



FIELD BIOLOGY IN THE GALAPAGOS



**WITH DR. GAIL DRUS
MARCH 11-18, 2023**

Participants will research the ecology of The Galapagos Islands, study unique endemic Galapagos animals, and learn about the conservation efforts to preserve the islands before leaving on a seven-day trip to see these legendary islands and their inhabitants in person. Students will further what they have learned in earlier classes by actually experiencing firsthand the differences in ecosystems. Both students in the environmental science and the marine science programs as well as general biology students can benefit from more field work since field research is frequently completed by professionals in both of these areas. There is simply nothing to compare to the transformational experience of seeing what Charles Darwin saw with his own eyes as he founded the theory of evolution. By studying this ecosystem and the evolution of endemic organisms, the students will develop a better understanding of ecology and evolution as well as be better able to make informed decisions about how man controls economic development in harmony with nature.

Academic Program:

All participants are required to take BIOL322 Field Biology. Field Biology provides an opportunity to complete field study in an ecosystem other than the one around Saint Francis University. Students will research the ecology of the Galapagos Islands and before leaving on a 7-9 day field excursion. During the trip, students will keep a detailed field notebook of activities and natural history observations, including a list of observed flora and fauna. Upon completion of the trip, students will write a themed paper and formally present their experiences to the campus community in a CES event and at Science Day. Prerequisite: Biology 111 or Biology 110 or by instructor permission. If more students apply than seats available, preference will be given to students who have taken BIOL 203 in addition to either BIOL110 or 111. The course is worth 3 credits.

Housing and Meals:

Students will need to purchase meals on travel days to and from Ecuador, but all meals in the Galapagos will be covered by program costs. Students will live 3 to a room in a hotel at night and will be transported to island destinations via boat during the day.

Excursions:

The experience includes a number of excursions/adventures; visit to the Charles Darwin Research Station, swimming and snorkeling, and hiking.

Dates and cost:

March 11-18, 2023

Program fee is approximately \$5,000
(depending on the number of students).

Program fee includes:

- room and all meals
- transportation to/from airports
- round-trip airfare
- excursions
- health insurance

Not included: tuition, incidental supplies, personal travel, gifts, passport fees, meals while traveling, or any additional fees for changing reservations.

Students should bring \$100 - \$200 for meals on travel days, miscellaneous spending, and souvenirs.

Payment schedule for program:

- Application and application fee (\$500)
- due ASAP.
- Preliminary payment (\$1000) due November 6
- Balance due February 2nd

Reimbursement policy on back.

2023 Field Biology in the Galapagos Application

Return completed **application** to the Office for Study Away (Scotus 306) along with a copy of your passport, and a deposit for \$500 made payable to Saint Francis University. **Acceptance into the program will not be considered until all travel forms are turned in to the Office for Study Away.** The travel forms are available at the Office for Study Away.

Name: _____ Male Female Student ID#: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Home Address: _____
Street City/Town State Zip

Email Address: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Passport Number: _____ Date PP Issued: _____ Date PP Expires: _____

Emergency Contact Information:

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Phone: (_____) _____ Email: _____

Would you like this person to be notified via email upon your arrival in the Galapagos? Yes No

Will you need a ride from SFU to the airport? Yes No

Will you need a ride from the airport back to SFU? Yes No

Study Away Withdrawal Policy:

Withdrawal from any Saint Francis University study or service abroad program must be made in writing and delivered to the Office for Study Away in person (Scotus 306) or certified mailed (Saint Francis University, Office for Study Away, P.O. Box 600, Loretto, PA 15940). The date in which the withdrawal is received at the Office for Study Away will determine the amount of refund.

If you withdraw or are withdrawn from your study abroad program you will receive a refund minus: non-refundable application fee, any non-recoverable portion of the airfare, any non-recoverable program costs such as housing payments and deposits, excursion pre-payments, etc. (The closer the program is to the start date, the less recoverable costs will be available).

Student withdrawals are not accepted after the start of a program.

If you withdraw from the study abroad program, it is also your responsibility to withdraw from your study abroad courses. Withdrawals from a study abroad program due to lack of passport and/or visa are held to the same withdrawal policies.

Citizenship Status:

Reporting your legal resident status is mandatory.

Please check where appropriate.

- U.S. Citizen Non-Resident Alien U.S. Resident Permit (Green Card)
 I have an F-1 student visa I will require an F-1 student visa.

Agreement and Waiver:

I certify that the information on this application is correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that on becoming a student in this program, I shall be subject to all rules, regulations, and requirements as to conduct, academic, and financial policies of Saint Francis University, and the national and local ordinances of the country of which I am studying. I understand that Saint Francis University reserves the right to require the withdrawal of any student on account of unsatisfactory work or behavior.

Saint Francis University and its affiliated institutions, in making arrangements for the program, act only as agents. Neither Saint Francis University, its Trustees, nor any of its employees, nor any other persons, parties, organizations, or agencies collaborating with them, is or shall be responsible or liable for injury, loss, damage, deviation, delay, or curtailment, however caused, or the consequences thereof which may occur during any of the travel or program.

Any misrepresentation on the part of the applicant is cause for non- acceptance, cancellation of acceptance, or dismissal from school if subsequently discovered.

Your signature below indicates your understanding and acceptance of the Study Away Withdrawal Policy and your acceptance of the Agreement and Waiver statement.

Name

Date

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