Program Overview
The Universidad San Francisco de Quito (USFQ) is one of the most distinguished private universities in Ecuador. Located in the Cumbaya valley, adjacent to the city, the university consists of an intimate campus with all of the educational buildings centrally located. USFQ is a liberal arts university that is based on the American university system. The gorgeous architecture and immaculate landscaping provide a serene and attractive study environment.

Academics
Students accepted into the UNCW exchange/study abroad program with USFQ will receive credit toward their degree requirements for most majors. Areas of study available include administration, architecture, biological and environmental sciences, tropical ecology, communication, engineering and polytechnics, film, fine arts, food and nutrition, health sciences, law and liberal arts. Students may also enroll in Spanish language courses designed for non-native Spanish speakers interested in learning and practicing Spanish.

Program Facts
Location........................................... Quito, Ecuador
City Population..................................... 1.5 million
University Enrollment........................................... 5,000

Program Type
Exchange and Study Abroad

Program Dates
Fall
Late August to Mid December
Spring
Early January to Mid May

Application Deadlines
Fall Semester/Academic Year .................. April 1
Spring Semester ............................... October 15

Eligibility
Students are eligible to apply for this program if they meet the following eligibility criteria:

- Degree-seeking student
- At least Sophomore standing at time of participation
- Good judicial standing
- 2.8 GPA at time of application
- Completion of college level Spanish through SPN 202 by the time of participation (Students with a GPA between 2.5-2.75 will considered on a case by case basis)
Housing
Participants will be housed in carefully selected home stays located in and around Quito. All housing is within access to public transportation to the university. Two daily meals and laundry services are provided.

Student Life
Quito is a majestic city nestled between the high peaks of the Andes Mountains. Although it is a mere fourteen miles from the equator, Quito’s altitude of approximately nine thousand feet provides a comfortable climate year-round. The city is famous for its colonial architecture and artwork that is displayed proudly in a host of museums and churches that line the historic downtown area. The northern section of town is a showcase of modern skyscrapers mixed with contemporary housing. This area is also completely stocked with shopping centers, discotheques and restaurants galore.

Surrounding Areas
Quito is Ecuador’s second largest city and a major transportation hub for the country. The easily accessible airport and bus stations make travel a convenient bonus to this program. Ecuador offers a rich variety of sights, including the Amazon Basin and its luscious rain forest environment, the arid Pacific Coast, Incan ruins, and the unforgettable Galapagos Islands.

Cost
This program is available as an Exchange or as a Study Abroad:

- **Exchange and Study Abroad** – For both options, you pay tuition, fees, health insurance, room and board to UNCW.

With each option, there will be additional costs for international airfare, passport, visa, and local transportation. Please meet with an advisor at the Office of International Programs to discuss which option is best for you.

Financial Aid & Scholarships
Federal and state financial aid may be applied toward this program. Even if you are normally ineligible for financial aid, you should submit a financial aid application (FAFSA). You may find that you are eligible for additional funding.

UNCW students may also apply for a UNCW Education Abroad Grant and additional study abroad scholarships. Grant applications and additional information are available at www.uncw.edu/international/abroad/aid.html.

Web Sites

- **Universidad San Francisco de Quito:**
  http://www.usfq.edu.ec/
- **Ecuador Tourism Information:**
  http://www.ecuador.com/
- **UNCW Office of International Programs:**
  www.uncw.edu/international