Universidad San Francisco de Quito, Ecuador Summer
Quito, Ecuador (Latin America)

Quick Facts

Summer 2021
Dates: May - July, 2021
Application Deadline: March 15, 2021
Costs: $7,790 CCIS Member | $8,940 Non-Member

Apply Now

Please note $500 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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Students at Non-CCIS Member Intuitions pay an additional $400 fee.
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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Please contact the College of Staten Island for more information. Course offering, dates, and costs subject to change.

Costs Included: Overseas tuition, homestay with partial board, orientation in the US and abroad sickness 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**

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**Eligibility Requirements**

**Minimum GPA:** 2.5 GPA or higher  
**Submittal Requirements:** Official transcript(s), four semesters of College-level Spanish, one academic reference for Summer, statement of purpose.

Students must be at least 18 years of age with a minimum class standing of at least one semester (minimum 12 semester credit hours) of college-level coursework at the time of application.

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!