



Winter 2017 Study Abroad Program in Ecuador

Program Overview

This winter earn credits toward your degree, serving others and discovering the culture and language of Ecuador. This program is appropriate for many majors and minors in Spanish, but if you are only completing your language requirement you are encouraged to apply. You will spend your day taking language or content courses, getting to know your homestay family, and participating in a community service project at a local nonprofit or foundation. A few examples of service sites include a public children’s hospital, a home for the elderly and a foundation that supports developmentally disabled children. In the evenings and weekends you’ll explore the city of Quito and travel through Ecuador. Don’t worry, you’ll have time to relax too!

Students will focus on Spanish language immersion and acquisition through classes, service learning, living with homestay families and excursions.

Students will work towards earning 3 or 6 credits. This program is good for students completing their language, minor, and major requirements.

Dates: January 2, 2017 to January 20, 2017

Cost:

10 - 14 students: \$3246
15 or more students: \$3105

Included in cost of program: homestay accommodation, 3 meals a day and laundry, all academic instruction, all excursions (travel, accommodation and food), transport to and from airport. Also, West Chester University Fees.

Not included in the cost of the program: Airfare, passport, spending money, local transportation.

Learn More and Apply!

Center for International Programs: <http://www.wcupa.edu/international/>

The deadline to apply is October 20 2016.

Payment deadline: Nov. 7, 2016

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About Ecuador

Ecuador is a very ecologically diverse country in South America that is about the size of Nevada. Boasting four major geographic regions (the mountains, coast, amazon jungle and Galapagos islands) Ecuador is a wonderful country to explore culture, language, geography, politics and much more!

About ACLAS

ACLAS, the Andean Center for Latin American Studies, supports and facilitates educational programs in Ecuador. On this program your “home base” will be ACLAS. We will manage the logistics for your program as well as support through orientations, meeting space, Spanish lessons and any necessary emergency assistance. We cannot wait to welcome you to Ecuador!



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Calendar

Monday, January 2nd – **Arrival**

Tuesday, January 3rd - **Orientation**

Wednesday, January 4th - **Spanish classes and City Tour**

Thursday, January 5th - **4 hours Spanish classes and Service learning orientation**

Friday, January 6th - **4 hours Spanish classes and depart for Mitad del Mundo and Otavalo**

Saturday, January 7th - **Otavalo and return to Quito**

Sunday, January 8th - **Free day in Quito**

Monday, January 9th through Thursday, January 12th - **4 hours of Spanish each day and 6 hours of service learning per week**

Friday, January 13th - **depart for Baños**

Saturday, January 14th - **Baños**

Sunday, January 15th - **Return from Baños**

Monday, January 16th - Thursday, January 19th - **4 hours of Spanish each day and 6 hours of service learning per week**

Friday, January 20th - **Exams and *despedida* party**

Saturday, January 21st - **depart homestay families.** Students could stay through the weekend and travel or return to the U.S. on this day (or even very late on Friday night if they need to. There are often flights out at 11:55pm or just after midnight.)