

Quito

Environmental Studies Summer 2009 IU Supplement

The Quito *Get Set* predeparture guide prepared by IES provides important information about the program, and you should read it with care. The following supplemental information pertains to Indiana University students only.

IES AND IU

The Institute for the International Education of Students (IES) is a nonprofit organization that administers more than 80 study abroad programs in 31 cities in Asia, Australia, Europe and South America. More than 175 U.S. colleges and universities, including Indiana University, have formal agreements with IES, and their representatives work with the Institute to set academic policy and approve curricula. Through its office in Chicago, IES administers the Quito program.

The IU Office of Overseas Study has made special arrangements with IES to recruit and orient IU students for this summer program. A number of IU students will be enrolled in the Quito program. You will, however, have many classmates who come individually from other U.S. universities.

FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

You pay **all** program fees directly to Indiana University. Any questions regarding finances for the program, including financial aid, should be addressed to the Office of Overseas Study at Indiana University. Students from other U.S. universities have different arrangements with IES regarding fees and housing deposits.

COURSES

You will earn 9 IU credits for 3 courses:

IES Title	IU Equivalent	IU Course #
<i>Spanish Language</i> 3cr	Same title	HISP-OS 100
<i>Environmental Issues</i> 3cr	Same title	SPEA-OS 300 [SPEA-E 400 for SPEA undergrad env. mgmt majors ONLY]
<i>Ecuadorian Ecosystems</i> 3cr	Same title	BIOL-OS 400

Final enrollment will not be confirmed until you arrive in Quito. If you have any questions about how Barcelona courses fit into your degree program, contact Overseas Study.

Courses cover a great deal of material rapidly. Do not let the excitement of Quito distract you from your studies. Prepare your papers and reports far enough in advance to avoid the last-minute crunch.

LANGUAGE PLACEMENT

You will be assigned to language classes on the basis of both an IES placement test and the last Spanish language course you completed at IU. Since IES students come from many different U.S. colleges, each with its own textbooks and class sequence, IES language classes cannot match IU's courses perfectly. Nevertheless, every attempt will be made to place you in a level that challenges you sufficiently and does not repeat previous coursework.

We anticipate that you will, based on the placement examination, be placed into the next highest level of language ("Intermediate" if you have completed 2-3 semesters of language OR "Advanced" if you have completed 4 or more semesters). If you test into a language course at a lower than anticipated level, you will receive elective credit. You may petition IES to be re-assigned to a higher level language course, but the final decision would be at their discretion.