Ecuador Exchange Program
Universidad San Francisco de Quito (USFQ)

USFQ is the first private liberal arts college in Latin America. Academically, USFQ ranks as one of the eleven-top universities (category A) in the ranking of Ecuadorian universities.

USFQ places great emphasis on its international programs and annually receives over 900 international students on its four campuses: Cumbayá Campus (just outside of Quito), the Galapagos Academic Institute for the Arts & Sciences (GAIAS), the Tiputini Biodiversity Station (deep in the Amazon Basin), and Instituto Santiago de Quito in Riobamba (in the Andes and Ecuadorian highlands). Courses are offered in both English and Spanish. To learn more about USFQ, visit www.usfq.edu.ec/

Program Dates:
Fall Semester – Early/Mid-August to Mid-Late December 2017
Spring Semester – Early/Mid-January to Mid May 2018

Eligibility: The Cumbayá location is open to undergraduates with a 2.50 GPA or higher. GAIAS (Galapagos) location is open to undergraduate students with a 2.8 GPA or higher and sophomore standing or higher. Additionally, the evolution and marine track students need at least one general biology and one ecology course at the college level, and marine track students must also have a marine biology class and require DAN insurance for academic dives (included in the program fee).

Courses: Architecture, Arts (Design, Fine, Multimedia, Performing), Business Administration and Economics, Communications, Education, Engineering (Chemical, Civil, Electrical, Environmental, Industrial, Mechanical), Health Sciences, Hospitality Management, Humanities, Mathematics, Science (Biology, chemistry, Biotechnology, Computer Science, Physics), Social Sciences (Anthropology, Ecuadorian Politics and Society, International Relations, Political Science), Psychology, Sociology, and Spanish Language (Hispanic Literature, Language, Civilization). Not all courses are open to exchange students or offered in English. For those with advanced Spanish service learning is available. Course look up: http://www.usfq.edu.ec/programas_internacionales/exchange_students/Paginas/english.aspx#demoTab1

Galapagos students will chose a track to follow: Evolution, Ecology and Conservation, Marine Ecology, or People, Politics, and the Environment. To lookup courses visit: https://www.usfq.edu.ec/galapagos/international_program/Paginas/default.aspx#demoTab2

Living Accommodations:
Cumbayá- Homestays with carefully screened host families in Quito. Includes private bedroom, either a private or shared bathroom, WiFi internet access, two meals per day (breakfast/dinner). Families are generally a 15-45 minute commute by public transportation to Cumbaya.

GAIAS- Students stay in carefully screened host families in Cumbayá for the first module and with host families in San Cristobal Island for the rest of the semester. Students stay in hostels or hotels for overnight stays during excursions.

Estimated Costs: Airfare, FAU tuition (in state/out of state rates apply), FAU application fee ($200 semester/$250 year), CISI insurance ($44 per month), accommodations ($2,990 homestay), housing fee ($100 if applicable), USFQ admissions fee ($275), some meals (est. $800), books, visa ($450), and spending money. Students signing up for the Galapagos program will pay a comprehensive program fee ($12,089/$14,167) for the track of their choice. The track fee includes, on-site orientation (w/ lunch), Quito city tour, academic excursions on mainland and Galapagos Islands, housing, most meals, and round trip airfare between Quito-Galapagos. The track fee does not include: FAU tuition, FAU Application fee ($200 semester/$250 year), and CISI insurance ($44 per month).

Deadlines for Applying:
Fall Semester – June 1 and Spring Semester – October 25

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