



Latinoamericana
de Español

*The Andean World
in your hands !!!*





Welcome to

Latinoamericana de Español
Ecuador / Peru / Bolivia



We

are the only Andean Cultural Heritage and Spanish Language Institute in South America, and we are proud to be the friendliest Spanish School you have ever known!!

Academia Latinoamericana has a long tradition of providing top-quality language instruction and wonderful homestay experiences to students of all ages from many different countries throughout the world.

Our institution, founded in 1989, is one of the pioneers of modern language teaching in South America. It has three school locations: Quito in Ecuador, Cusco in Peru and Sucre in Bolivia.

Academia Latinoamericana offers innovative educational experiences in the field of international language immersion studies. It offers a unique opportunity for students with a wide range of specialties in Business Administration, Environmental Studies, Entrepreneurial Development, English as a Second Language, and general Liberal Arts Studies including coursework in History, Indigenous Culture, Medical Vocabulary and many more. We have partnered with many highly regarded universities around the world and are privileged to offer accredited college level classes including: Spanish, History, Literature, Business, Medical vocabulary courses and custom programs on a year round basis. Additionally, the Academia Latinoamericana also offers Service Learning and Internships to participants from across the globe.



Placement

After arriving you are given the written exam and oral proficiency interview (OPI placement test) administered to all new students. This test determines the starting point for your Spanish studies.

Following the orientation program, classes begin with intensive Spanish instruction in a small-group setting Monday through Friday for four hours per day. Individual lessons are also available, even a combination of both with our Super-Intensive program.



Orientation Session

On the first day at Academia Latinoamericana you participate in an orientation session, in which the Director of the Spanish program explains all the little things you need to know about including classes, living with a host family, getting around the city, etc.

All important topics are covered during this orientation, and then we provide you with the instructional material and a map of the city, marked with the location of the Academia and your host family. .



Quito Ecuador

The city of Quito is located in a beautiful valley surrounded by the snow capped peaks of the Andes. It is a Franciscan city and surprisingly friendlier and safer feeling than other large Latin American cities. Furthermore, Quito has kept its colonial charm in spite of being home to a million inhabitants.

The temperature is determined by the altitude and averages between 60-80°F during the day and approximately 50°F at night.

Academia Latinoamericana de Español in Quito is set in the residential area of La Carolina and has a beautiful colonial design, with 21 classrooms, a glass-domed interior patio, video room with amplification equipment, library, teachers room, auditorium, cafeteria, wireless internet service on the entire campus, as well as a wheelchair accessible bathroom and elevator.

The majority of our participants are professionals and university students from Europe and North America.

We have proudly hosted students from all language backgrounds around the world.

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Cusco Peru



Study Spanish in the Imperial city of Cusco in Peru: Discover the ancient capital of the Inca Empire, visit Machu Picchu World Heritage Site and plunge deep into a very old and mysterious culture, all in one and the same city!

Studying Spanish in Cusco is much more than just a language course: it means a real cultural immersion experience!

Academia Latinoamericana de Español in Cusco is housed a magnificent 17th century colonial style campus. The campus is located on one of the many small plazas called "Limacpampa Grande", right behind the Qorikancha (Temple of the Sun), one of the most important sites from pre-Colombian Cusco, and close to the main post-office, internet cafes, banks, casas de cambio, etc.

It is only four blocks from the main square, the Plaza de Armas, the central meeting area of Cusco, a great place to people watch! There are many restaurants, cathedrals, cafes and museums nearby.

In addition to your Spanish classes you get involved in a range of multisensory cultural events such as expositions, the preparation of traditional meals or enjoy concerts of traditional music.

Experience a profound cultural immersion like nowhere else!

Cusco, once the capital of the great Inca civilization, is also home to many magnificent examples of Colonial architecture. The stone foundations of the Inca temples are still visible in the Colonial buildings in and around the city.

Many of our students are drawn to Cusco for its close proximity to the iconic Machu Picchu and the Inca trail.

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Sucre Bolivia

Academia Latinoamericana in Bolivia is located in the heart of Sucre, just one block away from the city center and within close proximity to virtually everything of interest in the city.

Classes are held in the morning, which leaves the afternoon free for cultural activities or half day excursions.

Classes take place in a beautiful colonial campus with 15 classrooms, a lounge, video room, two terraces, an indoor patio, cafeteria, travel information desk and much more.

Sucre is Bolivia's beautiful Colonial historic capital, located in the Andean highlands of Bolivia. It's also known as the "White City of the Americas" due to its numerous Colonial buildings, which are all white-washed and topped with shiny red tile roofs.

Set in a valley surrounded by low mountains, Sucre is relatively small (pop. 150,000) making it is very easy to explore on foot.

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SUCRE- BOLIVIA**

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In 1991 Sucre was declared as a Cultural World Heritage Site by Unesco.

Due to its central location in the country, Sucre makes an excellent base from which to start your visits to many other spectacular destinations in Bolivia, such as the silver mines of Potosí, the old ancient churches of the Jesuit Missions, Uyuni Salt Desert or the wonderful Lake Titicaca.



Service Learning Opportunities

Working in a Service Learning Project in Ecuador / Peru / Bolivia is a great way to truly connect with and serve the local people. What's more, you will build up character strengths of cultural sensitivity and tolerance as well as fluency in multiple languages and add a priceless bonus to your resume.



We have selected a large number of non-profit institutions which are happy to collaborate with volunteers from across the globe. Choose between community work with children living in lower-income communities, working in an Indigenous community, working in ecological conservation project in the jungle or working toward sustainability and preservation on the exotic Galapagos Islands. Our service learning projects are not just for traditional university-aged students, but rather are available to people of all ages from anywhere around the world.

It is very important that you are a responsible and independent person and that during the entire length of your work placement you demonstrate very high level of self-motivation and self-initiative. Ecuador, Peru and Bolivia are developing countries and resources are limited for certain sectors of the population, however we are also certain that you will have a rewarding experience.

You can work in various fields such as education, medicine, ecology, social work and sharing and gaining rewards, which often is the most important of all.

You will realize that there are people in the world who need you, someone not looking for anything in return, but simply to help them. This is the reward of the true volunteer student.

ACCOMMODATION DURING VOLUNTEER PROJECT

Academia Latinoamericana provides you with housing accommodations during your Service Learning Project. For projects which are set in Quito, Cusco and Sucre, you live with a host family or at one of our own student residences. If you volunteer outside the city we provide onsite accommodations specifically for volunteers or with a local family.

REQUIREMENTS:

- * Be willing to work part/full time
- * Submit your personal resume
- * Attend an orientation about your project
- * Complete an evaluation form after completing project





Methodology

Communication is the focus of Academia Latinoamericana de Español. Our methodology involves a natural, experience-based language approach, including directed reading, critical thinking activities, and the writing process. An integrated, thematic curriculum-based approach reinforces vocabulary and cooperative learning opportunities. Every student will have a multitude of opportunities to listen, speak, read and write in Spanish daily.



Levels

Nine levels of proficiency (ACTFL SCALE) are available and students are required to pass tests at each level in order to progress to the next.



Typical Day Schedule

FIRST SESSION

This first session is specifically dedicated to studying grammar and practicing reading comprehension and establishing/expanding writing skills.

GRAMMAR: Systematic studies of linguistic structures, grammatical functions and rules of Spanish. Our methodology has a very pragmatic approach of the language, in combination with a wide range of activities, which are selected to reinforce the lesson of the day in a meaningful and positive manner.

READING COMPREHENSION: The development of this skill is carried out with carefully selected texts or didactically created ones that correlate to the lecture. With help and guidance from the teacher, you interpret the texts orally and in writing to further develop your comprehension. Orthographic rules, vocabulary and punctuation are also reviewed in context and incorporated into the lessons seamlessly.

SECOND SESSION

This second session is dedicated to studying oral comprehension and expression.

ORAL COMPREHENSION: The development of receptive language skills is carried out with lessons including actual and customized documents designed to make learning enjoyable and meaningful that coordinate with the lecture. Your teacher will guide you through different comprehension activities; you will also have the opportunity to interpret documents and audio-visual media orally and / or in writing.

ORAL EXPRESSION: You will participate in a variety of engaging and interactive activities conducted by the teacher, such as presentations, debates, mini-plays, etc. These activities are carried out with different materials introduced by the teacher or the students, depending on everyone's needs or interests. Spanish Phonetics (pronunciation, rhythm of the sentences etc.) are also studied and incorporated into the lessons.

This new program is based upon cultural elements as well as the language itself, thus adding a valuable dimension of the Latin American Culture.

While studying abroad, the entire city is your classroom and offers continual learning opportunities in a real-world context. Classroom instruction is supplemented with a variety of brief field trips to different sites within or beyond the city (markets, museums, cathedrals, historical monuments), along with dancing classes, cooking lessons, lectures, etc. As mentioned previously, a city tour is provided on the first day at the school along with an informative orientation.





Do you need University credit?

You may receive 12 to 16 semester credits from many North American universities at any one of our locations. These credits usually correspond to a standard load of four courses, 4 credits each. Work completed in the "language courses" will be assigned credit corresponding to the course numbers listed in the sequence below. Semester students receive 16 credits for successful completion of such work. Summer students receive four credits for each month of intensive language instruction. If you enroll for a semester or quarter program you can undertake your studies at one or more of our locations.



Course Number	Title
SPANISH 111-112	BEGINNINER SPANISH I-II
SPANISH 221-222	INTERMEDIATE SPANISH I-II
*SPANISH 299	INDEPENDENT STUDY
*SPANISH 311-312	SPANISH GRAMMAR I-II
*SPANISH 313-314	SPANISH GRAMMAR III-IV
*SPANISH 315-316	ADVANCED SPANISH LANGUAGE
*SPANISH 330	PHONETICS & PRONUNCIATION
*SPANISH 332	SEMINAR IN LATIN AMERICAN CINEMA
*SPANISH 335	SPANISH FOR BUSINESS & COMMERCE
*SPANISH 340	SURVEY OF HISPANIC AMERICAN LITERATURE
*SPANISH 344	REGIONAL LITERATURE OF HISPANIC AMERICA
*SPANISH 352	HISPANIC-AMERICAN CULTURE AND CIVILIZATION
*SPANISH 364	INDIGENOUS CULTURES
*SPANISH 372	HISPANIC-AMERICAN LITERATURE SINCE 1888
*SPANISH 374	REGIONAL HISTORY OF HISPANIC AMERICA (Ecuador-Peru-Bolivia)
*SPANISH 380	SPECIAL TOPICS
*SPANISH 413	ADVANCED WRITING
*QUECHUA 386	QUECHUA LANGUAGE
*INTERNSHIP 414+	INTERNSHIP IN LATIN AMERICA

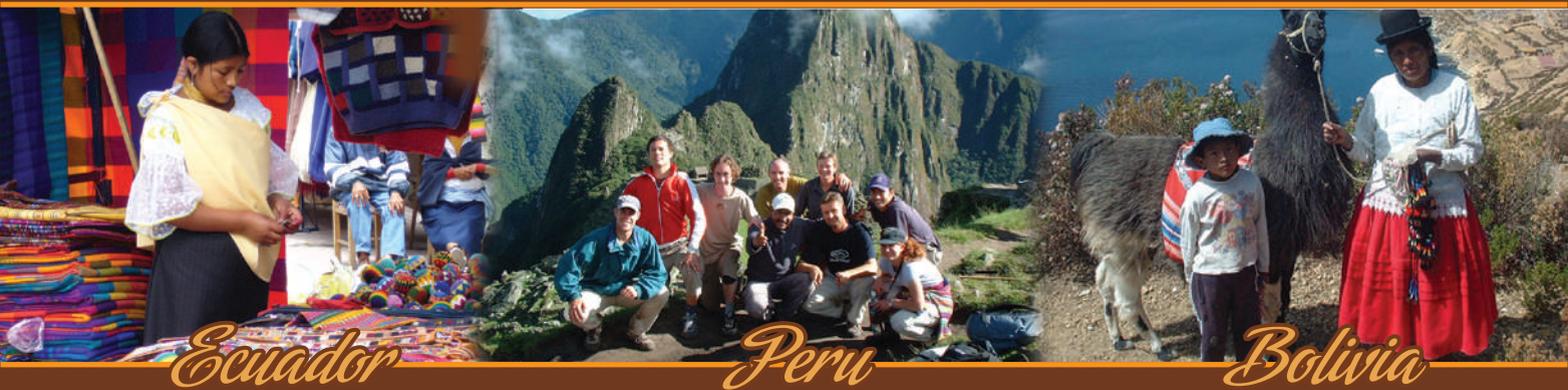
** Asterisks indicate upper level courses.

Academia Latinoamericana's overseas programs have been nationally recognized for their excellence. Undergraduate credit is available at all levels, from beginner Spanish to upper-level courses, and is fully transferable to other accredited universities. Most students receive credit directly through their university. Or, you can apply for credit for Spanish courses through New Mexico State University or Brookhaven College. Please make all arrangements directly through New Mexico State University or Brookhaven College prior to beginning the program. Additionally, many North American teachers receive continuing education credits with their school district through our program.

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Ecuador

Peru

Bolivia



Spanish Program

Academia Latinoamericana offers one of the finest programs of Spanish language study in Latin America, especially designed to quickly and efficiently develop a working proficiency in Spanish. Our students include working professionals, business executives, traditional university aged students, doctors, teachers, high school students, airline employees, and retirees. During your program you participate in cultural seminars, field trips, grammar and conversation classes. Our professors are native speakers with university degrees in teaching Spanish as a foreign language.

One of the important features of the Academia experience is that our courses accommodate the complete beginner through advanced levels, operating year-round, with open enrollment dates and no limit on length of stay. Our excellent testing program allows us to place all new students at their exact level immediately. Weekly evaluations allow you to move at your own pace and regularly gauge your progress. You are continually challenged, but will not feel frustrated by being slightly ahead or slightly behind your classmates.

Personal attention to each and every student is of the utmost importance. Class size is limited to five or fewer students in order to maximize learning opportunities in a safe and friendly environment.

Our courses cover all aspects of language learning (listening, speaking, reading and writing skills). They are specially designed for foreign students and are taught entirely in Spanish. We use a series of very comprehensive books and materials, for both general and specialized types of instruction. Our library offers an extensive collection along with many audio-visual materials, newspapers, magazine articles and practical learning situations.

Upon arrival you participate in a welcome orientation and go on a city tour. This program is based upon cultural elements as well as the language itself, thus adding a valuable appreciation of the Andean culture.



Organized Activities

Optional cultural events such as cooking lessons, dancing lessons, or other cultural group activities are scheduled daily and listed on a board for anyone that chooses to participate. Daily or weekend field trips to different sites (National parks, natural reserves, markets, museums, historical monuments, etc.) are offered on a regular basis.



Host Families

Your host family welcomes you into their home, takes care of you and is a wonderful support network. Most of our families live within walking distance to the Academia. You are provided two meals per day and do your laundry as well. Some families can accommodate individuals, couples or parents traveling with children. All families are carefully selected and truly add to the learning environment. The best part of living with a family is the day-to-day interactions and cultural exchanges that enrich your experience. If you wish for other family members or friends to live with you during your stay, every effort will be made to accommodate your request.





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