



FACT SHEET

About USFQ:	<p>Founded in 1988, it is the first private university of Ecuador.</p> <p>USFQ is ranked #1 University in Ecuador and #57 in Latin America (2016 QS University Rankings).</p> <p>USFQ currently has 8500 students.</p> <p>50% of professors have a PhD.</p> <p>There are more than 100 Bilateral Exchange Partnerships at USFQ.</p> <p>1000 International students attend USFQ every year.</p> <p>USFQ's main scientific stations include "GAIAS" in the Galapagos Islands and the "Tiputini Biodiversity Station" in the Amazon Rainforest.</p>
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Strengths:	Liberal Arts (Literature, Anthropology, etc.), Ecology, Environmental Science, Spanish Language, International Relations, Art, Business, Culinary arts, Law.
Credit Load:	Exchange students must take at least 16 credits. The maximum number of credits is usually 27, but students may request extensions up to 28 credits. Please note that USFQ's special programs have separate requirements. Students can check courses available here: https://evaluaciones.usfq.edu.ec/banner/ssb/cursos.htm
Admissions Deadlines:	Fall Semester: June 1st Spring Semester: October 25 Summer Session: May 1st
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 or three semesters and a mandatory two weeks intensive Spanish class before starting the semester, this is only for Fall semester. There is no Spanish language requirement for the Galápagos semester program, but optional 3 credit Spanish course in the Galápagos.
Academic Calendar:	http://www.usfq.edu.ec/programas_internacionales/exchange_students/Documents/2017/cumbaya_academic_calendar_2017-2018.pdf
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

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:	All students are required to have international insurance with a minimum of \$50,000 coverage and air ambulance.
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.
Campus Activities:	USFQ offers a number of student clubs in a variety of interest areas including theatre, tango, salsa, chess, ecology, and cycling, to name a few. If students cannot find what interests them, they can always start a new club!
Service Learning:	Students can participate in service-learning through the course “Aprendizaje – Servicio.” In this class students are required to be part of a charitable foundation helping the community.
Ecuabuddies Program:	Every international student at USFQ has the option of becoming involved in the Ecuabuddies program. This opportunity allows international students to become connected to USFQ degree-seeking students to gain an introduction to USFQ, meet local friends, and share in Ecuadorian customs and social events.

Summer Programs:	<p>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.</p> <p>http://www.usfq.edu.ec/programas_internacionales/Paginas/summer_internship_program.aspx</p>
Galapagos Semester Program:	<p>"Evolution, Ecology & Conservation in the Galapagos" (for students of the biological sciences): 5 intensive modular courses: Tropical Ecology, Evolutionary Biology, Phylogenetics and Molecular Evolution and Native and Introduced Plants of the Galapagos. Students have the option of enrolling in 15 credits (5 courses) or 12 credits (4 courses) and participating in community service or conservation work.</p> <p>"Marine Ecology": 5 intensive modular courses: Techniques Marine Research I, Techniques of Marine Research II, Marine Life, Marine Ecology, Marine Ecosystems Based Management. Prerequisites: At least one course in General Biology and Ecology. There is no Spanish requirement, as all courses are taught in English. "People, Politics, and the Environment" (for students of the social sciences): intensive modular courses (12 credits): Wildlife Conservation Management, Strategic Planning for Natural Resource Planning, Political 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. For information on GAIAS programs, contact Edith Bermeo, ebermeom@usfq.edu.ec</p>
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