

SEMESTER IN THE ANDES FALL SEMESTER



COURSE DESCRIPTION

CEDEI'S Fall Semester in the Andes combines quality academic content, focusing on indigenous topics (race, gender, politics), Latin American literature and history, and Spanish-language learning, with an extended intercultural and language experience. Live and study in Cuenca, Ecuador, and end your study-abroad experience with a visit to the must-see Machu Picchu, Perú, the most famous and preserved Incan cultural site! Our semester is open to students from a wide range of majors with or without previous Spanish knowledge. Study at CEDEI and live a unique experience!

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Take in the beauty of Ecuador, known for its rich biodiversity and mesmerizing landscapes composed of volcanoes, beaches, rainforests, and mountains.
- This program offers the best of both worlds: quality academic content and unforgettable travel and intercultural experiences throughout the Andean mountains, cities, and cultural heritage sites of Ecuador.

LIFE ABROAD

Experience the laid-back and historic culture of Cuenca, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, filled with stunning cathedrals, rotundas, and luscious green parks. Visit local indigenous villages, sandy beaches, and snow-capped mountain ranges, and one of South America's must-see sites: Machu Picchu!

LIVE

Embrace the Ecuadorian way of life by living in a homestay that is a 10-15-minute bus or tram ride from campus. Enhance your language proficiency in Spanish by practicing with a host family, or match with a family that knows some English (depending on your language experience).



DINE

Enjoy traditional dishes prepared by host families, such as loco de papa (potato stew), mote pillo (corn) and llapingachos (fried potato pancakes). Three meals a day are provided seven days a week throughout the program.

EXPERIENCE

Experience Ecuadorian culture through cultural activities included in the program, such as dance, cooking, and pottery classes. Stroll through the quaint colonial streets of Cuenca while enjoying the beautiful weather and archeological sites all around.

EXPLORE

The semester program kicks off with an Orientation trip, during which information sessions are held on topics such as cultural adjustment, health and safety, living with a host family, and a general program overview. During orientation our students tour the capital city of Quito, UNESCO Heritage, and stand on the Equator at Mitad del Mundo! The group continues their adventure south to Cuenca through the Route of the Volcanoes.

Students are based in Cuenca for the length of the program and also enjoy weekend cultural excursions which include: Ingapirca Inca Ruins, Cajas National Park, and the indigenous community of Saraguro. During mid-term break, students will enjoy a well-deserved rest by the sea, recharge their energy with the vibrations of the beautiful Ecuadorian beaches.

The Fall semester ends with a final and amazing excursion to Perú, starting in the Inca capital of Cuzco, continuing through the Sacred Valley of the Incas, Machu Picchu, and ending in the capital city of Lima, connecting what they have learned during the semester with this wonderful environment!.

CREDITS EARNED

Students who complete the program in good standing can expect to take 4-5 classes between both sessions with a semester which ISEP recommends is the equivalent of 12, 15 or 18 US Credit Hours. Each course is usually worth 3 credits.

Average Classes Per Week: 5

Average Class Hours Per Week: 20

Classes Available:

The chart below details the courses that you can choose to complete your course requirements.

FALL SEMESTER (MACHU PICCHU) COURSES			
01	ANTH 200-Race/Ethnicity in the Andes	09	SPA 310-Advanced Spanish: Grammar and Syntax
02	GEO 302-Geography of Latin America	10	SPA 311-Advanced Spanish: Conversation
03	PSC 310-Political Economy of Latin America	11	SPA 312-Advanced Spanish: Writing
04	QUI 301-Introduction to Quichua I	12	SPA 403-Expresiones Artísticas Andinas
05	SPA 101-Beginning Spanish I	13	SPA 336-Survey of Latin American Literature
06	SPA 102-Beginning Spanish II	14	SPA 341-History of Latin America: Conquest and Colonization
07	SPA 201-Intermediate Spanish I	15	SPA 347-Modern Latin America
08	SPA 202-Intermediate Spanish II	16	SPA 400-Indigenous Literature and Culture of the Andes

LECTURES

- Current political affairs of Latin America.
- Natural Medicine.
- Race, gender, and indigenous themes.

EXTENSIVE EXCURSIONS ARE INCLUDED IN THE SEMESTER IN THE ANDES PROGRAM!

The participants will visit various indigenous towns in the Ecuadorian Andes. Students will also be part of diverse activities and will be directly involved with different communities of the northern part of the country. Each day is filled with learning experiences and guidance that will ease the transition to Ecuador.

In addition to the 4-day orientation trip at the start of the semester, students participate in weekend visits to Cajas National Park, Ingapirca Incan Ruins, Saraguro Indigenous Town, Northern Ecuador and Jungle, Gualaceo and Chordeleg. There is also a mid-semester excursion to the Pacific Coast and a final 7-day tour of Machu Picchu, Perú, to end the program.

The end-of-semester study tour in Perú includes guided tours of Cusco, the Capital of the Inca Empire, Machu Picchu, one of the New Seven Wonders of the World, and many other archeological sites of great historical importance, a farewell dinner where students can taste flavors from the four different regions of Perú, plus a tour of Lima, the City of Kings, and a visit to the largest fountain complex in the world!

Airport Pickup

An International Programs Coordinator will pick you up at the Quito airport.

Requirements: the submission date for all documents is based on the chosen semester.

- [Application Form.](#)
- [Spanish Placement Exam.](#)
- * University's official transcript (GPA 2.5 minimum).
- * Two recommendation letters.

* These documents need to be sent to oip@cedei.org



Join CEDEI for a semester of adventure, learning, and cultural exchange in one of the world's most beautiful regions. For more information, contact us at oip@cedei.org. Start your journey today!