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OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL AND INTERINSTITUTIONAL RELATIONS

INTERNATIONAL AND INTERCULTURAL PROGRAMS

GENERAL INFORMATION

Name of the institution

International University of Ecuador

Campus

- Quito
- Guayaquil
- Loja

Main Campus

- Quito

Modalities

- On campus
- Online

- More than 10 000 students in total
- More than 100 academic programs
- International Research Center in the Galapagos Islands
- Member of the Network of Universities Powered by Arizona State University (ASU) and the International Sustainable Campus Network (ISCN)
- Campus Pet-friendly

UIDE, affiliated with Arizona State University (ASU), is an accredited private university, located in Quito, the capital of Ecuador. Student learning is reinforced by classes of maximum 25 students and personalized interaction with teachers and classmates. The University actively promotes sustainability; and its Quito campus offers one of the largest areas of green spaces in the metropolitan area.

Students can participate in sports such as horseback riding, BMX and mountain biking, golf, among others.

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ACADEMIC INFORMATION

- Spring Semester: March – July
- Fall Semester: September – January
- Language of instruction: Spanish and English

CLASSES IN ENGLISH

- UIDE offers classes in English for its Ecuadorian and foreign students. The classes available in English may change from one semester to another, depending on the offer of the careers.

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS OPEN TO FOREIGN STUDENTS*

- Business Administration
- Architecture
- Communication
- Law
- Graphic Design
- Nursing
- Finance and Digital Businesses
- Physiotherapy
- Gastronomy
- Business Intelligence Management
- Automotive Engineering
- Civil Engineering
- Agroindustrial Engineering
- Information Systems Engineering
- Industrial Engineering
- Mechatronics Engineering
- Marketing
- Veterinary Medicine
- International Business
- Nutrition and Dietetics
- Dentistry
- Psychology
- International Relations

* International students can take courses in different majors or disciplines.





INFORMATION APPLICABLE TO THE EXCHANGE

Nomination

- Before applying, students interested in doing an exchange should contact their International Relations Office, who sends an email to UIDE nominating the student for the exchange.

Nomination Period:

- Spring Semester: September - October
- Fall Semester: March - April

Application

- Once the nomination has been accepted, the student can complete their application to the exchange at UIDE by submitting the required documentation.

Application deadline:

- Spring Semester: November 15
- Fall Semester: May 15

Admission requirements for foreign students

- Have completed two semesters at their home university
- Minimum average of 2.8/4 or 80/100
- English level: students taking courses in English must have a B2 level
- International health insurance

Visa

- The UIDE will provide the foreign student with the Letter of Acceptance, a letter that must be presented at immigration upon entry to request an extension of their stay for up to 180 days.
- According to the Regulations to the Human Mobility Law, those who enter Ecuador for academic purposes may obtain a single authorization to stay for up to 180 days by presenting the official invitation letter from the educational institution.
- To stay in Ecuador for more than 180 days, students must apply for a Temporary Residency – Student Visa.

[For more information on visa requirements](#) 

Documents required for application

- Passport copy
- Student's medical history
- Transcript
- English level certificate (when applicable)
- Exchange Application Form (including a list of courses you plan to take at UIDE)

International health insurance

- All exchange students must have valid international health insurance during their stay in Ecuador.

STUDENT LIFE

Lodging

- Exchange students can choose to stay with a host family at UIDE, Student Residences or find accommodation on their own.
- The exchange coordinator is in charge of placing the exchange student with a host family that has already been previously approved by the ORII.
- Staying with an Ecuadorian family is part of the cultural immersion experience and provides students with an opportunity to interact with locals and have a safe and comfortable space to live.

The stay with host families includes:

- Wifi
- Basic cleaning
- Laundry
- Breakfast and dinner

Cost: between \$500 and \$600 per month.

UIDE Residences*

- Facilities equipped with Wi-Fi, 24/7 security, shared kitchen and bathrooms.

**The residences are located 45 minutes from the city center.*

[Guide to Residences](#) 

Meet and greet at the airport

- Upon arrival, students who have chosen to stay in the UIDE residences or with a host family will be greeted either by a representative of the university or by a member of the host family.

Buddy Program

- The UIDE Buddies program helps international students adapt to a new culture and integrate into the university community. This peer support program pairs exchange students with regular students of the institution, who will guide them in university life and be their support during their exchange.



International Student Club

- The International Student Club connects regular UIDE students with international students interested in cultural and linguistic exchange. Together with the School of Languages, activities are coordinated in the school and in the city, including classmates from other schools.

Sports*

- Basketball
- BMX
- Chess
- Dance
- Golf
- Volleyball
- Gym and Equipment
- Horse Riding
- Football

**International students can join sports and club classes at no extra cost (except for Horse Riding).*

FACILITIES AND SERVICES OF THE QUITO CAMPUS

- 36 hectares of green areas
- Free private transportation from Quito to the campus and vice versa
- Cafeteria, snack bar, food trucks, coffee
- Library

TUITION COSTS

- No tuition or additional costs are charged to exchange students who come from a university with which UIDE has a bilateral agreement. For students from non-affiliated universities, tuition costs will vary depending on the length of their exchange and the specific classes they decide to take.

ESTIMATED BUDGET

Rent: \$300 - \$400 per month in a shared apartment.

Meals: \$300 - \$400 per month (if not staying with a Host Family).

Average daily expenses in Quito:

- 500ml Water Bottle: \$0.50
- Lunch at the UIDE cafeteria: \$4.00 (includes soup, main course, dessert and juice)
- City bus: \$ 0.35
- Subway: \$0.45
- Taxi ride during the day within the city: minimum \$1.50 depending on destination, average \$5
- Dinner at a restaurant: \$20 - \$30

