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Number of Students:

8500+ undergraduates, 1700 students in continuing education and distance education programs, 400 graduate students

Strengths:

Engineering, Liberal Arts (Literature, Anthropology, etc.), Ecology, Environmental Science, Spanish Language, International Relations, Art, Business, Culinary arts, Law.

Admissions Deadlines:

April 15th for Fall Semester
October 25th for Spring Semester
April 30th for Summer Session
(No tuition waiver for Summer Session unless specified in the exchange agreement)

Admission requirements:

Minimum Sophomore standing; 2.5 GPA for the Cumbayá campus and 2.8 for the Galápagos campus; recommended minimum of 4 semesters of College-level Spanish. There is no Spanish language requirement for the Galápagos semester program.

Courses:

<https://evaluaciones.usfq.edu.ec/banner/ssb/cursos2017.php?perfil=69856454f9402120c9430e12167c3499>

Accomodations:

Homestays with Ecuadorian host families in Quito (approximately 45 minutes from campus in public transportation), including breakfast and dinner, laundry service, a private room in the home and the experience of being another member of the family. Students who receive approval from their home institution to rent an apartment are responsible for making their own arrangements. Families are responsible for picking up the students at the airport

Homestay Costs:

For students placed by the Office of International Programs: \$23/day. There is also a \$100 family placement fee payable once, whether the student comes for a semester or full year. Costs vary for students placed through resident directors.

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| Administrative Fee: | \$275 This fee is charged to the Cumbaya Exchange students, which primarily includes SIM card and migratory legal services |
| Personal Expenses: | \$1,500-\$2,000 per semester including in-country travel, or approximately \$250 per month, including approximately \$300 for lunches (not included in the homestay) and \$150 for transportation to and from USFQ, not including touristic travel. If planning to travel to Galapagos, bring an additional \$1,000. |
| Books and Study Materials: | Approximately \$300 per semester. |
| Medical Insurance: | Students should apply for an international medical insurance plan that will cover them while they are in Ecuador. In case medical attention is necessary, students will pay out of pocket and submit receipts to their insurance company to be reimbursed. Expect to pay 25/ 35 USD at the university clinic SIME. |
| Student Services: | <p>The Office of International Programs offers an orientation program at the beginning of each semester. We highly recommend that all international students attend. All students need to take an online Spanish placement exam before registering for classes. It will help them to select courses. USFQ offers a variety of sports classes, including fencing, soccer, volleyball, tennis, aerobics, basketball, tai chi, and track and field. In addition there are more than 30 student led clubs such as Latin American salsa club, tango club, yoga club, poker club.</p> <p>USFQ Dean of Student offices is open in case students needs further assistance. Additionally, the Dean's office has a program called Universidades that works towards diversity and inclusion.</p> |
| Medical check ups: | There is a medical clinic with highly qualified physicians on campus. Visits to the on-call doctors cost \$25-30 USD students pay for laboratory tests, materials, and appointments with specialists. USFQ can arrange volunteer experiences for no credit and Counseling and/or more informal support for students wanting to talk through personal issues. |

Summer Programs:

Summer Session on Cumbayá Campus: Students must have an intermediate to advanced level of Spanish to participate. Intermediate students may take the courses announced on the "Summer Session for International Students" link on our web site, www.usfq.edu.ec. Advanced students may take courses from any field as long as they have the Spanish proficiency and prerequisites. The program includes three 3-credit courses and three trips around Ecuador. Students can also participate on the Governemet Summer Internship Program
http://www.usfq.edu.ec/programas_internacionales/Paginas/summer_internship_program.aspx, or the LOERI Program <http://www.usfq.edu.ec/opi/international-students/Paginas/loeri-program.aspx> too.

Special Full-Semester Program at USFQ extension in San Cristobal, Galapagos:

"Evolution, Ecology & Conservation in the Galapagos" (for students of the biological sciences): 5 intensive modular courses: Tropical Ecology, Quantitative Field Ecology, Origin of Species, Native and Introduced Plants of the Galapagos, and Geographical Info System. There is no Spanish requirement, as all courses are taught in English.

"People, Politics, and the Environment" (for students of the social sciences): 5 intensive modular courses: Wildlife Conservation Management, Political Ecology, Health and the Environment, Communities and Natural Resource Management, and Human Ecology and Maritime Communities. All courses are taught in English. An intermediate level of Spanish is highly recommended for this program, but is not required.

"Marine Ecology Track" (for students of the marine sciences): 5 intensive modular courses. Teqniques of Marine Reasearch 1, Marine Life, Marine Ecology, Marine Ecosystem Based Management and Tecniques of Marine Research 2 (Only for divers). Marine students have the option of diving in the academic excursions. If they choose to dive they must have the open water certificate and DAN Insurance

USFQ Campus:

Our Cumbayá campus is nestled in the quiet valley of Cumbayá, aproximately 30 minutes by bus from Quito, Ecuador's capital city. At 2,800 meters (9,200 ft.) above sea level and just 21 kilometers (13 miles) south of the equator, Quito enjoys year-round spring-like weather. Its proximity to famous indigenous market towns, 17th century haciendas, volcanoes, national parks, and a diversity of rich ecological zones makes the city an ideal location for students, visitors and residents alike.

Visa Information:

USFQ provides the necessary information and documents to get the Temporary Resident Visa por stduents for more information: <http://www.usfq.edu.ec/opi/international-students/Paginas/before-you-travel-to-ecuador.aspx#demoTab3>

Application Link:

<https://evaluaciones.usfq.edu.ec/opi/login/index.php>

Academic Calendar:

<https://www.usfq.edu.ec/calendario/galapagos/Paginas/default.aspx>