



# GALAPAGOS

## Natural History and Evolution of Galápagos Fauna

MAR 451 (4 credits)

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This is a spring semester course offered every other year that includes traveling to Ecuador and the Galápagos Islands for 11 days at the end of the semester. Throughout the semester, students participate in lectures, discussions, research and presentations focusing on endemic species and the natural history, ecology, behavior and evolution of the animals and plants that inhabit the islands. The laboratory portion of the course consists of visiting the Galápagos Islands aboard a private yacht. Highlights of the trip include exploring the Otavalos Market (Ecuador's largest indigenous market), walking in Darwin's footsteps to explore the sites that inspired his legendary theory of evolution, up close encounters with species such as flightless cormorants, Galápagos penguins, Galápagos tortoises and marine iguanas, observing and discussing the effects of development on the islands, hiking on the islands, stargazing aboard the boat and snorkeling with Galápagos sea lions, turtles and other marine wildlife. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to explore one of the world's most inspiring ecosystems.

Students are encouraged to apply for travel scholarships in the Global Education Office.

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