

*Live the Language
Learn the Culture*

Foreign Language and Cultural Immersion Since 1968

NATIONAL REGISTRATION CENTER FOR STUDY ABROAD



Ecuador 2008-2009

For more information please visit: www.nrdsa.com

NRDSA is a proud member of:



MMAC

National Registration Center for Study Abroad
PO Box 1393 Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53201 USA
Tel: (414) 278-0631 Email: study@nrdsa.com

National Registration Center for Study Abroad (NRCSA)

P.O. Box 1393, Milwaukee, WI 53201 USA. Tel. 414 278 0631 Fax. 414 271 8884



Learn the Culture  Live the Language  Since 1968

ACADEMIA DE ESPAÑOL - QUITO, ECUADOR

ABOUT THE SCHOOL AND THE CITY

Academia de Español Quito specializes in teaching Spanish as a second language to foreign students. The school is located in the commercial part of modern Quito, an area with many tourist attractions, surrounded by first class hotels, restaurants, cafes, universities, museums, shopping centers and embassies.

Academia de Español Quito was established and registered in the Ecuadorian Ministry of Education and Culture in 1982. In addition, the school's courses are recognized as a Bildungsurlaub program in the region of Hamburg, Germany.

All instructors at Academia de Español Quito have advanced university degrees in Spanish Grammar and Literature or a related field. All have received special training and have a great deal of experience teaching Spanish to foreign students.

Quito, the capital of Ecuador, has a population of approximately one and half million people. The city rises 2,850 meters (9,350 feet) above sea level, with an annual average temperature of 13C/55F. The dry season in Quito is May to October, and brief daily showers occur November through April. Nights are crisply cold, requiring a sweater or jacket, but the daytime temperatures, year round, rarely vary from the upper 60s to the low 70s F.

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Academia de Español Quito's program is designed to combine grammar with conversation, reading and writing practice. Furthermore, the school's books and teaching material will introduce students to the history, geography and culture of Ecuador. If the student has studied Spanish before he/she will start with an examination (written and oral).

Group 7 Program

Group 25 hours per week. This program provides the opportunity for 25 hours a week, 5 hours daily, of language learning in classes from beginners to advanced levels. Courses are offered at six levels and sessions run for two weeks, Monday through Friday. For maximum learning, these classes are limited to 7 students. The classes emphasize effective verbal communication.

Tutor Program

20 or 35 hours per week. The Tutor Program is held for 4 or 7 hours daily and consists of individual instruction with well-qualified teachers. It is ideal for those who want to be totally immersed and to learn faster in less time.

Activa Program

Tutor 35 hours per week: 20 Spanish + 15 Fieldtrips. The Activa Program is for students who wish to combine learning classroom Spanish and experiencing the flavorful culture of Quito. Each day the morning hours are allocated to intensive classroom instruction. The student and professor then spend the rest of the afternoon exploring sites in or near Quito such as: the city, museums, cathedrals and markets.

Amazon Program

Group 20 hours per week. Combine of language learning and adventure at Cabañas Anaconda in the Ecuadorian Rainforest. This program uses a system of ecotourism where great effort is made to preserve the jungle from destruction while at the same time providing work to the local native people. The program is one week long and includes four hours per day of Spanish in small groups. Each group is directed by a teacher from Academia's staff and contains 3-5 students. In addition to language instruction, there is a daily excursion that allows students to learn about and enjoy the ecology and culture of the rain forest.

Volunteer & Internship Program

Academia de Español Quito also offers volunteer and internship opportunities at no additional cost. These positions are combined with the school's Group or Tutor courses. Internships are normally on an unpaid basis. Some Spanish preparatory work may be required before beginning the volunteer or internship.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Ecuadorian host families are carefully chosen by the school. The student gets a private bedroom, 2 meals daily and laundry service. The school places only one student per host family.

Hotels are also available on request and at additional cost.

OF SPECIAL INTEREST

Weekend fieldtrips are offered by the school subject to sufficient student interest and at additional cost. They range from visiting nearby Indian markets, to fiestas, to mountain climbing. Periodically, trips are organized to the Amazon or coast. During a typical week, visits will be made to the colonial section of Quito, Indian markets, museums, art and craft galleries.

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.nrca.com>
or e-mail us at study@nrca.com

Program & Admission Information - Quito, Ecuador

Programs

The program is designed to combine grammar with conversation, reading and writing practice. Furthermore, the school's books and teaching material will introduce students to the history, geography and culture of Ecuador.

The teaching methodology is fun, self-paced and ideally requires four to six weeks for students to develop basic communication skills. If the student has studied Spanish before he/she will start with an examination (written and oral) to evaluate at which level to commence study.

The focus is on spoken Spanish and is organized into seven levels with the vocabulary of about 500 new words in each one. Approximately 45 hours are needed for each level and students are evaluated at the conclusion of every segment. Books are provided by the school, and teachers are rotated weekly to give students maximum exposure to a variety of spoken accents.

Students are assessed and receive instruction at their appropriate level. Depending on the student's ability they will spend class time in any of the following activities:

- Grammar
- Pronunciation and discussion
- Reading and writing skills
- Listening and comprehension
- Cultural awareness

The exclusive use of Spanish is absolutely obligatory for all students at all times and class attendance is compulsory.

Tutor Program "Optativa" or "Intensiva" 20, 25, or 35 hours per week. The Tutor Program is held for 4 or 7 hours daily and consists of individual instruction with well-qualified teachers. It is ideal for those who want to be totally immersed and to learn faster in less time. This is the program that most students prefer. The students schedule is from 08.30 to 12.30 and from 13.30(1:30PM) to 16.30(4:30PM).



Activa Spanish Program Tutor 35 hours per week: 20 Spanish + 15 Fieldtrips. The Activa Program is for students who wish to combine learning classroom Spanish and experiencing the flavorful culture of Quito. The morning hours each weekday are allocated to intensive classroom instruction. The student and professor then spend the rest of the afternoon exploring sites in or near Quito such as: the city, museums, cathedrals and markets. This program is designed to equip a student with Spanish and allows her or him to integrate that knowledge with day to day cultural experiences.

One on one classes, emphasizing grammar, vocabulary, pronunciation, discussion and background information needed for a good understanding of the cultural activities organized for the afternoon, are offered in the morning from 8.30 to 12.30.

The student and teacher then embark on their daily trips from 13.30(1:30PM) to 16.30(4:30PM). On these visits the teacher acts as a guide. All entrance fees to museums, art galleries, beverages/snacks (afternoon) and public transportation necessary for all excursions are included in the program cost.

Excursions may be chosen by the student and include but are not limited to:

- Museo Etnográfico
- Congreso Nacional
- El Planetario: Función Astronómica documentada

Programs

Tutor Program
Activa Spanish
Program
Anaconda Program
Day - At - A - Glance
Volunteer Program

Admissions &
Academic Credit
Certificates

Activities

Social Events &
Activities

Comments

"I greatly improved my Spanish and met a lot of new friends. I not only learned but became a part of the Ecuadorian culture."

Student, Wauwatosa, WI.

"The school was very organized and professional and the material was clear and realistic."

Accountant, Madison, WI

"The one-on-one language instructor - a teacher all to myself was heaven. My Spanish - which I use in class - has improved greatly! I now feel much better in class. It's thrilling to learn another language - another world opens up!"

Teacher, Ossining, NY

"It helped improve my Spanish, a big plus in an international company. Using public transport to visit museums, markets, and other areas of interest gave me a good feel for the way people actually live. I really love Ecuador."

Medical Secretary, Levittown, NY

"The materials were excellent. The intensity of the language training was very helpful. It was well organized, focused and thorough."

Executive Director, Miami, FL

- Monumento de Orellana
- Iglesias y Conventos del Casco Colonial
- Museo de Arte Colonial. Calderón Turístico
- Museo Arqueológico y del Oro del Banco Central
- Mercados Indígenas locales y ferias libres (por la mañana)
- Basílica del voto nacional
- Feria Indígena de Saquisilí
- Feria Indígena de Sangolquí
- Balneario de aguas termales Papallacta
- Museo Religioso Colonial "Aurelio Espinoza Poli"
- Museo de Arte moderno y religioso de Filanbanco
- Museo de Ciencias Naturales en el Parque Carolina

Anaconda Program Group 20 hours per week. Turn Spanish learning into an unforgettable experience through an ideal combination of language learning and adventure at Cabañas Anaconda, a resort on Anaconda Island, one of the most beautiful places in the Ecuadorian Rainforest. This program uses a system of ecotourism where great effort is made to preserve the jungle from destruction while at the same time providing work to the local native people. In fact, the whole staff is comprised of native people. The program is one week long and includes four hours per day of Spanish in small groups. Each group is directed by a teacher from the school's staff and contains 3-5 students.



Students are matched according to skill. If needed, individual tutoring for shorter periods of time per day is an option.

In addition to language instruction, there is a daily excursion that allows students to learn about and enjoy the ecology and culture of the rain forest. The language teacher, as well as one of a group of local guides who speaks only Spanish and Quechua, will take part in all the excursions and activities of the program.

In order to take advantage of the student's most advanced language skills, participation in the program is scheduled for the last week of Spanish study at the school.



Excursions include:

- * Anaconda Island
- * Trip To The High Jungle
- * Visiting Native Families Off The Island
- * River Excursion By Raft
- * Gold Panning On The Rio Napo

Please Note: Vaccination protection for malaria is not required, but vaccination for Yellow Fever is necessary.

Volunteer Program is for people interested in learning about sustainable solutions to poverty. All volunteers will work in partnership with local people in a variety of community-based projects. This unique program offers exciting hands-on work opportunities, meaningful cultural immersion, and enriching language program.

[FOR DETAILS ON THE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE, PLEASE CLICK HERE.](#)

For a sample day of a program at Academia de Español
Day - At - A - Glance
Español Intensiva

- 07:30 Breakfast
- 08:30 - 11:00 Individual classes
- 11:00 - 11:15 Coffee break
- 11:15 - 12:30 Individual classes
- 12:30 - 13:30 Lunch
- 13:30 - 16:30 Individual classes
- 19:00 Dinner

• Four hour/day classes take place at 8:30 AM or 1:30-5:30 PM. Two group outings are generally scheduled each week which students and their individual teachers are welcome to join. Group Dynamics is held 11:15-11:40 AM twice weekly. Day-At-A-Glance is a sample day and will vary depending on enrollment, time of year, lodging, etc. It is designed to show content rather than

precise scheduling.

Español Intensiva Activa

07:30 Breakfast
08:30 - 11:00 Individual classes
11:00 - 11:15 Coffee break
11:15 - 12:30 Individual classes
12:30 - 13:30 Lunch
13:30 - 16:30 Structured visit*
19:00 Dinner

• *Community Structured Visits allow you to use your Spanish each afternoon in practical situations accompanied and supervised by your teacher. Visit colonial and contemporary areas of interest, markets, museums, craft centers, etc. The emphasis is on conversation and comprehension as you learn about the Ecuadorian culture. Group Dynamics is held 11:15-11:40 am twice weekly. Español Intensiva Activa can be taken for one to four weeks. Schedule is variable.

* Day-At-A-Glance is a sample day and will vary depending on enrollment, time of year, lodging, etc. It is designed to show content rather than precise scheduling.

Admissions & Academic Credit

Students desiring credit for their study programs 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 3 to 15 undergraduate or graduate credits have been granted. This credit plan is available for college students and elementary and high school teachers. 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. If requesting credit from your home school, check with your school for their specific rules governing transfer of credit prior to registering. You will need to 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 transcript which records their final mark in the course. The school provides a full description of each course and certificate indicating a student's satisfactory progress.

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>*

For Questions, Concerns, or Registration, Contact NRCSA
National Registration Center for Study Abroad * Box 1393, Milwaukee WI 53201 USA
Tel 414-278-0631 * Fax 414-271-8884* www.nrcca.com * info@nrcca.com
Since 1968 * Language-Culture Immersion Worldwide * Start Weekly * All Ages * Credit, CEU or Enrichment

