by USFQ)

\*Credits count as college credits, but not credits for your major (unless your major advisor approves them)

**Need more information?**

**Please see the FAQ on the ROC Galapagos website**

**Examples:**

**Arrival date to Ecuador is Aug 8, 2025** (online orientation July 28 and 29)

Swapping out one of the ROC Galapagos modules in Galapagos for another track or switching to a USFQ track? **Unfortunately, not possible with our program that validates ROC Galapagos credits as UR credits.**



# Partner institution: Universidad San Francisco de Quito (USFQ)

## Cumbaya Campus: Modules 1 and 2





## Modules I & 2: USFQ main campus Cumbayá Campus, near Quito



Semester starts and ends earlier (first week Aug – first week Dec)  
Take an orientation and basic Spanish in the USFQ Cumbaya campus ( 1 credit)

There will be students from other US Universities (40 - 50 students in the different programs)  
Local students too!

## Living with host families: Extensive questionnaire for the best match



(If COVID-19 regulations change, students will live in a hotel and have activities with host families)



# Modules 3-5: USFQ (Satellite campus in San Cristobal)



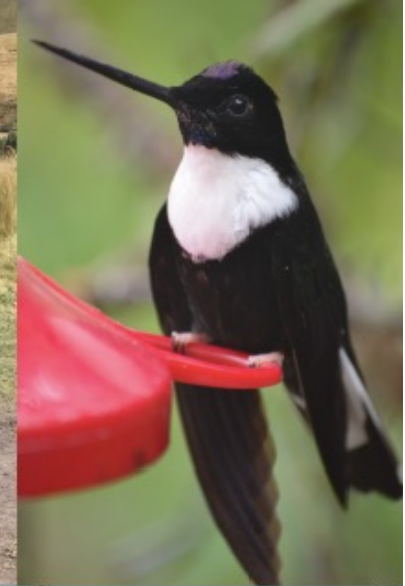


# Experience strikingly-different ecosystems in just one semester





# Module I – Geographical Information System (GIS) with USFQ faculty





## Module 2 –Tropical Ecology (based in Quito) With USFQ faculty





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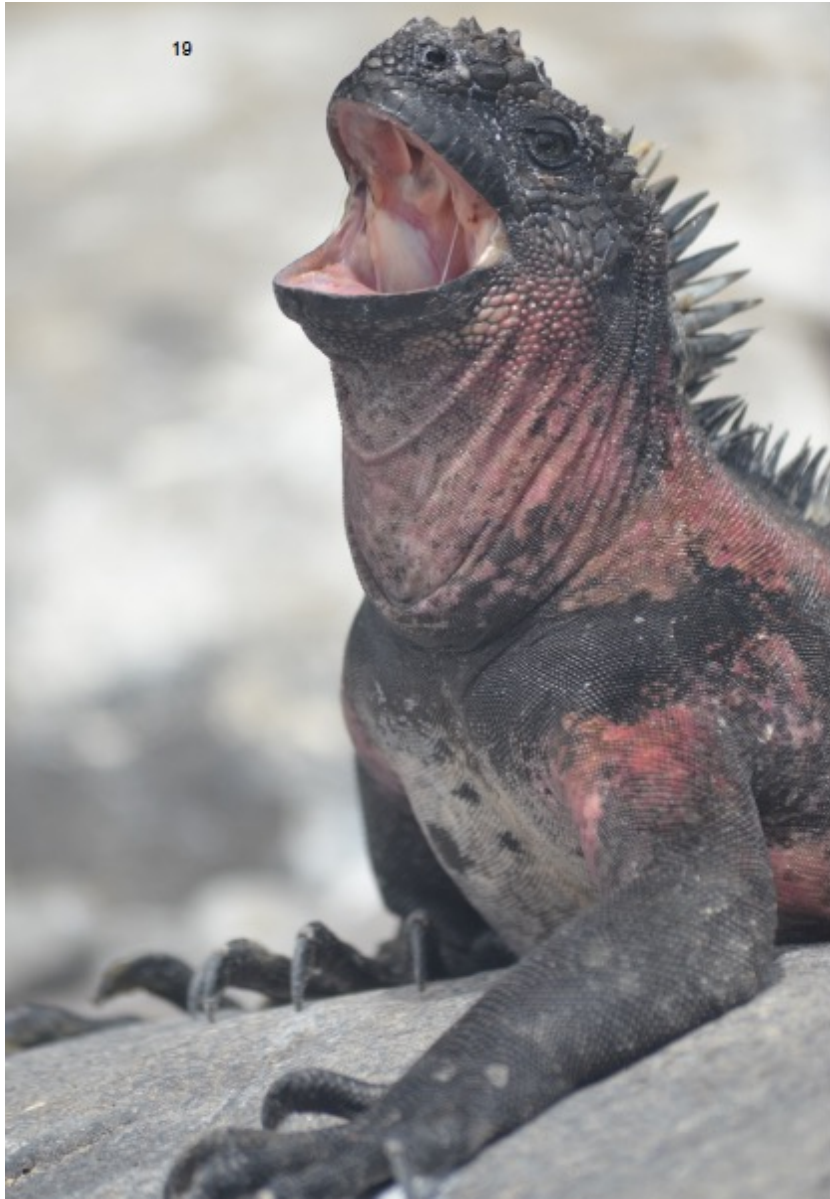


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- Students can visit other islands during Fall Break and weekends.

Airplane and ferry options

-Some field trips in class will travel to other islands

Thanksgiving week won't be off (but nice dinner on campus)

Fall Break week: families can visit



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### IMPORTANT REQUISITE

If being selected for the program:

1) you'll meet with your major advisor to go over how our program counts towards your credits

(\* The ROC Galapagos program is not involved in these consultations or the planning of a student's requisites)

2) You'll sign a confirmation that the program and credits work for your unique needs after approval from your track advisor.

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UPBM Track	Use Towards Major	overlap
BS BMG	1 diversification and 1 genetics elective	BIO 205
BA BIO	1 Group 'A' and 3 diversification electives	BIO 263, BIO 205, BIO 260
BS BEB	1 advanced elective, Ecology requirement, 1 diversification elective	BIO 263, BIO 260
BS BMB	1 diversification	
BS BCD	1 diversification	
BS BBC	1 diversification	
BS BNS	1 diversification	
BS BCB	1 advanced elective, 1 diversification	
BIO minor	3 diversification electives	



## **Semester costs**

- Tuition, same as on campus (financial aid transfers)
- Fees include lodging with host families - Host families provide breakfast and dinner (lunch on your own)

## **Other costs (estimated by CEA)**

- Airfare: \$1500
- Vaccinations: \$250-500 (yellow fever requires)
- Open water certification and Diving Accident Insurance (PADI): \$350 (Optional)
- Personal expenses: \$1000

## **Scholarships based on financial need**

\*\*Check the link provided on the website by the CEA

# FINAL TIPS FOR STUDYING ABROAD & IN A FIELD PROGRAM

- Ecuador rules: only vaccinated students and faculty
- Masks worn strictly as stipulated by the Ecuadorean government (always indoors)
- Success for enjoying a study abroad experience: being able to adapt (flexibility, flexibility, flexibility and embracing changes and the unexpected!)
- Trying learning a new language and enjoying cultural differences
- Being global citizens

## **Some final advantages**

- Get credits for your track
- Get to know professors well, you can get stellar reference letters
- Same cost as a semester on campus
- Become immersed in a new culture, a life-changing experience!
- Research opportunities

## **INTERESTED?**

Next step: interview with Dr. Uy

Application via the CEA portal

After being accepted into our program, you'll apply via our partner institution too

## Academic Calendar

### Fall 2025

**Dates:** August 11th – December 5<sup>th</sup>

**Application deadline:** May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025

\*Subject to change

Monday, July 28 and Tuesday, July 29	Online Orientations*
Friday, August 8	Arrival date
Monday, August 11	Galápagos Semester Program Orientation* Campus Tour/Distribution of SIM card for cell phone
Monday, August 11 to August 15	Spanish class 2:00PM – 5:00PM
Wednesday, August 13	<u>Tiputini Orientation*</u>
Thursday, August 14	Quito City Tour *
Friday, August 15	International Students Orientation*
Monday, August 18	<b>Module 1 starts</b>
Monday, September 8	<b>Module 2 starts</b>
Sunday, September 21	TMR1 students travel to Galápagos*
Sunday, September 28	All students travel to Galápagos*
Monday, September 29	<b>Module 3 starts</b>
Monday, October 20 to October 24	Mid-semester break
Monday, October 27	<b>Module 4 starts</b>
Monday, November 17	<b>Module 5 starts</b>
Friday, December 5	Last day of class
Friday, December 5	All students travel to Quito, farewell <u>dinner</u> and end of the Program
Saturday, December 6	Recommended Departure date

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