## FACT SHEET

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<th><strong>Number of Students:</strong></th>
<th>6000+ undergraduates, 800 students in continuing education and distance education programs, 125 graduate students</th>
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<td><strong>Strengths:</strong></td>
<td>Liberal Arts (Literature, Anthropology, etc.), Ecology, Environmental Science, Spanish Language, International Relations, Art, Business, Culinary arts, Law.</td>
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<td><strong>Credit Load and Visa Type:</strong></td>
<td>Exchange students must take at least 16 credits to justify the 12-VIII Cultural Exchange visa (fall and spring semesters only). The maximum number of credits is usually 27, but students may request extensions up to 28 credits. Please note that USFQ's special programs have separate requirements. Students can check courses available here: <a href="https://evaluaciones.usfq.edu.ec/banner/ssb/cursos.htm">https://evaluaciones.usfq.edu.ec/banner/ssb/cursos.htm</a></td>
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| **Admissions Deadlines:** | June 1st for Fall Semester  
October 25 for Spring Semester  
April 30 for Summer Session  
(No tuition waiver for Summer Session unless specified in the exchange agreement) |
| **Admission requirements:** | Minimum Sophomore standing; 2.5 GPA for the Cumbayá campus and 2.8 for the Galápagos campus; recommended minimum of 4 semesters of College-level Spanish. There is no Spanish language requirement for the Galápagos semester program. |
Academic Calendar and Tuition Costs (waived under bilateral exchange agreements):

**FALL 2016**
Dates: August 16 - December 21, 2016
Deadline to receive applications: June 1, 2016
Tuesday, August 16    Recommended arrival date
Thursday, August 18 & Friday, August 19 Orientation for international students
Monday, August 22    Classes start
Tuesday, August 30    Last day to add/drop classes
Tuesday, September 20    Last day to withdraw from a class with a “W”
Wednesday, November 2 to Monday, Nov. 7 Mid-semester break
Monday, November 14    Registration begins for spring 2017 (year students)
Monday, Dec. 5 – Tuesday, Dec. 6 National Holiday (Fundación de Quito)
Monday, December 12    Last day of classes
Wednesday, December 14 to Tuesday, Dec. 20 Final exams
Wednesday, December 21    Recommended departure date

**SPRING 2017**
Dates: January 4 to May 17, 2017
Deadline to receive applications: October 25, 2016
Wednesday, January 4    Recommended arrival date
Friday, January 6    Orientation for international students
Monday, January 9    Classes start

Accomodations:
Homestays with Ecuadorian host families in Quito (approximately 45 minutes from campus in public transportation), including breakfast and dinner, laundry service, a private room in the home and the experience of being another member of the family. Students who receive approval from their home institution to rent an apartment are responsible for making their own arrangements. Families are responsible for picking up the students at the airport.

Homestay Costs:
For students placed by the Office of International Programs: $23/day. There is also a $100 family placement fee payable once, whether the student comes for a semester or full year. Costs vary for students placed through resident directors.

Personal Expenses:
$1,500-$2,000 per semester including in-country travel, or approximately $250 per month, including approximately $300 for lunches (not included in the homestay) and $150 for transportation to and from USFQ, not including touristic travel. If planning to travel to Galapagos, bring an additional $1,000.
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<th>Books and Study Materials:</th>
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<td>Medical Insurance:</td>
<td>Students should apply for an international medical insurance plan that will cover them while they are in Ecuador. In case medical attention is necessary, students will pay out of pocket and submit receipts to their insurance company to be reimbursed. Expect to pay 25/35 USD at the university clinic.</td>
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<td>Student Services:</td>
<td>The Office of International Programs offers an orientation program at the beginning of each semester. We highly recommend that all international students attend. All students need to take an online Spanish placement exam before registering for classes. It will help them to select courses. USFQ offers a variety of sports classes, including fencing, soccer, volleyball, tennis, aerobics, basketball, tai chi, and track and field. There are campus life services, a Latin American salsa club run by the student government is popular among international students as well as the yoga club.</td>
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<td>Medical check ups:</td>
<td>There is a medical clinic with highly qualified physicians on campus. Visits to the on-call doctors cost $25-30 USD students pay for laboratory tests, materials, and appointments with specialists. USFQ can arrange volunteer experiences for no credit and Counseling and/or more informal support for students wanting to talk through personal issues.</td>
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<td>Summer Programs:</td>
<td>Summer Session on Cumbaya Campus: Students must have an intermediate to advanced level of Spanish to participate. Intermediate students may take the courses announced on the &quot;Summer Session for International Students&quot; link on our web site, <a href="http://www.usfq.edu.ec">www.usfq.edu.ec</a>. Advanced students may take courses from any field as long as they have the Spanish proficiency and prerequisites. The program includes three 3-credit courses and three trips around Ecuador. Students can also participate on the Government Summer Internship Program too. <a href="http://www.usfq.edu.ec/programas_internacionales/Paginas/summer_internship_program.aspx">http://www.usfq.edu.ec/programas_internacionales/Paginas/summer_internship_program.aspx</a></td>
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<td>Special Full-Semester Programs at the Galapagos Academic Institute for the Arts and Sciences/GAIAS</td>
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<td><strong>“Evolution, Ecology &amp; Conservation in the Galapagos”</strong> (for students of the biological sciences): 5 intensive modular courses: Evolutionary Biology, Native and Introduced Plants of the Galapagos, Introduction to Marine Life of the Galapagos Islands, Tropical Ecology, Intro to Marine Ecosystems and Human Ecology and Maritime Communities. Students have the option of enrolling in 15 credits (5 courses) or 12 credits (4 courses) and participating in community service or conservation work. Prerequisites: At least one course in General Biology and Ecology. There is no Spanish requirement, as all courses are taught in English.</td>
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<td><strong>“People, Politics, and the Environment”</strong> (for students of the social sciences): intensive modular courses (12 credits): Wildlife Conservation Management, Political Ecology, Health and the Environment, Communities and Natural Resource Management, and Human Ecology and Maritime Communities. All courses are taught in English. An intermediate level of Spanish is highly recommended for this program, but is not required. For information on GAIAS programs, contact Mariuxi Izquierdo, <a href="mailto:mizquierdo@usfq.edu.ec">mizquierdo@usfq.edu.ec</a></td>
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### USFQ Campus:

Our Cumbayá campus is nestled in the quiet valley of Cumbayá, approximately 30 minutes by bus from Quito, Ecuador’s capital city. At 2,800 meters (9,200 ft.) above sea level and just 21 kilometers (13 miles) south of the equator, Quito enjoys year-round spring-like weather. Its proximity to famous indigenous market towns, 17th century haciendas, volcanoes, national parks, and a diversity of rich ecological zones makes the city an ideal location for students, visitors and residents alike.

### VISAS

USFQ provides the necessary document to get the 12-VIII visa. The cost for the visa is $450

### APPLICATION LINK