

**COMPARATIVE ECOLOGY AND CONSERVATION
AND
CULTURE AND DEVELOPMENT**

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APPLICATION DEADLINE*

February 8: all terms for 2012-2013 academic year

ELIGIBILITY

GPA: 3.0
See Prerequisites below.
Enrollment is limited.



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This program includes the following opportunities:

- Internships Service Learning Community/Field Study Research Community Service

CALENDAR

FALL SEMESTER: AUGUST-DECEMBER
SPRING SEMESTER: JANUARY-MAY

PROGRAM

School for International Training (SIT) programs are experiential and offer structured coursework with cultural immersion, community engagement, and independent field-based research. These are interdisciplinary, theme based programs that typically consist of 10-30 students from U.S. universities. Courses are taught by local experts, professors and professionals. SIT provides orientations, housing, educational excursions and extensive support.

ACADEMICS

SIT offers two programs in Ecuador: Comparative Ecology and Conservation and Culture and Development. These semester programs have a set curriculum including intensive Spanish language study, a thematic seminar, field study seminar, and an independent study project (ISP). The ISP is conducted in the final weeks of the program and provides students with a unique opportunity to research a topic about which you are passionate about in collaboration with community members and organizations. Many students consider the ISP the most rewarding and challenging aspect of the study abroad experience.

COST

Billed by DU:

- DU Tuition
- DU Technology Fee
- Study Abroad Housing
- Study Abroad Meals

Non-Cherrington Scholars will be charged a \$50 application fee and a program fee.

LOCATION: QUITO, ECUADOR

Quito (pop. 1.4 million) is the base for both SIT Ecuador programs. This capital city is a UNESCO World Heritage site and is located more than 9,000 feet above sea level. Students on the Culture Program also live for several weeks in Los Chillos, a small town approximately 40 minutes outside of Quito.

HOUSING & MEALS

Students on the Culture Program will live with three different host families in Quito, Los Chillos, and the Ecuadorian Coast. Students on the Ecology program spend 8 weeks with a host family in Quito and do two shorter homestays with families in a rural cloud forest and on the Galapagos Islands. Other accommodations during the program may include small hotels, hostels or field camps. Meals are included.

CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

SIT programs provide ample opportunities for cultural engagement and immersion through homestays, connections with local experts, educational excursions, and your ISP. Educational excursions vary by program, but may include the cloud forest, coastal regions and rain forest.

PREREQUISITES

Applicants for the Culture program must have completed 5 quarters of college-level Spanish, while applicants for the Ecology program must have completed 6 quarters. Ecology applicants should also have previous coursework or significant preparation in environmental studies, biology, ecology, or a related field.

Student Costs:**

The cost of living varies in other cities and countries. Talk to returnees from the program to find out what personal expenses to expect, but remember that they vary by lifestyle. Check www.xe.com for current exchange rates. SIT offers scholarships; check their [website](#) for details.

***Instructions on how to apply are on the back of this flyer →**

**For more details on student expenses, refer to DU's web site: <http://www.du.edu/intl/abroad/costs.html>

HOW TO APPLY

⇒ Attend Study Abroad 101

Held weekdays at the I-House. See website for schedule (www.du.edu/intl/abroad/info_sessions.html).

⇒ Attend a Spanish Speaking Regional Advising Session

See website for schedule (same link as above).

⇒ Meet with an international education advisor

Learn about your options and get answers to your questions.

⇒ Apply for a passport—<http://travel.state.gov/passport>

If you already have one, make sure you know where it is and when it expires.

⇒ Apply to study abroad!

If you are convinced the program described on this flyer is right for you, follow the steps below to apply.

Turn your COMPLETE application in to the front desk at the I-House.

ONLY COMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED. THIS IS A LIMITED-ENROLLMENT PROGRAM.

DU APPLICATION: DUE FEBRUARY 8

- University of Denver Study Abroad Application on [MyWeb](#)
- Academic Advisor's signature on your completed and printed online application form
- DU short-answer essays
- Official transcript(s) from other universities attended, if applicable
- Non-Cherrington students will be charged a \$50 application fee to their DU account.

Note: Cherrington status may be revoked at any time due to a change in your student conduct or academic status. Also, *the OIE will request your DU transcript; check and clear any holds now to avoid delays in processing your application!*

PROGRAM APPLICATION: DUE AFTER YOU'VE BEEN NOMINATED

Once you've been nominated for this program, you will be required to submit the following:

- The SIT On-line Application includes essays, a letter to your homestay family, your Independent Study Project Proposal, 2 Academic References, and a Participation of Approval form.

Open the SIT application at https://secure.worldlearning.org/applications/ssa/ssa_intro.cfm.

You do NOT need to pay the application fee. Your Participation of Approval form will be completed by your OIE advisor after your application is submitted and reviewed. References should be received electronically by SIT no later than the DU application deadline. If you prefer to submit hard copies of your references they should be submitted to the OIE in a signed and sealed envelope.



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