

OFFICE FOR INTERNATIONAL AND INTERINSTITUTIONAL RELATIONS

INTERNATIONAL AND INTERCULTURAL PROGRAMS

GENERAL INFORMATION

University Name

Universidad Internacional del Ecuador

Campus locations

- Quito (including Online Learning Department),
- Guayaquil
- Loja
- Galápagos

Main Campus

Quito

- 9000+ total students overall
- 41 careers
- 68 programs
- Member of the International Sustainable Campus Network
- Pet-friendly campus

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.

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ACADEMIC INFORMATION

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

UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES OPEN TO EXCHANGE STUDENTS

- Architecture
- Automotive Engineering
- Business administration
- International Relations
- Gastronomy
- International business
- Law
- Marketing
- Mechatronics
- Nutrition
- Odontology
- Communication and Public Relations
- Psychology
- Risk and Emergency Management
- Industrial Engineering
- Civil Engineering
- Nursery
- Physiotherapy
- Veterinary Medicine

**International students are allowed to take courses across disciplines.*

INTENSIVE SPANISH COURSES

- UIDE offers a free intensive Spanish course before the start of the semester, 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 foreign students. Classes in English vary from one semester to another according to de career needs.





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: September - October
- Fall Semester: March - April

Application

- Once the nomination is accepted by UIDE, the student completes the application by sending the requested documents.

Application deadline

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

Admissions requirements for exchange students

- Having two semesters of university completed.
- Minimum GPA of 2,8/4 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.

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>

Application documents

- A copy of passport
- UIDE Information Form
- Medical Form
- Accommodation Plan
- Academic Record (Transcript)
- Certificate of English and/or Spanish level
- Approval form with the list of courses you plan to take at UIDE

Health insurance requirements

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



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 ORII.

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
- Basic cleaning
- Laundry
- Breakfast and dinner

Cost: \$500 - \$ 600 per month

- On-campus housing: facilities equipped with WiFi, 24/7 security, kitchen and shared bathrooms are available.

** The housing is located 45 minutes away from the city center.*

For details, download our housing guide:

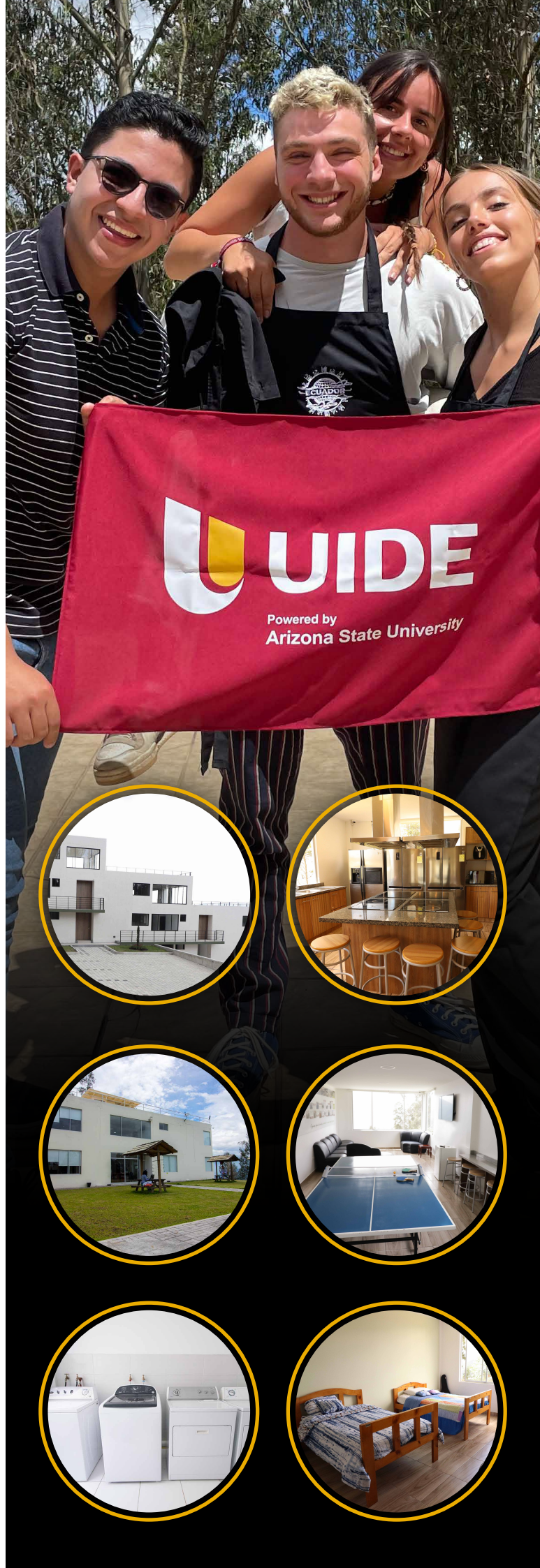
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UIDE's Buddy Program

- 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 national UIDE students who guide them through university life and act as supporting peer throughout their exchange.

International Student Club

- The International Student Club connects full-time UIDE students and current international students interested in culture and language exchange. Together with the Language Department they coordinate activities around the campus and the city, including the peers from the other locations.



Sports

- Basketball
- BMX
- Track Climbing
- WallDance
- Golf
- Volleyball
- Fully Equipped GYM
- Horseback Riding
- Paintball
- Soccer
- Tennis

**International students can join sports classes and clubs without extra cost (except Horseback riding)*

CAMPUS FACILITIES

- 36 hectares (89 acres) of green space on Quito Campus
- Free university transportation to and from Quito Campus
- Cafeteria, snack bar, food trucks, café
- Library

TUITION FEES

- No academic costs are charged to exchange students who come from a university with which UIDE has a bilateral agreement. For students of unaffiliated universities, tuition fees vary depending on the length of the exchange program and specific classes taken.

ESTIMATED BUDGET

Rent: \$300 - \$400 per month in shared apartment
Food: \$300 - \$400 per month (if not staying with a host family)

Average everyday costs in Quito:

- 500ml bottle of water: \$0.50
- Lunch in UIDE cafeteria: \$ 3.85 (includes soup, main dish, dessert, juice)
- City bus: \$ 0.35
- Daytime taxi ride within the city: minimum \$1.50 depending on the destination, average of \$5
- Dinner in a nice restaurant: \$20 - \$30

