### Location and Institution
ECUADOR: DEVELOPMENT, POLITICS AND LANGUAGES
SCHOOL FOR INTERNATIONAL TRAINING (SIT)

### Program and Language Requirements
- Minimum overall GPA of 3.0 (School of Management students must also maintain a 2.75 GPA within their major)
- Good academic and disciplinary standing
- Four semesters of college level Spanish is required
- Students are required to enroll in an intensive Spanish language course and 13 units of specific coursework listed below

* Consult academic dean for below minimum GPA approvals and major-specific requirements.

Check with study abroad advisor or program website for country and program specific requirements.

### Language of Instruction
Courses are taught in Spanish

### Application Deadline
Applying to study abroad for a semester is a two-step process. You should plan to apply at the beginning of the Fall semester of your Sophomore year.

1. Students must meet with a Study Abroad Advisor and complete a USF Study Abroad Pre-application for their program of choice and an alternate through the Center for Global Education’s website. Pre-Applications completed by the Dec 1st deadline will be reviewed and students will be notified of their program nomination by the 3rd week of January.

2. Accepted students can then apply for their nominated program. Students are responsible for submitting the host program’s application and required documentation by the program’s deadline. Please note that nominations by USF does not guarantee acceptance by the host program.

### Program Dates
Fall: August-December
Spring: January-May

### Program Layout
- Seminars/courses in Quito: 7 weeks
- Homestay in Los Chillos for 4 weeks and Quito for 3 weeks
- Educational excursions to both rural and urban areas throughout Ecuador
- Independent Study Project in Quito or in another approved location in Ecuador
  - Students are on their own with minimal supervision: 4 weeks
  - Final seminar where students present their project and participate in a reentry program: 3-4 days

### Course Subjects
Students enroll in a 16-unit course load which consists of the following 3 unit courses:
- Paradigms of Development and Political Discourse in Ecuador;
- Languages in Contact: Spanish, Quichua, and Other Languages in Ecuador;
- Research Methods and Ethics: Approaches to Political and Linguistic Analysis; Advanced Readings on Contemporary Ecuador or Beginning Quichua Language course; Independent Research Project (4 units)

*Courses subject to change

### Special Courses, Internships, and/or Scholarships

### Accommodation
- Students will be housed primarily in homestays, hostels, guest houses, or small hotels.
  - USF Program Fee: Includes room and board. Board includes all meals.

### Other Expenses Not Included in USF Tuition
- Airfare, passport, visa, books, local transportation, independent travel, and incidentals.
  - *Print the Budget Planning Worksheet to determine cost estimates

### Supplemental Health and Travel Assist Services
Enrollment in USF sponsored programs include automatic coverage through ACE/AXA ASSISTANCE USA, Inc. while abroad. Students are covered by SIT insurance as well.

### Visa Requirements
Students with U.S. passports will need a cultural exchange visa. Further information about visa application processes will be sent by e-mail from SIT admissions counselor (in May/June for fall, November/December for spring). Students apply once they have this information.

*CGE is not responsible for applying for and/or obtaining your student visa.

### Website
[www.sit.edu/ECR](http://www.sit.edu/ECR)