

Sign up early to take advantage of several special scholarships for this program – up to \$1,500!!

#### Eligibility for the Program:

VSU students in good academic standing and financially cleared. Min. GPA: 2.5.

#### Academic Credits

As a VSU program, credits taken can satisfy major, minor, and university requirements with prior approval.



**Deadline for applications and the deposit of \$200** for this program is: **November 5, 2013.**

After this date, the program price may increase.

Applications submitted by Nov 5 will be considered for **scholarships** funded exclusively for this program.

## 2014 Program fee: \$3,890

plus VSU tuition\*

(\*Financial Aid available to qualifying student)

#### Fee includes:

- Round Trip International Airfare Orlando/Quito
- Two nights hotel stay in Quito
- Round Trip Airfare Quito/Cuenca
- Twenty hours of Spanish instruction per week
- Cultural activities including cooking, music and dancing classes, and special lectures
- Weekend excursions
- Books and other materials
- Housing with host family (max. 2 students/house)
- Three meals per day
- Weekly laundry service
- Health insurance & Airport Transfers

#### Contact Information:

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#### Financial Aid:

Contact the Office of Financial Aid for more information:  
229-333-5935

#### Scholarships:

Scholarship opportunities are available through Gilman Scholarship Program: [gilman@iie.org](http://gilman@iie.org), and other organizations. There are also several special scholarships for this program - up to \$1,500!! – Apply by Nov 5.



# VSU in

# Cuenca, Ecuador

## Spanish Study Abroad Program

### May 11 – June 08, 2014



#### Highlights:

- 7 cr. hrs in Spanish
- Room and board with host family
- Small class sizes
- Visits to Quito, Ingapirca, Pumapungo and the community project Kushiwayra in Parcoloma
- Variety of additional cultural excursions and activities.

#### Course Offerings:

Students may take two 3 cr. classes from the following: SPAN 1001, 1002, 1111, 2001, 2002, 2010, 2011, 3010, 3012, 3014, 3160, 3200, 3270, 4010, 4110, 4020, 4950, 4900, plus 1 cr. hr in SPAN 4980 before the program (in the spring).



## The Place

The Spanish section of Modern and Classical Languages department at Valdosta State University offers students an opportunity study Spanish language, culture, and literature at Estudio Sampere in Cuenca, Ecuador.

**Cuenca** is located in the sierra of the Andes, at about 8202 ft above sea level. The center of the city is listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Trust site because of its many historical buildings. This area, which is where our hosting institute is located, is visited by many tourists because of its beautiful colonial buildings. With its dozens of narrow streets, small family-run shops and many recreational parks where kids still run with colorful kites and the street vendors offer exquisite brown sugar candy, *tocote*, and other goodies, Cuenca still conserves the mysterious airs of ancient times.

The Incan ruins, museums, monasteries, churches, markets with the textiles made by natives of the province of Imbaburo and beautiful lakes are among the major attractions of the area.



## The Program

The VSU in Ecuador program was established to provide students with an opportunity to earn six credits in Spanish in a summer study program. Classes are offered in very small groups, facilitating better opportunities for conversation. The program encourages integration into Ecuadorian life with daily interaction with Ecuadorian families and university students.



## Housing

Room and board with a host family is included in the program price as well as weekly laundry service. Each family has been carefully selected by the resident staff of the hosting institution, Estudio Sampere, in order to accommodate students' specific needs and ensure a comfortable living situation.

The home stay provides the opportunity for students to experience aspects of the Ecuadorian lifestyle that are inaccessible to the average visitor to Ecuador, not to mention the fabulous opportunity to practice the Spanish language.



## Special activities

To acquire a better understanding of the local culture, students are invited to take cooking, dancing and painting classes. Guided visits will be provided to museums, markets and nature parks.

