



## Office for International Programs and Intercultural Education



## General Information

### **University Name**

Universidad Internacional del Ecuador

### **Campus locations**

Quito, Guayaquil, Loja, Galapagos

### **Main campus**

Quito

7000+ total students

25+ Graduate and undergraduate programs in several areas

Member of International Sustainable Campus Network (ISCN)

UIDE powered by Arizona State University is a government-accredited, **private university** located in Quito, Ecuador's capital city. Student learning is enhanced by small classes and personalized interaction with professors and peers. UIDE actively promotes sustainability and the Quito campus offers one of the largest areas of green space in the metropolitan area. Students are invited to participate in sports like horseback riding, BMX and mountain biking, golf and paintball.

# Contact Information



## Office in charge of student exchange

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# Academic Information

## Academic Calender:

**Spring Semester:** March-June

**Fall Semester:** September-December

**Language of instruction:** Spanish and English

## Undergraduate degree programs open to exchange students

- Architecture
- Automotive Engineering
- Business administration
- International Relations
- Gastronomy
- Hospitality Management
- International business
- Law
- Marketing
- Mechatronics
- Nutrition
- Odontology
- Communication and Public Relations
- Psychology
- Risk and Emergency Management
- Tourism and Environmental Sciences
- Industrial Engineering

\* **International students can take courses across disciplines**

## Intensive Spanish Course

UIDE offers a free intensive Spanish course **before the semester begins** so exchange students have a chance to improve their language skills before taking their first class.

## Classes in English

For exchange students who do not speak Spanish, classes in English are **available** for both Ecuadorian and exchange students. Classes in English vary from one semester to the next according to course demand. You can see our academic offer [here](#)



# Exchange Application Information

## Nomination

Before applying, students interested in doing an exchange at UIDE should **contact their international office**. The exchange coordinator then sends an email to UIDE nominating the student for an exchange.

### Nomination period:

**Spring Semester 2023:** September 5<sup>th</sup> – October 31<sup>st</sup> 2022

**Fall Semester 2023:** March 6<sup>th</sup> – April 15<sup>th</sup> 2023

## Application

Once the nomination is accepted by UIDE, the student completes the online application form and uploads the requested documents.

### Application deadline:

**Spring Semester 2023:** November 31<sup>st</sup> 2022

**Fall Semester 2023:** August 15<sup>th</sup> 2023



## Admissions requirements for exchange students

- Two semesters of university completed
- Minimum GPA of 2.8/4.0 or 80/100
- Spanish proficiency: minimum Level B1 is strongly recommended
- English proficiency is recommended for those students who take courses only in English
- International health insurance

## Application documents

- Approval form with the list of courses you plan to take at UIDE
- Learning Agreement approved by home university
- Accommodation Plan
- Medical Form
- University transcript
- Application form
- A copy of passport

## Health insurance requirements

All exchange students are required to have health insurance valid for the duration of their stay.

## Visa

To stay in Ecuador for more than 90 days, students need a visa. Semester/year exchange students need to apply for a **Temporary Residence - Student Visa**

More information about the requirements for the visa can be found here:

<https://www.gob.ec/mremh/tramites/concesion-visa-residencia-temporal-estudiante>



# International Student Life

## Airport pickup

Either a university representative or a student's host family will pick up the student at the airport on arrival in Ecuador.

## Accommodation

Exchange students can choose to live with an Ecuadorian host family or find housing on their own. The exchange coordinator is in charge of placing students with host families, which have been vetted by OPII.

Staying with Ecuadorian families is part of the cultural immersion experience and gives students the opportunity to interact with locals and have a safe and comfortable place to live.



**Host family stay includes:**

- ✔ Wifi
- ✔ Laundry
- ✔ Basic cleaning
- ✔ Breakfast and dinner

**Cost**  
\$500 per month

**On-campus housing:** facilities equipped with WiFi, 24/7 security, kitchen and shared bathrooms are available. For details, download our housing guide:

<https://www.uide.edu.ec/residencia-estudiantil/>

## UIDE Buddy Program

UIDE's Buddy Program helps international students adjust to a new culture and transition into the UIDE community. This peer-support program matches exchange students with current UIDE students who guide them through university life and act as a support system during their exchange.

## International Student Club

The International Student Club connects full-time UIDE students and current international students interested in culture and language exchange. They coordinate night outings and activities around campus and the city for club members.



## Sports

- ✔ Basketball
- ✔ BMX
- ✔ Fully-Equipped GYM
- ✔ Track Climbing
- ✔ Horseback Riding
- ✔ WallDance
- ✔ Paintball
- ✔ Golf
- ✔ SoccerTennis
- ✔ Volleyball

**\* International students can join sport classes and clubs without extra cost (except horse riding)**



## Campus Facilities

- 36-hectares (89 acres) of green space on Quito campus
- University transportation to and from Quito campus
- Cafeteria, snack bar, food truck, cafe
- Library

## Costs and Living Expenses

### Tuition fees

No academic costs are charged to exchange students from universities with a bilateral agreement. For students from unaffiliated universities, tuition fees vary depending on the length of the exchange and specific classes taken.

### Estimated budget

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

**Food:** \$300-\$400 per month (if not staying with a host family)

To have an idea of average everyday costs, we have made the following list:

- 500 ml bottle of water: \$0.50
- Lunch in the UIDE cafeteria: \$3.40 (includes soup, main dish, dessert, juice)
- National beer in a store: \$1.50
- Imported beer in a store: \$3.50
- City bus: \$0.25
- Daytime taxi ride within the city: less than \$5
- Pair of Levi's jeans: \$75-\$100 (imported items are expensive)
- Dinner in a nice restaurant: \$20-\$30