



STUDY-ABROAD PROGRAM OPPORTUNITIES IN BAHÍA DE CARÁQUEZ, ECUADOR

Planet Drum Foundation is a non-profit NGO based in San Francisco, California. A field office in Bahía de Caráquez, on the coast of Ecuador, has been dedicated to bioregional restoration projects since 1999. They include a Dry Tropical Forest Revegetation Project, ecological education, and participation in Ecological City events and planning.

This unique setting provides amazing opportunities to learn about the Dry Tropical Forest – one of Earth's most threatened ecosystems – and assist in field projects that are actively protecting and restoring this fragile environment. Planet Drum's projects are models for implementing ecosystem reinhabitation that can be adapted to any bioregion. Areas of learning include: Ecological Restoration, Sustainable Land Development, Bioregional Education, Community Outreach, Urban Ecology, and Cultural Immersion.



From July 8th to August 5th, 2018 Planet Drum hosted a study abroad course in collaboration with the University of Oregon entitled “Sustainable Development in Latin America.” Twelve students accompanied by their professor traveled to Ecuador for a month-long program. Their time was divided between classes with required reading, field practices directly related to Planet Drum's ecological projects, Spanish lessons, and

field trips to local points of cultural interest.

Planet Drum Foundation's Ecuador Program offers an excellent opportunity to combine academic theory with hands-on ecological restoration experience, bioregional education practices, and service-learning work with local communities. This is an ideal and affordable program for universities or other educational institutions to extend studies beyond the classroom.



The Project provides custom courses tailored to the needs and schedules of the educational institution and its students. Programs generally range from 3 to 12 weeks, but can be longer depending on university needs and circumstances. Planet Drum can accommodate groups of all sizes and provides all in-country logistics including transportation, lodging, and food.

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