Intensive 3-Week Spanish Immersion Program
EXAMPLE
Andean Center for Latin American Studies (ACLAS) - Quito, Ecuador

About this example program:
Programs are customizable to each group’s academic and other needs. We can easily prepare a proposal that includes specific price information. To get an idea of the type of programming we provide please take a look at this program example and do not hesitate to contact us with questions.

About the Andean Center for Latin American Studies (ACLAS):
The Andean Center for Latin American Studies (ACLAS) facilitates customized faculty-led programs for higher education institutions in the United States. ACLAS can accommodate a wide range of language level abilities, number of students and program timelines. At ACLAS our goal is to provide an enriching academic and cultural immersion experience for students and faculty. Find out more at www.aclas.org

Photo below shows some of the gathering areas at the ACLAS facilities. Other areas include an outdoor garden (with tables and chairs), multiple classrooms (from 1 person to 40 person), multiple restrooms and a computer lab.

Program Characteristics
Programs are customizable to each group’s academic and other needs. Our typical facilitation and support services include:

- Airport transfer on arrival and departure
- Orientation on safety and cultural adaptation
- Homestay for the students which includes three meals each day and laundry
- High-quality Spanish instruction, all levels and many academic foci can be accommodated (any amount of language instruction possible.)
- Service Learning coordination and support
- City tour. Transportation, entrance fees and guide tips included
- Visit to the Equator and “Mitad del Mundo” marker. Transportation, entrance fees and guide tips included
- Other 1-5 day excursions around Quito and Ecuador. Many options available. See “Excursions” on the ACLAS website or contact us to learn more about options. Excursion prices are all-inclusive: transportation, accommodation, meals, entrance fees, guide tips, ACLAS staff member and costs for any accompanying faculty.
- Office space for the professor (potentially shared). Computer, printer, Internet
• Support finding appropriate accommodation for the faculty member
• Computer lab and wireless internet at ACLAS
• Facilities for the use of the students 24/7
• Emergency support 24/7
• City tour, visit to the Equator, and trip to Otavalo, for the professor
• Administrative costs

Understanding Program Price
We typically quote prices as price per student for an estimated number of students. For example, we can put together a program price for 10-14 students and 15-20 students so that you can communicate clearly with your students about any potential price difference depending on the number of students on the program.

The following are not typically included in the price:
• Airfare
• Passport – approx. $100
• Health insurance (specific insurance often required by your institution)
• Local transportation – approx. $2-$10 per week
• Faculty costs beyond excursion cost

The major factors affecting the program price are:
• Number of program-specific seminars or site-visits organized by ACLAS
• Amount of Spanish language instruction
• Number of Spanish language levels – more levels of Spanish require more professors
• Number of students
• Length of program
• Number of excursions

Draft Itinerary for program
The itinerary of the program will be created with ACLAS staff and the group representative and agreed upon prior to the start of the program. This is just an example of a typical program.

Monday to Thursday or Friday
Morning: Service Learning (Typically 2 days a week, depending on student interest and needs.)
Lunch: Students return to homestays for lunch, this is typically the major meal of the day for Ecuadorian families.
Afternoon: 1:30 PM to 6:00 PM Spanish classes with 10-minute breaks

(Or, morning classes and afternoon service learning, depending on service learning site schedules.)

Other Activities
First Day, Orientation session and City tour
Second day, Visit to the equator
First weekend, visit to Otavalo (optional)
Second Weekend, another excursion (optional)
Third weekend, free time in Quito
Last day of class: A ‘Despedida’ or good-bye party with all students, teachers and homestay families.