

Ecuador – Universidad San Francisco de Quito



Study Abroad — University of North Carolina Wilmington

Program Overview

The Universidad San Francisco de Quito (USFQ) is one of the most distinguished private universities in Ecuador. Located in the Cumbaya valley, adjacent to the city, the university consists of an intimate campus with all of the educational buildings centrally located. USFQ is a liberal arts university that is based on the American University system. The gorgeous architecture and immaculate landscaping provide a serene and attractive study environment.

Academics

Students accepted into the UNCW exchange/study abroad program with USFQ will receive credit toward their degree requirements for most majors. Areas of study available include administration, architecture, biological and environmental sciences, tropical ecology, communication, engineering and polytechnics, film, fine arts, food and nutrition, health sciences, law and liberal arts. Students may also enroll in Spanish language courses designed for non-native Spanish speakers interested in learning and practicing Spanish.

Housing

Participants will be housed in carefully selected home stays located in and around Quito. All housing is within access to public transportation to the university. Three daily meals and laundry services are provided.



Program Facts

Location.....Quito, Ecuador
City Population.....1.5 million
University Enrollment.....5,000

Type of Program

Exchange and Study Abroad

Program Dates

Fall
Late August to Mid December
Spring
Early January to Mid May

Application Deadlines

Academic Year or Fall Semester
April 1
Spring Semester
October 15



Eligibility

Students are eligible to apply for this program if they meet the following eligibility criteria:

- Degree-seeking at UNCW
- At least sophomore standing at time of participation
- Good judicial standing
- 2.5+ GPA at time of application

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“Regardless of your major, going abroad is for anyone and everyone.”

Student Life

Quito is a majestic city nestled between the high peaks of the Andes Mountains. Although it is a mere fourteen miles from the equator, Quito's altitude of approximately nine thousand feet provides a comfortable climate year-round. The city is famous for its colonial architecture and artwork that is displayed proudly in a host of museums and churches that line the historic downtown area. The northern section of town is a showcase of modern skyscrapers mixed with contemporary housing. This area is also completely stocked with shopping centers, discotheques and restaurants galore.

Surrounding Areas

Quito is Ecuador's second largest city and a major transportation hub for the country. The easily accessible airport and bus stations make travel a convenient bonus to this program. Ecuador offers a rich variety of sights, including the Amazon Basin and its luscious rain forest environment, the arid Pacific Coast, Incan ruins, and the unforgettable Galapagos Islands.

Maps



For more information on study abroad and exchange programs:

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Cost

This program is available as an Exchange or as a Study Abroad:

- Exchange – This means you pay your regular tuition and fees to UNCW, and your room and board to USFQ.
- Study Abroad – This means you pay your tuition, fees, room and board directly to USFQ.

With each option, there will be additional costs for international airfare, passport, visa, health insurance, local transportation and an exit tax. Please meet with an advisor at the Office of International Programs to discuss which option is best for you.

Financial Aid and Scholarships

Federal and state financial aid may be applied toward this program. Even if you are normally ineligible for financial aid, you should submit a financial aid application (FAFSA). You may find that you are eligible for additional funding.

UNCW students may also apply for a UNCW Education Abroad Grant and additional study abroad scholarships. Grant applications and additional information are available at www.uncw.edu/intprogs/abroad-financialaid.htm.

Web Sites

Universidad San Francisco de Quito:
<http://www.usfq.edu.ec/>

Ecuador Tourism Information:
<http://www.ecuador.com/>

UNCW Office of International Programs:
www.uncw.edu/international

