

Universidad San Francisco de Quito, Ecuador Summer

Quito, Ecuador (Latin America)

Quick Facts

Summer 2025
Dates: May 21 - July 23, 2025

Summer 2026
Dates: May 20 - July 22, 2026

Costs

Summer 2026
Costs: Contact the program sponsor for updated cost

Apply Now

Please note that if you see dates or costs for a prior term above, future terms will have similar dates and costs. We will update info as soon as it becomes available.

The Summer application cycle has opened in January – you can click Apply Now then to get started for those terms.

Please note $800 deposit is due 2 weeks after acceptance.

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Program Overview

Quito, the capital of Ecuador, is considered one of the most beautiful regions in Latin America. Located in the Andean

mountains at the foot of Mount Pichincha 9,200 feet above sea level. Quito has a spring-like climate all year. Beautifully preserved colonial churches, convents, palaces, and other buildings of note contrast with the contemporary architecture of modern Quito, a cosmopolitan city of great cultural diversity. Quito has been designated the Heritage of Mankind by the United Nations. From Quito, you can travel by frequent buses to Andean Indian markets, remote jungle towns and warm Pacific beaches. In fact, starting from Quito, you can get to most points in this tropical country in less than a day.

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Contact Program Sponsor and Advisor



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This program is sponsored and administered by the College of Staten Island CUNY.

Academics & Program

Universidad San Francisco de Quito in Quito

Universidad San Francisco de Quito (USFQ) is a four-year liberal arts institution with approximately 7,000 students, ten percent of whom are international students. The Ecuadorian government recognizes USFQ as one of Ecuador's leading institutions of higher learning. USFQ opened in 1988 and is located in the beautiful suburb of Cumbayá, a short ride from the city's center. Students in the CCIS programs in Quito develop Spanish language skills through study and cultural immersion. Students also learn first-hand about contemporary issues and trends in Latin America.

Course Offerings

Courses offered at universities in Ecuador often feature a teaching/learning arrangement that is different from that which is used at institutions of higher learning in the United States. However, doing things the "Ecuadorian way" is a valuable aspect of the cross-cultural learning objective of this program. In the eight week program offered during the summer, students are introduced to Ecuador by combining intensive Spanish language and Ecuadorian culture study with home-stay arrangements and organized field trips.

Students enroll in two or three courses for up to nine credits. Spanish instruction places a heavy emphasis upon oral communication and uses an interactive methodology. CCIS students receive personalized attention in the small classes ranging from two to eight students.

Research Opportunities:
The program consists of diverse and individualized opportunities within USFQ faculty research projects. Suitable candidates will be selected for the available placements each summer depending on their interests and ongoing projects. The project is undertaken as a 3-credit independent study course in the field of relevance over the duration of the summer. CCIS students can access additional research projects run by the Galápagos Science Center Consortium (of which USFQ is an affiliate member) under their own rates. These costs will be provided by the exchange coordinator upon request and all costs related to the program will be negotiated between the parties before the arrival of students depending on the nature of the research.

Student Life & Housing

Student Life

All program participants live with Ecuadorian host families. This arrangement gives each participant the opportunity to learn about Ecuadorian culture first-hand. Students gain support in the new country from interaction with the family while following the host family's customs including: eating meals, respecting host norms, and being sensitive to Ecuadorian culture.

Student Services

- Library & Bookstore
- Computer Labs & Internet Access
- Advisory Services Heath & Safety Services
- Field Trip & Excursions

In addition to tours of Quito, a field trip within Ecuador is organized during the four-week summer program.

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CUNY Students contact the College of Staten Island for more information.

Students registering at the College of Staten Island as Visiting Students or at a School of Record may have to pay additional costs based on residency and matriculation status.

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Costs Included: Overseas tuition, homestay with partial board, orientation in the US and abroadsickness and accident insurance, airport pickup

Costs Not Included: Airfare ($800), additional meals ($200), books ($100), personal expenses ($800), visa ($100), and optional field trips ($1155).

All costs, fees, and dates are subject to change without notification. Contact the program sponsor to verify all costs, fees, and dates for this program.

Please refer to your acceptance materials for information on arrival, orientation, and academic calendar. The refund policy is program specific and non-transferable. Refer to your acceptance materials for the comprehensive refund policy or contact the program sponsor.

Eligibility & Deadlines

Eligibility Requirements

- Minimum of 12 college credits at time of application - 2.5 GPA or higher
- Official transcripts
- One letter of recommendation from a teacher who knows the applicant from a classroom setting
- Statement of purpose
- Students must be at least 18 years of age

Application Deadline

March 15

Have you talked with your study abroad advisor about your home institution's application process? Your institution's deadline might be earlier than the CCIS program application deadline. Check now to make sure all of your material is submitted on time!