

Universidad San Francisco de Quito Ecuador

Fact Sheet



Website

Universidad San Francisco de Quito homepage:

<http://www.usfq.edu.ec>

Webpage for International Exchange students:

<http://www.usfq.edu.ec/progint/>

Location

Quito, Ecuador

Ecuador, with the rugged volcanic peaks of the Andes running like a spine from north to south, is flanked by the coastal plains of the Pacific to the west and by the steamy tropical forests of the Amazon basin to the east. The northern third of the country lies in the Northern hemisphere, while the southern two-thirds sit in the Southern hemisphere. Ecuador is a country of diverse geography, with snow-capped volcanic peaks, lush rainforests, palm-fringed beaches, and an extensive Pacific coast that includes the luxuriant Guayas lowlands.



Accommodation costs

The OIP arranges home-stays with Ecuadorian host families in Quito. Bellarmine requires students to participate in the home stay program. Students will be billed for room and board at Bellarmine and in return will receive food and lodging from their host families. There may also be a one-time \$50 family placement fee.

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Costs

We recommend that students bring: \$1,500-\$2,000 per semester. This estimate includes in-country travel and lunches (not included in the home stay costs for students placed through the Office of International Programs) and \$150/semester for transportation to and from USFQ. This estimate does not include travel for tourism. If planning to travel to Galapagos, bring an additional \$1,000. Budget approximately \$300 per semester for books, to be safe.

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Currency

Since September 2000, the US\$ is the official currency of Ecuador. Ecuador has minted its own coins ([photo here](#)) though - in U.S. denominations.

Visas

Most Ecuadorian consulates require that students submit their visa application in person. They require many official documents such as a police report. Make sure you have everything in place and double check them before your visa appointment. There are also things you will need to do to complete the process once you arrive on a student visa. The government's immigration authorities keep track of everyone in the country via a complex system of registered visas, i.d. cards, and exit visas.

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Disciplines

Universidad San Francisco de Quito (USFQ) is a private liberal arts institution that promotes the quest for knowledge, individual liberties, and the entrepreneurial spirit as a means for the development of Ecuadorian society through excellence in teaching, supported by qualified and committed faculty, comprehensive and rigorous curricula, and adequate resources.

Structure of University

USFQ, like Ecuador, is a unique and quite amazing place. Its founders revolutionized education in 1988 when they established the first private university in Ecuador. To this day USFQ is seen as the standard of excellence in Ecuadorian higher education. <http://www.usfq.edu.ec/progint/>

Average semester work-load

International students must take at least 12 credits "presencial" (courses where you are "present", that meet on a regular basis in a classroom) and usually take no more than 16; however, students may request exceptions in very special circumstances.

Courses

USFQ offers approximately 1500 different courses every semester. <http://www.usfq.edu.ec/progint/>

General Semester dates

Academic Year: Mid August - Mid-May

Fall semester: Mid August - Mid-December

Spring semester: Early-January - Mid-May

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