HOUSING
Description
• Ecuadorian Homestay Family (close to the university).
• University residence (female students only).
• Some independent housing available (only within district of Samborondón).
Cost
• Family: $550 per month including 3 meals, private room, laundry, cultural and language immersion, Ecuadorian hospitality.
• Residence: $550–400 per month, plus food, laundry, etc.
• Independent: $300 or more per month, plus utilities, food, laundry, etc.

ACADEMIC
Departments/faculties available to incoming students
• Courses in English freely available to all students with sufficient language ability.
• Classes of Spanish language instruction available to all.
• Classes in other faculties via Spanish language dependent on demonstrated ability by way of written and oral exam.
University academic strengths
• English language instruction (certain courses only); Business, Communications, Liberal Arts, Medicine.
Are incoming students able to enroll in both UG and PG units and only UG?
• Only UG.
Minimum course requirements for full-time load
• 2 courses per bimester
• 4 per semester (maximum 5 per semester).
Are internships available for visiting students? If so, is knowledge of language other than English required?
• Yes. Spanish required, level dependent on placement.
Class Timetable
• From 15:30 to 22:00

WEBSITE LINKS
CLASSES ONLINE
http://www.ues.edu.ec/servicios/syllabus/syllabus.php
APPLICATION FORMS
http://www.ues.edu.ec/internacional/application.php

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APPLICATION DEADLINES 2011
Spring / November 1st
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ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS
3.0 GPA (US) or equivalent
ORIENTATION PROGRAM & CULTURAL LEARNING

Orientation Program Details
- 6-day Tour beginning in Quito through the Andes and to the coastal city of Guayaquil, experiencing the landscape, indigenous cultures and biodiversity of Ecuador. Highlights include: Tour of Quito’s Historic Center (UNESCO World Heritage Site); visit Equator; Otavalo Crafts Market; demonstration of shamanism; Cuicocha Crater Lake; travel the Avenue of the Volcanoes; hike in Chimborazo National Park; visit to Guano.

Status of Orientation Program
- Obligatory.

Cost of Orientation Program
- $375.00 to include 6 days’ travel, excursions, private transport, 5 nights’ accommodation, breakfast each travel day, welcome dinner, museum entrance fees, airport transfer, bilingual guides, presence of CEI staff member.

Ongoing Orientation
- Weekly Meeting/Cultural Seminar obligatory for all international students. Provides a space for students to discuss cultural adjustment while learning about Ecuadorian and Latin American Culture through a series of guest lectures. Topics include: history, ecology, emigration, poverty, the political situation; oil tourism.

Optional Cultural Activities
- Optional Cultural Activities organized during the Semester include Ecuadorian Cooking; Salsa Dance; Capoeira; Language Exchanges with local students.

Optional Field Trips
Weekend trip to the city of Cuenca (UNESCO World Heritage Site), Cajas National Park and Ingapirca Inca Ruins.
- Coastal Weekend Trip: Includes hike, cultural activity, artisan craft workshops.
- Day Trips: Visit mangrove swamps and see dolphins; hike to see howler monkeys and waterfalls; trip to rural village.

SERVICE LEARNING / VOLUNTEERING & PROFESSIONAL PLACEMENTS

Service Learning Opportunities
- Various. Include: work with undernourished children, street children, or sufferers of Hansen’s Disease; in a community school, municipal hospital, public health clinic, environmental foundation, zoological reserve.

Basic Requirements
- Intermediate level Spanish (some exceptions); some relevant skills or knowledge preferred. Other specific requirements dependent on placement.

Volunteer Project
- House-building with local NGO; work projects at foundations. Students are encouraged to raise funds in advance of coming to Ecuador to donate toward this project (US$100-150 suggested). For more information see:
  
  http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D3me9zPTSQE

Professional Placements
- Various. With sufficient notice, most careers can be catered for.

Basic Requirements
- Intermediate Spanish (some exceptions); relevant skills or knowledge.

Internship Timetable
- Mornings
Average cost of living per semester (e.g., room, food, entertainment, books etc)

- $4,000 - 4,500 (not including independent travel).
- For travel within Ecuador, estimate an additional $1,000; for travel to Galapagos Islands estimate an additional $2,000.

Websites for further local information about the city/town university area

- [http://www.ecuador.travel/](http://www.ecuador.travel/)

Distance from the nearest major city

- 5 km from downtown Guayaquil.

Student population

- Overall: 4,000
- International: 150+ per annum

Insurance

- Students are required to provide proof of sufficient travel insurance during Application.

What services will be provided for incoming students upon arrival?

(Airport pick up, etc.)

- Program begins in Quito on date specified. All students met at airport and transported to hotel to begin Orientation Tour.

Other Included Services

- University bus provides pick-up and drop off throughout the day free of charge.
- On-site doctor provides basic medical attention free of charge.
- Full use of university gymnasium, sports courts and swimming pool.
- 24-Hour support.

The program for international students offered by UEEE brings together a variety of Ecuador's natural and cultural beauty, including the Andes, the Amazon, and Galapagos Islands. Students are offered an opportunity to volunteer with local organizations and participate in language immersion activities.

- Manuel Carvajal
  (University of Scranton, USA)

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