

INFORMATION AND APPLICATION

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SUMMER STUDY IN ECUADOR

May 14 - June 18, 2023

Program sponsored by:
**Department of
World Languages & Cultures
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OVERVIEW

The Spelman summer program in Ecuador offers immersion Spanish classes in Cuenca, Ecuador's third largest city and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Students take five weeks of Spanish language and culture classes in the *Fundación Amauta* with Ecuadorian instructors.

Included are visits to different areas of Ecuador: Quito (the capital city) Otavalo (a town in the highlands famous for its artisanal market), Guayaquil, a trek through a national park, and excursions to nearby cities in southern Ecuador.

Local culture is highlighted through museum visits as well as talks about Ecuadorian history and society. Students have also the opportunity to participate in extra-curricular activities (a gathering with students from a local university, culinary lessons, salsa lessons, hiking) and service learning. This last component is an important part of the program.

Students live one-to-a-house with selected Ecuadorian families, giving them ample opportunity to use Spanish at home and to live daily family life there.

ACADEMICS

Classes at the Amauta Foundation last four hours daily, Monday through Friday. Since classes are small and conducted entirely in Spanish, there is a great opportunity to improve fluency. Students will also be exposed to weekly museum tours and talks. Upon successful completion of all class work, attendance at lectures and participation in service learning and cultural activities, students receive the equivalent of one course of academic credit (4 hours) in Spanish and 1 to 2 credits for service learning.

Classes offered in Ecuador varies from Summer to Summer depending on the specific needs of the group.

EXCURSIONS

While in Cuenca, students will take local tours which include visits to El Cajas National Park and will participate in several community services. There are also two separate field trips. At the start of the program, we will spend 3 days in Quito, Otavalo, visiting museums, the historic city center, the Mitad del Mundo site, the Guayasamin center, the indigenous and Afro Ecuadorian towns. Later in the program we will take excursions to the Parque Nacional El Cajas, Ingapirca and a weekend to the coast.

COST

Program cost is \$3,850

Included in program cost:

- Tuition and fees for one course credit (4) and service learning (1-2 credits). Total: 5-6
- Room and board in Cuenca with an Ecuadorian family
- Local excursions in Cuenca and field trips
- Hotels, transportation, and meals for all field trips
- Airfare in Ecuador (Cuenca-Quito-when returning)

Not included in program cost:

- International airfare RT to Quito (approx. \$700)
- Passport or other travel documents
- Personal expenses
- Excess baggage charges or porter tips

PROGRAM DATES

Departure from Atlanta is on Sunday, May 14.
Departure from Quito is on Sunday, June 18.
Dates are tentative until final travel arrangements.

TRAVEL

All program participants must leave Atlanta on the same date and flight. The program directors will facilitate travel arrangements, but

you must purchase your own round trip airline ticket.

ELIGIBILITY

Minimum of SP201 required, but it is strongly suggested that students complete SP202. Applicants should have a GPA of 3.0 in Spanish classes.

RESPONSIBILITY AND LIABILITY

Participants will sign a waiver of liability. Spelman College does not assume responsibility for damage or loss of any personal effects.

DOCUMENTS

A passport is required. Apply NOW, the process can be slow.

FINANCIAL AID

Competitive scholarships will be available through the Gordon-Zeto & Gates Scholarship Fund (check deadline). Application will be online, through Study Abroad or through World Languages & Cultures (https://spelmancollege.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_70EOKU52J5hOIEB).

Students with Pell Grants should and should apply for a Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship (www.iie.org/gilman)

DEADLINES & PAYMENT

Completed application and \$500 initial deposit due by **February 13** (refundable only if applicant is not accepted). Payment of **\$1,500** due **March 13**. Final payment of **\$1,500** due **April 10**. Make checks payable to **Spelman College** and take them to the Spelman Cashier's Office. Make sure to have the money deposited into **account #6-1100-4432-446024**. You will be given a receipt which you must bring to Dr. Alvarez-Rosales, Cosby 447, or to Dr. Valec, Cosby 450, as proof of payment by the due date.