




Education Programs

GALAPAGOS ISLANDS



 Ecology, conservatio, ecotourism

 Galapagos Islands (Ecuador)

 1-3 months

Context

The Galapagos Islands are truly a unique ecosystem in the world.

The archipelago is today a natural laboratory highly valued by the entire international scientific community for its great biological diversity and for its enormous fragility.

The tourist activity has been an important alternative source of income to the sustainable fishing that, until years ago, boosted the local economy. Tourism is posing, undoubtedly, new forms of pressure on the population and on the natural environment of the archipelago that urgently needs to be addressed.

Sustainability, biodiversity conservation and ecotourism are the three essential pillars to guarantee the necessary balance in this unique and delicate environment.



Learning objectives

- 1** To gain a broad perspective of the physical, biological, ecological and social environment of the Galapagos Islands, which enables, to analyze actions to promote and guarantee sustainable development in an unique environment.
- 2** In-depth knowledge of the Galapagos Islands as a natural laboratory in which to observe the laws of evolution through marine habitats and the characteristic organisms of the archipelago.
- 3** To learn the principles, objectives and strategies of sustainable development, giving the conservation of biodiversity and ecotourism activity as interdisciplinary, transversal and integrating concepts.
- 4** To experience on the field experience of the effects of human activity on the natural conservation of fragile environments, enabling a global perspective of the current reality and the ability to propose sustainable and lasting solutions.

Developed activities

- The course is adaptable to the academic needs of the students and to the university study plans. It is characterized as practical, but also includes theoretical training before, during and after the field work in order to integrate the concepts of the topics covered.
- This course is designed for the students to understand the impact of sustainable development in a global economic, environmental and social context.
- They will be able to gain skills to integrate the challenges of global and local sustainability in the business environment.
- They will assess the impact of social, economic and environmental sustainability and generate feasible solutions by designing real businesses for local organizations and communities.
- The program includes the analysis of formulas to guarantee the financial stability of the business while being ethical, inclusive and respectful of the environment- Furthermore, they will have the opportunity to use programs with clear indicators to measure the impact and results of the project.
- The modules cover the following topics: multiculturalism, global citizenship, business innovation , entrepreneurship and sustainability skills.
- Students will work as part of a multicultural team on a high-impact sustainability project which is aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals.



Expected results

- 1 To inspire and guide the next generation of leaders in the creation and management of social and sustainable companies.
- 2 To provide students the space to develop creative and innovative actions in the business world that could solve economic, social and environmental problems with a global and multicultural vision.
- 3 To support students with the necessary skills to identify and solve business problems in an ethical and sustainable manner. Furthermore, to empower them to develop an entrepreneurial spirit based on critical, responsible, committed and creative thinking.
- 4 Using the development of indicators to measure the health, social and environmental impact of their actions.
- 5 A thorough understanding of the Sustainable Development Goals, the 2030 Agenda and its transversal application in economic and business activity.



Complementary training

Global Youth Academy is Lea Global's e-learning platform that offers training on the United Nations 2030 Agenda and how to get involved, through actions, to the different SDGs. All projects include 120 hours of training at the Global Youth Academy, as well as ongoing online support on the topics developed.

