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*The Spanish World
in your hands!!!*





Welcome to

Academia Latinoamericana de Español Universitas Equatorialis

We are the only Cultural Heritage and Spanish Language Institute of Andean South America. Simply put, we are proud to be the friendliest Spanish School you have ever known!!

We have a long tradition of providing top-quality language instruction and wonderful homestay experiences to students of all ages from many different countries throughout the world.

Academia Latinoamericana de Español, founded in 1989, is one of the pioneers of modern language teaching in South America. It has four school locations: Quito and the Rain Forest in Ecuador, Cusco in Peru and Sucre in Bolivia.

Academia Latinoamericana evolved into Equatorialis University, offering a new development in the field of international education. This is a giant step of expansion for Academia Latinoamericana students, as it offers a unique opportunity for studies in Business Administration, Environmental Studies, Entrepreneurial Development, English as a Second Language, and general Liberal Arts Studies including coursework in History, Indigenous Culture, Medical Vocabulary and more. Service Learning, Internships, North American university credits and custom programs on a year round basis continue as before.



Placement

Upon arrival, all students are given a written and oral proficiency interview, the OPI placement test. This will determine where students should best continue their studies. Following the orientation program, their classes begin with intensive Spanish instruction, Monday through Friday, for four hours per day. Individual lessons are also available, even a combination of both with our Super-Intensive program.



Orientation Session?

On the first day of classes, students also get an orientation session. The Director of the Spanish program will explain all the little things students have to know about the program, classes, host families, the city, etc. Everything is covered during this time and then we provide the student with the teaching material and a map of the city, marked with the location of the Academia and the host family.



Ecuador

Bolivia

Peru



Spanish Program

The Academia offers one of the finest programs of Spanish language study in Latin America, especially designed to quickly develop a working proficiency in Spanish. Our students are working professionals, airline employees, business executives, retirees, traditional university aged students, doctors, teachers or high school students. They participate in cultural seminars, field trips, grammar and conversation classes. Our professors are native speakers, with University degrees in teaching Spanish as a foreign language.

One of the important features of the Academia experience is that our courses accommodate from complete Beginner through Advanced levels, operating year-round, with open enrollment dates and no limit on length of stay. Our excellent testing program allows us to place students at their exact level, and thanks to weekly evaluations each student moves on at his own pace. They are continually challenged, but not frustrated by being slightly ahead or slightly behind their classmates. The number of participants in any class is never over four, and is frequently smaller.

Covering all aspects of language learning (speaking, listening, writing, reading skills), our courses are specially designed for foreign students and are taught in Spanish. We use a series of very comprehensive books and materials, both for general and specialized types of instruction. Our library offers an extensive collection along with many audio-visual materials, newspapers, magazine articles and practical learning situations.

Every arriving student will have a welcome orientation and city tour. This program is based upon cultural elements as well as the language itself, thus adding a valuable appreciation of the Andean culture.



Organized Activities

Every day, students will find an optional daily schedule of cultural events along with lectures, board games, dancing or cooking lessons. Daily or weekend field trips to different sites (National parks, natural reserves, markets, museums, historical monuments, etc.) will be offered as usual.



Host Families

The host families take care of our students and are a wonderful support network. Most of our families are within walking distance to the Academia-University. They provide two meals a day (three in Cusco), pick you up from the airport, and do your laundry as well. Some families have more than one bedroom for couples and parents with children. All families are well screened and truly add to the learning environment. The best part of living with a family is the day-to-day interactions and exchanges with them. If you wish other family members or friends to live with you during your stay, every effort will be made to accommodate your request.

Quito Ecuador

The city of Quito is located in a beautiful valley surrounded by the snow capped peaks of the Andes. It is a Franciscan city and surprisingly friendlier and safer feeling than other large Latin American cities. Furthermore, it has kept its colonial charm in spite of growing to the size of over 1 million. The temperature is determined by the altitude and the average is 60-70°F / 20°C during the day and 50°F / 10°C at night. Academia Latinoamericana de Español – Equatorialis University in Quito, is set in the residential area of La Carolina. The school building has a Colonial design, with an interior patio, 21 classrooms, video room with amplification equipment, library, teachers room, auditorium, cafeteria, a multipurpose indoor court (racket- and volleyball), wireless internet service on the whole campus, access and bathroom for wheelchair users and elevator. Participants are half from Europe, half from the United States. The majority are professionals and university students.

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The schools is conveniently located next to the main post-office, internet cafes, banks, casas de cambio, etc. It is about four blocks from the main square, the Plaza de Armas, the central meeting area of Cusco (a great place to people watch!). There are many restaurants, cafes, cathedrals and museums nearby.

Cusco Perú



Cusco, once the capital of the great Inca civilization, is also home to magnificent examples of Colonial architecture. The stone foundations of Inca temples are still visible in the Colonial buildings in and around the city. Many of our students are drawn to Cusco for its close proximity to the famous Machu Picchu ruins and the Inca trail. The Academia Latinoamericana occupies a beautiful and historical Colonial building from the 19th century on one of the many small plazas, called Limacpampa Grande 565, right behind one of the most important sites from pre-Colombian Cusco, the Qorikancha (Temple of the Sun).

The building houses two full floors with 17 classrooms, an indoor patio, a video room, auditorium, an entertainment room, wireless internet access for our students and an interior patio.

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Sucre Bolivia

The Academia Latinoamericana in Bolivia is located in the heart of Sucre, just one block away from the city center within close proximity to virtually everything of interest in the city. Classes are in the morning, which leaves the afternoon free for cultural activities, or half day excursions.

Classes are held in a 2 storey building with 15 classrooms, a kitchen, lounge, video room, 2 terraces, and an indoor patio. Sucre is the beautiful Colonial Judicial capital located in the Andean highlands of Bolivia. It is known as the "White City of the Americas" due to its numerous colonial buildings, all of which are painted in white and topped with shiny red tile roofs. Set in a valley surrounded by low mountains, Sucre is small (pop. 150,000) so that it is very easy to explore on foot.

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Methodology

The focus of the Academia Latinoamericana de Español is on communication and our methodology involves a natural approach, total physical response, language experience approach, reading and thinking activities, and the writing process. An integrated, topical curriculum approach reinforces vocabulary.



Typical Day Schedule

FIRST SESSION

This first session will be specifically dedicated to studying Grammar and to practicing Reading, Comprehension and Writing style.

GRAMMAR: Each student will study linguistic structures, grammatical functions and rules of Spanish. It has a very pragmatic approach in combination with a wide range of consolidation activities that are selected to reinforce the lesson of the day.

READING COMPREHENSION: The development of this skill will be carried out with real texts or didactically created ones that are coordinated to the lecture. With the help and guidance of the teacher, each student interprets the texts orally and in writing to further aid their comprehension. Orthographic rules, vocabulary and punctuation will also be reviewed.

SECOND SESSION

This second session will be dedicated to studying oral comprehension and expression.

ORAL COMPREHENSION: The development of this skill will be carried out with real and didactically created documents that are designed to coordinate with the lecture. The students, with help of the teacher and diverse comprehension activities, will then interpret the audio visual documents orally and / or in writing.

ORAL EXPRESSION: The students will participate interactively in a variety of different activities conducted by the teacher, such as presentations, debates, mini-plays, etc. These activities will be carried out with various materials proposed by the teacher or the students, depending on everyone's necessities or interests. Spanish Phonetics (pronunciation, rhythm of the sentences and so on) will also be studied.

This new program is based upon cultural elements as well as the language itself, thus adding a valuable dimension of the Latin American Culture.

Short field trips will be hosted to different sites or close by the city (markets, museums, cathedrals, historical monuments), along with dancing classes, cooking lessons, lectures, etc. Every arriving student will have a welcome orientation and city tour.



Levels

Nine levels of proficiency (ACTFL SCALE) are available and students must pass tests at each level in order to progress to the next.





Do you need University credit?



Students may receive from 12 to 16 semester credits from many North American universities at all of our locations. This usually is a standard load of four courses, 4 credits each. Work done in the “language courses” will be assigned credit corresponding to the course numbers listed in the sequence below. Most semester students will receive at least 16 credits for successful completion of such work. Summer students will receive at least four credits for each month of intensive language instruction. Students on semester or quarter programs can undertake their studies at one or more of our locations. Asterisks indicate upper level courses.

Course Number	Title
SPANISH 111-112	BEGINNING SPANISH I-II
SPANISH 221-222	INTERMEDIATE SPANISH I-II
*SPANISH 299	INDEPENDENT STUDY
*SPANISH 311-312	SPANISH GRAMMAR I-II
*SPANISH 313-314	SPANISH GRAMMAR III-IV
*SPANISH 315-316	ADVANCED SPANISH LANGUAGE
*SPANISH 335	SPANISH FOR BUSINESS & COMMERCE
*SPANISH 344	REGIONAL LITERATURE OF HISPANIC AMERICA
*SPANISH 352	HISPANIC-AMERICAN CULTURE AND CIVILIZATION
*SPANISH 364	INDIGENOUS CULTURES
*SPANISH 372	HISPANIC-AMERICAN LITERATURE SINCE 1888
*SPANISH 374	REGIONAL HISTORY OF HISPANIC AMERICA (Ecuador-Peru-Bolivia)
*SPANISH 380	SPECIAL TOPICS

Most students receive credit directly with their matriculating university. Or, students can apply for credit for Spanish courses through New Mexico State University or Brookhaven College. Its overseas programs have been nationally recognized for their excellence. Undergraduate credit is available at all levels, from beginning Spanish to upper-level courses, and is fully transferable to other accredited universities. Many North American teachers receive continuing education credits with their school district through our program.

Students should make all arrangements directly through New Mexico State University or Brookhaven College prior to beginning the program.

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