



Lector-Academia  
Quito, Ecuador

# Instituto Internacional de Idiomas y Cultura



## Manual

*Spanish course program in Quito, Ecuador*



# QUITO

## ...an ideal Spanish language course destination

While the old town of Quito is well known for its culture and historical treasures, the new town offers elegant shopping malls, famous salsa dancing bars, modern movie theatres and other attractions such as sport facilities (gyms, public swimming pools, parks and even an ice skating palace) and a vast selection of restaurants, internet cafes and discotheques.

Most “Quiteños” speak Spanish slowly and clearly without any accent, which makes Quito an ideal Spanish language course destination.



# ECUADOR

## ...the smallest of the Andean countries

From the beautifully preserved colonial capital of Quito, located in the highlands at 2850 m (9300 feet) above sea level, you can travel by frequent buses to Andean Indian Markets, remote jungle towns, famous parks (partly with active volcanoes), historic cities and warm pacific beaches. In fact, starting from Quito you can get to most points of this beautiful country, the smallest of the Andean countries, in less than a day by public or private transport.

And in only one hour by plane you can reach the unique **Galapagos Islands**.

*Culture*  
*Language*  
*Friendship*  
*Adventure*



# LECTOR-ACADEMIA

## ...we are more than just a language school

The Lector-Academia de Quito is located in the modern northern district of Quito. Here we are within easy reach of the city centre, with splendid views on the mountains. Our institution was founded in 1995 (12years of experiences)!!! The Lector-Academia is official recognized by the Ecuadorian Ministry of Culture and Education (Res.No. 1823-Dinepp). The Lector staff is young, enthusiastic and above all well qualified.

“We always continue to keep and also to improve our high standards.

“Bildungsurlaub” in Germany recognized or possible on request in the following states:

*Hamburg*

*Schleswig-Holstein*

*Berlin*

*Hessen (Paragraf 10 Abs.4)*

*Rheinland-Pfalz (student must inform us 10 weeks before course starting date)*

*Niedersachsen (student must inform us 10 weeks before course starting date)*

## **NEW: DELE – PREPARATION COURSES**

The DELE (Diploma de Español como Lengua Extranjera) is an international recognized certificate given by the Spanish Ministry of Education, Culture and Sports. Generally in May and in November students can attend at the exam at the Instituto Cervantes in cities all-around the world. For example in Berlin or Munich for students from Germany.

The course has to be coordinated with us a few weeks before the exam.

## **NEW: UNIVERSITY CREDIT POINTS**

University Students can coordinate with us and their University “Credit Points”. It depends on the University, if a course at the Lector-Academia is recognized as a part of the study.

## The school building...

...was formerly a large family residence and has a comfortable lounge, a kitchen area, 10 classrooms, a nice front garden, a back patio and a winter garden.



# SPANISH COURSES

## Teaching method and materials

Spanish lessons are conducted only in Spanish to ensure a rapid progress. We use generally the book ESPAÑOL 2000 (basico, medio, superior). In our opinion it is one of the best Spanish textbooks. But we also work with "ELE". As we receive all books from Spain, we do not include them in our course fees. All other tuition material such as copies, texts etc. are included in the fees. The teachers do also work with flashcards, videos and audio material. For the DELE- PREPARATION COURSE the school has the necessary material to prepare the students.

## Group or Individual Tuition

Course type	Details	Description
<u>MINIGROUP 20</u> Class size Lessons per week Starting dates Levels	max. 5 students 20 every Monday all levels	Based on grammar and vocabulary combined with speaking practices
<u>MINIGROUP 30</u> Class size Lessons per week Starting dates Levels	max. 5 students 30 every Monday all levels	Students combine the Minigroup 20 course with two additional hours of communication classes.
<u>INDIVIDUAL 20 or 30</u> Class size Lessons per week Starting dates Levels	1 student 20 or 30 every day all levels	The most intensive course for students with personal priorities. Individual tuition students can also choose a special course of "Spanish for business".

### IMPORTANT:

The school is closed on the following public holidays

Jan.01 / Friday before Easter / May 01 / May 24 / Aug. 10 / Oct. 9 / Nov. 02 / Dec. 05 / Dec. 06 / Dec. 25 /

Depending on the season the courses are provided in the morning or in the afternoon. Each lesson is 45 minutes. In case there is no group course possible, students booked with 30 lessons group will receive 20 lesson individual / week. Students booked with 20 lessons group will receive 15 lessons individual / week. After the course each student receives a certificate.

# ACCOMMODATION

## Carefully selected host families

We have carefully selected families who provide accommodation and meals for our students. Our host families are very welcoming and give their guests many opportunities to practice and improve their Spanish in real life situations outside the classroom. The majority of our host families are close to the school (between 5 and max. 15 minutes walking or by public bus).

### Further details:

- SGL room or DBL room (DBL on request)
- half board
- laundry service each second week

**“We are convinced that living with an Ecuadorian family is the best accommodation choice.”**

## Hostel accommodation as an alternative...

### **NEW:** Hostal “Jardin del Sol” \*\*\*

The Hostel is located in the tourist sector “La Mariscal”. Various shops, restaurants and other facilities such as Internet Cafes are around the Hostel.

*Details:* the Hostel has 20 rooms and offers a typical Bed and Breakfast atmosphere, students need about 35 minutes by public bus to school.

### Hostal “Sol de Quito” \*\*\*\*

This luxury Hostel is centrally located close to the modern shopping mall “El Jardin” at the “Parque de la Carolina”. The nice rooms are decorated with an Ecuadorian colonial style.

*Details:* all rooms are equipped with TV and telephone. Email Service is provided. The Hostel has a very nice bar and lounge. A continental breakfast is included. Student need to calculate a bus trip of about 25 minutes from the Hostel to the school.



Hostal Sol de Quito, room

# LEISURE ACTIVITIES

## An important part....

...of our program are the leisure activities. We have designed over the past years a wide range of culture and sport activities and a number of different excursions. Depending on the season and the interest of our students the activities vary. The school organizes each week at least two culture activities and two excursions. Sport activities are an option but due to our experiences not offered each week.

### List of activities and possibilities

#### **SPORT POSSIBILITIES IN QUITO**

Soccer, Volleyball, Basketball, Swimming, Ice Skating, Inline Skating, Squash, Ping Pong, Tennis, Climbing, Dancing, Biking, Bowling, Gymnastic (Aerobic),

Conditions: Top modern facilities are offered by different organisations.

Costs per person (examples): Entrance fee in a modern public swimming pool USD 3.50, Ice Skating 2 hours USD 4.00, Bowling 1 hour USD 5.50, Squash 1 hour USD 10.00, Gym 1 month from USD 40.00.

#### **EXCURSIONS**

- Jungle Adventure Tour / 4 days – 3 nights / about 140.00 USD
- One day Excursions (mountain trekking, river rafting, mountain biking, horse back riding) from 35.00 – 70.00 USD
- City Tour / 3 hours / about 15.00 USD
- 5 days Galapagos Tour / prices depend on season

Our excursions are organized by POSITIV-TURISMO ltd. [www.mosaikoecuador.com](http://www.mosaikoecuador.com)

#### **CULTURAL ACTIVITIES**

Ecuadorian night, fruit festival, video night, BBQ, Quito at night, museum day, dancing lessons, cultural reports, Chilean wine festival, Chiva Bus Tour, Cuban night, Mexican night, Theatre visits, cinema night etc.

Details: every week we update our program depending on the “Quito agenda cultural”. Most activities are provided without any additional fee. In case of the visit of a theatre or cinema, students have to pay for their own consume.



# TOP SERVICE / TOP TEAM

## Children Care Service

We work together with an excellent kindergarten which takes care of children (up to 7 years) while the parents attend a Spanish course at the Lector-Academia.

## Airport Transfer

Meeting our students at the airport after their arrival and taking them to the accommodation is a service which we provide every day at every time. (Service is included in our fees.)

## Information Service

Every Monday and Tuesday we organize briefings with our new students to inform them about all what they need and want to know. Students receive an information package.

## Birthday surprise

If it is a Lector student's birthday the school invites all students to celebrate this special day!

## Emergency Service

In case of an emergency you can count on us. Our actual emergency telephone numbers are:

Handy: 09-9003050 (Mr. Willi Dünnenberger), Handy: 09-7609711 (Mrs. Angélica Moreno). The private phone number of Angélica Moreno and Norbert Stimpfig is 02-2500214

## We guarantee quality

Mr. Norbert Stimpfig	Head of Administration
Mr. Willi Dünnenberger	Tour Coordination and Sales
Mrs. Angélica Moreno	Director of Studies, Culture Program Coordination
Mrs. Alexandra Moran	Administration and Client Services

Patricia Guachamin	since 10 years member of our teaching staff
Margarita Anangono	since 10 years member of our teaching staff
Anabel Freire	since 11 years member of our teaching staff
Estrella Jacome	since 10 years member of our teaching staff
Maria Angélica Nuñez	since 8 years member of our teaching staff
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