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Learn the Culture*

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EIS – QUITO, ECUADOR

ABOUT THE SCHOOL AND THE CITY

EIS was founded in 1956. More than 1,800 students from 20 countries study at EIS's four schools in Spain (Madrid, Salamanca, Alicante and El Puerto de Santa María), and since 1995, EIS has offered Spanish Courses in Cuenca, Ecuador. These courses are taught with the same quality and individualized attention which distinguish EIS in Spain. The school in Ecuador aims to be one of the best Schools in South America.

The main characteristics of the EIS school in Ecuador are:

- * Individual attention in small group and one-on-one settings.
- * Quality teaching in a friendly environment.
- * Qualified teachers and up-to-date materials.

All the teachers at EIS are college degree or college diploma holders. They make up a coordinated and enthusiastic team and many of our teachers have been with the School for many years. The director or coordinator organizes the groups and supervises each student's progress.

EIS chose to set up a new Sampere School in **Cuenca** for several reasons, the most important being the kindness and hospitality of the 250,000 inhabitants. Furthermore, Cuenca has successfully preserved its colonial past from its cobbled streets, churches, prehispanic ruins, museums and craft shops to its colourful Indian markets. This cultural heritage is found side by side with modern office buildings, art galleries and two Universities, all in a world brimming with colours and contrasts. Cuenca is located in an Andean valley at an altitude of 2,200 metres, and the climate is spring like, with average temperatures ranging between 14° and 24° C.

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

There are two programs from which to choose. Both are offered Monday through Friday and teachers are rotated weekly.

Intensive Course

Group 30 hours per week. The program includes 25 Spanish lessons per week combined with 5 Culture lessons per week in a small group setting. The duration of each lesson is 45 minutes. There is a maximum of 5 students per group and all books and materials required for the course are included in the cost. 5 levels are offered: elementary, intermediate I, intermediate II, advanced I, and advanced II. There are NO beginner courses. Visits to the museums and monuments of Cuenca, participation in school activities such as films, parties, meetings and full-day excursions 3 Saturdays/month are all available to interested students.

Total Immersion Course

Tutor 20 hours/week. The program includes 20 Spanish lessons per week in a one-on-one setting. The duration of each lesson is 45 minutes. Additionally, students in this program can participate in the 5 culture lessons per week with the group. All books and materials required for the course are included in the cost and all levels, beginner to advanced II, and all types of students, teachers, specialists, technicians, etc., are accepted. Visits to the museums and monuments of Cuenca, participation in school activities such as films, parties, meetings and full-day excursions 3 Saturdays/month are all available to interested students.

Volunteer Opportunities

EIS Cuenca has volunteer opportunities for interested students. An Intermediate level Spanish and a minimum 4 week Spanish course is required before volunteer program begins. EIS gives a special introduction course of local culture and coordinates the volunteer program for each student at the volunteer site. Resume is required. These are unpaid positions.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Homestays

Living with an Ecuadorian family allows the student to integrate him or herself into local everyday life and practice their Spanish in different situations. EIS has chosen upper-middle class families which will welcome the student as if he or she were another member of the family. The student will have a single room, at times with a private bathroom, and will eat the three main meals of the day with the family.

Hotels are available on request and at additional cost.

OF SPECIAL INTEREST

All activities organized by EIS, such as visits to Indian markets, monuments, charming craft villages and natural parks, aim to help the student mix with the charming and hospitable local people and appreciate their fantastic natural treasures.

EIS organizes 1 day excursion to some places near Cuenca such as El Cajas, Ingapirca, Gualaceo, El Chorro de Giron, Chordeleg, etc. These excursions are at additional cost.

TO REGISTER:

Complete the NRCSA Preregistration Form or contact the National Registration Center for Study Abroad at P.O. Box 1393, Milwaukee, WI 53201 USA, or by calling (414) 278-0631; by Fax (414) 271-8884.

Check out our website at <http://www.nrcsa.com> or
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Program & Admission Information - Cuenca, Ecuador

The Programs

Intensive Course Group 25 hours/week. The program includes 20 Spanish lessons per week combined with 5 Culture lessons per week in a small group setting. The duration of each lesson is 45 minutes. There is a maximum of 5 students per group and all books and materials required for the course are included in the cost.

5 levels are offered: elementary, intermediate I, intermediate II, advanced I, and advanced II. There are NO beginners accepted in the Intensive course.

Visits to the museums and monuments of Cuenca, participation in school activities such as films, parties, meetings and full-day excursions three Saturdays per month are all available to interested students.

Total Immersion Course Tutor 20 or 30 hours/week. The program includes 20 or 30 Spanish lessons per week in a one-on-one setting. The duration of each lesson is 45 minutes. Additionally, students in this program can participate in the 5 culture lessons per week with the group.

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Positions available include:

- Medical Hands-On in Obstetrics, Surgery, Neonatal and Anesthesiology. Resident Physicians, Physicians, Nurses and Social Workers Only. No Students Accepted. (Minimum 4 - 8 weeks Commitment and Includes some Night and Weekend Shifts)
- Activity & Recreational Programs for Children and Adolescents in Cuenca and Several Provinces. (Minimum 6 - 12 weeks Commitment)
- Teaching English & Mathematics to Children and Adolescents (Minimum 4 - 12 weeks Commitment)
- Dentistry. No Students Accepted. (Minimum 6 - 12 weeks Commitment)
- Art Museum Work. Knowledge of Latino American Art History and Fluency in English, German or French. (Minimum 2 - 4 weeks Commitment)

Admissions & Academic Credit

Students age 17 years and older are welcomed regardless of educational background, occupation or nationality. Students under the age of 17 must be accompanied by an adult unless enrolled in the Teen Program. No previous knowledge of Spanish is required except where otherwise indicated.

Students desiring credit for their study should contact their home school or request the NRCSA Credit Fact Sheet. Generally, U.S. schools consider 15 hours of study to be equal to 1 semester credit.

For more information about academic credit in Spanish speaking countries, [please click here](#).
For general information on academic credit, [please click here](#).

Certificates

All students receive a school Certificate after successful completion of their course.



Programs
Intensive Course
Total Immersion
Course
Volunteer
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Certificates

Activities
Activities & Excursions

Comments

"The enthusiastic attitude of our students and their increase in language proficiency clearly reflect the positive teaching atmosphere and individualized attention that characterize the Estudio Internacional Sempere."
Professor, Phenix, AZ.

"AWESOME! I was so welcomed - made to feel so 'a part of' everything, it wasn't as though I was a visitor, but rather as though I belonged there- as part of their hearts. I want to teach ESL, so my experience at the Estudio Internacional Sempere (Cuenca, Ecuador) gave me the perfect opportunity to get a view of what learning abroad might be like for my future students and also to view different teaching styles in action! Thank you beyond words!"
University Student, Bellingham, WA

"It's so hard to say what I enjoyed the most because I really enjoyed everything!! The school itself was absolutely amazing, I feel like I learned as much Spanish in two weeks in Ecuador as I did in 4 months here in the USA!! The teachers and staff were wonderful and I really enjoyed my time with my host family. The town of Cuenca is beautiful and I think anyone who wants to study Spanish should go there!! I wish that I would have had the chance to stay longer!!"
University Student, Bellingham, WA

"US students may contact NRCSA ... it has been a clearing center for study outside the US for years."
Christian Science Monitor

ALL NRCSA PROGRAMS INCLUDE:

- ✓ Foreign language immersion classes
- ✓ Small interactive group and/or one-on-one instruction
- ✓ Culture program integrated into conversation classes, activities
- ✓ Meet-the-People interaction at school, homestays, & community events
- ✓ Orientation covering attractions, how to, health, safety, entertainment
- ✓ Academic assessments, placement-exit tests, Achievement Certificate
- ✓ Lodging (reduced fee if no lodging needed)
- ✓ Meals and/or cooking facilities at most centres
- ✓ Insurance: medical and accident - see below
- ✓ Emergency Hotline staffed 24 hours/day - see below
- ✓ Housing Coordinator familiar with area homestays, apartments, hotels
- ✓ Activity Coordinator facilitates transfers, cultural/social activities, tours
- ✓ Program Director experienced working with foreign participants
- ✓ Qualified, experienced, and certified educators
- ✓ Weekly proficiency goals and progress assessments
- ✓ Planning and Orientation materials
- ✓ International Ambiance, participants from around-the-world welcome
- ✓ Telecom assistance, web/e-mail access, usually on-site
- ✓ Local taxes for included services
- ✓ 24:7 Culture Immersion w/ native speakers: class, homestay, community
- ✓ **ALL NRCSA PROGRAMS INCLUDE the following INSURANCE***

ACCIDENT INSURANCE up to \$10,000 SICKNESS INSURANCE up to \$10,000

EMERGENCY MEDICAL EVACUATION up to \$25,000

EMERGENCY REUNION up to \$5,000

REPATRIATION up to \$7,500

LIFE INSURANCE \$5,000

plus

24 HOUR EMERGENCY WORLDWIDE MULTI-LINGUAL TELEPHONE ASSISTANCE

MANY ALSO OFFER

- ✓ **Tours:** cultural visits, day and weekend fieldtrips
- ✓ **Art:** classes/workshops, craft, dance, theater, fashion, music, photo
- ✓ **Humanities:** culture, area studies, hist, lit, gov't, educ, comm, plus...
- ✓ **Health:** golf, swimming, tennis, diving, skiing, riding, plus...
- ✓ **Special:** vocabulary classes tailored to your professional needs
- ✓ **Lodging:** homestay, apartment, dorm, hotel, special diet
- ✓ **Food:** home cooking, cooking classes, dine-around, wine tasting
- ✓ **Family:** services, daycare, child classes, community services
- ✓ **Teacher:** training, workshops, practicums, practice teaching, ECH
- ✓ **Teen:** camps and youth programs (including experiential)
- ✓ **University:** credit, undergraduate and graduate
- ✓ **Professional:** development credit in many fields, licensure, CEU
- ✓ **Volunteer:** medical, social service, ecology, teach plus...
- ✓ **Internships:** business, media, arts, eco, tourism, computer, plus...
- ✓ **Business:** classes, visits, networking, executive support services
- ✓ **Peer-to-Peer:** share interests, network by profession or hobby
- ✓ **Current Events & Professional Workshops, Holiday Courses**
- ✓ **Distance** educ liaison service, independent studies, research assist
- ✓ **Free** books and course materials. Return at end of studies
- ✓ **Free** airport transfers and internet access
- ✓ **Assessment** reports for attendance, progress, acculturation if needed
- ✓ **Medical:** professional training, law, social work, sciences etc.

** If you have a problem while studying abroad, call the 24 hour hotline! Call Any Time from Anywhere! Medical or travel emergencies, legal or medical or embassy referrals, lost passport or luggage, emergency message relay, coordinating emergency prescription replacement or cash transfer, emergency translations, 24-hour medical monitoring. Problems seldom occur, but when they do, it is nice to know insurance and worldwide assistance are included in your cost for study dates prepaid through NRCSA as reflected on your NRCSA confirmation. Additional optional insurance available upon request. Refer to the certificate for specific terms, conditions and other details regarding benefits, limitations, eligibility and exclusions of this plan. Questions? Contact NRCSA: Tel: 414-278-0631 ... E-Mail: info@nrcca.com ... Web: <http://www.nrcca.com>*

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