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LATIN AMERICAN ACADEMY - QUITO, ECUADOR

ABOUT THE SCHOOL AND THE CITY

Latin American Academy is situated lovely residential area of Quito, known as "El Batán". One of the goals of Latin American Academy is to provide excellence in education with emphasis on grammar and vocabulary. Latin American Academy has published textbooks and guidebooks which are complemented by others from universities around the world. Latin American Academy professors have university degrees with experience in teaching Spanish to foreigners.

Latin American Academy is housed in a beautiful new mansion, surrounded by gardens in residential area. There is a free e-mail service at the school, no access to the internet, however, there are several reasonably priced internet cafes close to the school.

Quito, ancient capital of the northern realm of the Incan empire, Patrimonio de la Humanidad, lies at 2,800 meters above sea level in a high valley at the base of Mount Pichincha about 15 miles south of the equator. Its full and formal name is "San Francisco de Quito", reflecting both its Spanish and Incan origins. Slightly over a million people live in present-day Quito, but, somehow, Quito retains a small city atmosphere.

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The school's testing program allows placement of students in classes at their exact level. Programs include highly structured grammar lessons, interactive activities, conversation and written exercises. Specific homework assignments are given daily. Each lesson has a duration of 55 minutes.

Regular Program 20 hours per week. All classes will be in groups with a maximum 4 students per class, 4 hours per day.

Super Intensive Program 30 hours per week. Includes 5 days of classes per week, Monday through Friday, 4 hours in a group in the morning and 2 hours with a tutor in the afternoon.

Business Program Group 20 hours per week. Intermediate to Advanced level Spanish is required. The Business Spanish course combines aspects of the language and customs of Latin American business, commerce and legal system. The course is in groups with a maximum 4 students per class.

Culture Program Group 20 hours per week. Intermediate to Advanced level Spanish is required. The Culture Program is designed for the student interested in social customs, history, anthropology, indigenous peoples, and Inca civilization etc. Literature and philosophy can also be incorporated. The course is in groups with a maximum 4 students per class.

Volunteer & Internship Program 2 weeks preparatory classes of 20 classes, followed by a minimum of 4 weeks work. This first month includes a combination of classes and work. After that,

students may extend their program with work only. Participants must have a University degree and submit an introduction letter and resume with the Registration Form.

SierrAzul Academic Adventure Latin American Academy's SierrAzul academic program is conducted on the eastern doorstep of Antisana reserve in the most unspoiled tracts of cloud forest in the country. The school provides its Regular Program in group classes. Lectures, activities, trekking, fishing, and tubing are a sampling of this unique program. Accommodation is provided in a log cabin style lodge with double rooms and all meals provided.

Summer Teen Program: Ages: 14 - 18 Group 20 lessons per week + Activities. Teens spend two or four weeks in Quito and the surrounding area. The program includes 20 Spanish lessons of 55 minutes each per week in small groups with a maximum of 6 students per class; Accommodation with a host family in a single or shared room, 2 meals daily (breakfast and dinner), Mon through Fri, 3 meals daily on Sat and Sun, and laundry once per week; Catered lunch at the school, Mon through Fri; Placement test and orientation; Daily afternoon cultural activities Mon through Fri; Evening activities 1-2 times per week; For 4 Week Programs: Otavalo City Tour & Indigenous Market (available at additional cost for 2 week programs); Arrival and departure transfers.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Homestays The student's host family provide breakfast and dinner, and do laundry. Some families have more than one bedroom for couples and parents with children. All students have a private bath. Most families live within walking distance.

OF SPECIAL INTEREST

As part of the program, students will have the opportunity to learn about the country, its history, and the people. In addition to lectures, Latin American Academy offers trips to places of interest such as museums, and a night at the folkloric ballet.

TO REGISTER:

Complete the NRCSA Preregistration Form or contact the National Registration Center for Study Abroad at 207 E Buffalo Street, Suite 610 * 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.nrcea.com> or e-mail us at study@nrcea.com

Program & Admission Information - Quito, Ecuador

Programs

One of the important features of the overall Spanish learning experience is that students with little or no Spanish may enroll and study for as long as time permits. Placement tests and weekly evaluations are given to determine each student's exact level, and to ensure that each student is continually challenged, but not frustrated by being slightly ahead or slightly behind their classmates.

The number of participants in each class is never over four, and is frequently smaller. Students move in and out of classes on a weekly basis depending on their ability and their motivation for outside study.



Teachers are all native speakers of Spanish, who have received extensive training in the teaching languages to adult students. Classes are often held in lounges or outside in the garden. Indoors or outdoors is up to an individual's preference. Students will switch teachers weekly and will have classes scheduled in either the morning or afternoon.

Regular Program

20 lessons per week. All classes are in groups with a maximum 4 students per class and 4 lessons per day (Monday through Friday). Students have highly structured grammar lessons, interactive activities, conversation and written exercises. Specific homework assignments are given daily and every student is evaluated and tested on a weekly basis. Each lesson has a duration of 55 minutes.

Super Intensive Program

30 lessons per week. Includes 5 days of classes per week (Monday through Friday) and consists of 4 lessons in small groups in the morning (maximum of 4 students per class), and 2 lessons in a one-to-one format in the afternoon. Students will have highly structured grammar lessons, interactive activities, conversation and written exercises. Specific homework assignments are given daily and every student is evaluated and tested on a weekly basis. Each lesson has a duration of 55 minutes.

Business Program Group 20 lessons per week.

Intermediate to Advanced level Spanish is required.

The Business Spanish course combines aspects of the language and customs of Latin American business, commerce and legal system. The course is in groups with a maximum 4 students per class. Highly structured grammar lessons, interactive activities, conversation and written exercises are all included in the language study. Specific homework assignments are given daily and every student is evaluated and tested on a weekly basis. Each lesson has a duration of 55 minutes.

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Volunteer Program

6 weeks minimum: 2 weeks of Regular Program OR Super Intensive Program + 1 month internship or volunteer program with Spanish classes.

[For more information](#)

SierrAzul Academic Adventure

Adventure Academic program is conducted on the eastern doorstep of Antisana reserve.

[For more information](#)

Programs

Regular Program
Super Intensive
Business Program
Culture Program
Volunteer Program
SierrAzul Academic
Adventure
Summer Teen Program:
Medical Spanish &
Volunteer
Activa Program

Admissions &
Academic Credit
Certificates

Activities

Excursions, Cultural &
Social Activities

Comments

"The school was wonderful! The family was perfect! Ecuador was marvelous!"

Elementary School Secretary,
Eugene, Or.

"The Internship program offered by the School (Quito, Ecuador) really taught me about Ecuador. I worked in a bank every morning and attended classes in the afternoon. This whole experience has convinced me to look for work in Latin America!"

University Student, Denver, CO

"For me, golfing in the Andes was a dream come true. The golf program offered by the school (Quito, Ecuador) enabled me to combine golfing at the club with daily Spanish lessons."

Businessman, Dallas, TX

"The family and school were very comfortable and the staff was very helpful. I felt like I was completely taken care of and I really enjoyed the city."

Application Developer, New
York, NY

"How would you like to spend time poking about ancient ruins or earn credit for studying French in France? The possibilities are endless. The National Registration Center for Study Abroad publishes a number of Directories each year, listing hundreds of study courses in Latin America and Europe."

Santa Ana Register

Summer Teen Program:

Ages 14-18 Group 20 lessons per week + Activities.

[For more information](#)

Medical Spanish & Volunteer Work "Salud" Program

Academic program focused on improvement of Spanish understanding in a medical context.

[For more information](#)

Activa Program

A full day's fun is scheduled for this course, combining morning classes with afternoon activities to museums, cathedrals, fruit markets, etc. All transportation costs and entrance fees are included for you and your teacher guide.

Regular Group 20 lessons per week. All classes are in groups with a maximum 4 students per class, 4 lessons per day, Monday through Friday. Students have highly structured grammar lessons, interactive activities, conversation and written exercises. Specific homework assignments are given daily and every student is evaluated and tested on a weekly basis. Each lesson has a duration of 55 minutes.

Admissions & Academic Credit

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



Although no vaccinations are required to enter Ecuador, some precautions should be taken in order to ensure a healthy visit. It is recommended that prior to arrival, all students should undertake a thorough medical examination and consult their physician about the necessary injections. Students should be protected against typhoid, polio, tetanus and hepatitis. A yellow fever vaccination is only required if you are going to the jungle. Those students enrolling in the SierrAzul program must be aware that the jungle area is high-risk for Yellow Fever and a vaccination for Yellow Fever is necessary.

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

The school has arranged study programs for some U.S. colleges for which undergraduate or graduate credits has been given. The number of credits granted is determined by the length of stay and number of the classroom hours. Be sure to arrange the NRCSA Credit Option at least 60 days prior to your date of departure. For those students who have arranged with their home college or university to receive credits for Spanish study abroad, a letter will be issued stating dates of study, hours completed, progress and level of achievement. Get a letter of instructions from your home school and advise the foreign school administrators upon arrival of your credit transfer needs.

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 from the school a certificate indicating a student's satisfactory progress and a description of each course completed.

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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PREREGISTRATION FORM – NRCSA PROGRAMS

1. Complete & send to NRCSA, P.O. Box 1393, Milwaukee, WI 53201, USA • Tel. (414) 278-0631 • Fax (414) 271-8884 • Web: www.nrca.com
2. Enclose a non-refundable deposit/registration fee of \$140 per person, per program, payable to NRCSA (\$40 registration fee & \$100 program deposit applied towards the program costs).
3. Register early. Add \$40 per person late enrollment fee if paying in full within 40 days of departure. Within 20 days, payments by certified check.
4. Credit Cards may be used for deposits (see "H" below). NRCSA street address for overnight deliveries is 207 East Buffalo Street, Suite 610, Milwaukee, WI 53202 USA. You are welcome to photocopy this form. Please send separate form for each school if taking multiple programs.

A. Name(s) _____ Sex _____ Birthdate _____ Citizenship _____
Please print
 _____ Employer _____ Occupation _____
If student, school attending and year

Street: _____ Tel. Home: _____
Street address (not P.O. Box) where someone can sign for documents sent to you.
 City/State/Zip: _____ Tel. Work: _____
 Fax: _____
 E-mail: _____

In Emergency, notify: _____
(Name, Address, Phone)

B. BACKGROUND: _____
Describe your background in the course you're taking abroad. Check your ability level: Beginner Post Beginner
 Intermediate Advanced

C. LODGING: _____
Schools will try (cannot guarantee) to meet them. Special Diet (may be available) at additional cost.

D. GOALS: _____

E. INSURANCE: Includes prepaid study dates. To extend coverage up to 30 days before/after study dates, add \$5/day or \$19/week and advise dates.

- Check Preferences.**
 Single Share Twin Other: _____
 Yes Smoking No Smoking Either
 Yes Pets No Pets Either
 Yes Children No Children Either
- PREFER:** Homestay Involvement Freedom to Come/Go
ARE YOU? Quiet Outgoing Frequent Traveler
OBJECTIVES: Enrichment Academic Credit Job Related
HOBBIES: Reading Music Cooking Jogging Sports

F. PROGRAM INFORMATION	School/Center
Program Name (use title from Dates & Fees)	City/Country
Date: Start Program	Date: Start Lodging (most start day before)
No. of hours day/week	No. of weeks attending
Disabilities/Allergies/Health Problems	2nd Choice Program
How did you learn about NRCSA?	Social Security Number
Options (see program for choices)	
Your Signature (if you are under age 18, both parents must also sign)	

INSURANCE INCLUDED for PRE-PAID STUDY DATES

ACCIDENT / MEDICAL INSURANCE UP TO \$10,000

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REPATRIATION UP TO \$7,500

LIFE INSURANCE \$5,000

24 HOUR EMERGENCY WORLDWIDE-MULTI-LINGUAL TELEPHONE ASSISTANCE

For More Info: <http://www.nrca.com/INS24hrHotline.html>

H. CREDIT CARDS:

For program deposit only (**not final payment**) check:
 VISA Mastercard American Express Amount Charged \$ _____

_____ / _____
Card Number (13 or more numbers) Exp Date

SIGNATURE (as on card) PRINT name (as on card)

CHANGE FEES of at least \$35 apply for each change you make. Some "changes" may result in cancellation fees.

CANCELLATIONS are effective the day received in writing by NRCSA in Milwaukee. All payments less \$140 per program fully refundable up to 60 days prior to departure. For cancellations within 60 days of departure, \$250 per person is not refundable; within 40 days of departure, less 50% of program cost or \$300 per person (whichever is greater); within 14 days of departure, 100% of program cost is non refundable. Airline cancellation penalties, if any, are in addition to those outlined above. Cancellation penalties are per person, per program. Medical, baggage (above that included) and cancellation insurance is strongly recommended. Attach a note if you have a medical condition or Rx which the school/center should know about.

CONDITIONS: Each institution listed herein is independent of the National Registration Center for Study Abroad (hereinafter referred to as NRCSA, controls, and will periodically make changes in the program. Classes may fill, be changed, or dropped by the sponsoring academic institutions. NRCSA is a division of Mibar Ltd. and is not responsible for these changes or other actions beyond its control such as strikes, postal delays or loss, mechanical breakdowns, weather, government actions, delay or acts/omissions of suppliers. NRCSA may make changes or substitutions or cancel any program. In the event of entire program cancellation by NRCSA, liability is limited to refunding all monies paid to NRCSA for said program. Passengers electing not to use portions of a program shall not be entitled to a refund. No agent or representative of NRCSA shall have the right to alter the provisions listed herein. Costs based on tariffs and exchange rates effective the date of printing of this material, and are subject to change. Additional costs resulting from such change will be paid by the participant. Registrations are valid when accepted by NRCSA in Milwaukee. The passage contract used by the airline, when issued, is the sole agreement between it and you. Photographs of or statements by participants may be used by NRCSA. NRCSA, group leaders or foreign coordinators, at their discretion, may get medical assistance for participants, or place them in a hospital, or fly them back to the U.S. for medical treatment. All costs related to medical treatment or evacuation will be paid by the participant. As visitors you are expected to adhere to foreign rules and customs. If the foreign staff feels you are not adhering to these rules and customs, your participation in the program shall terminate immediately without refund whatsoever. A "homestay" is defined as living with a local person(s) in the foreign country and may not be multi generational, multinational, etc. It is the responsibility of the participant to have required proof of citizenship and visa(s) if applicable - check with the consulate of the country(s) you will be visiting.

INFORMATION USE: Information provided to NRCSA will be shared with participating organizations to facilitate your registration.

NOTE: Classes canceled in honor of local holidays are not made up. Foreign Language schools use placement tests. If there is no group at your level, smaller group or tutor classes may be substituted with fewer hours per week. Classes are conducted entirely in the target language. See **Fast Facts Guide** for more information.