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
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# Welcome to

## Academia Latinoamericana de Español Ecuador / Perú / Bolivia



*We* are the only Cultural Heritage and Spanish Language Institute of Andean 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.

Academia Latinoamericana de Español, 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 a new development in the field of international education. This is a giant step of expansion for Academia Latinoamericana students, as it offers a unique opportunity for studies 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 more. Service Learning, Internships, North American university credits and custom programs on a year round basis continue as before.



### Placement



After arriving you pass a written and oral proficiency interview together with all new students, the OPI placement test. This test determines on which level you start your Spanish studies. Following the orientation program, classes begin with intensive Spanish instruction, 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, such as classes, host families, the city, etc. All important topics are covered during this session, and then we provide you with the teaching material and a map of the city, marked with the location of the Academia and your host family.



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# 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, it has kept its Colonial charm in spite of growing to the size of 1 million. The temperature is determined by the altitude and the averages are 60-80°F during the day and 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, an interior patio, video room with amplification equipment, library, teachers room, auditorium, cafeteria, multipurpose indoor court (racquetball and volleyball), wireless internet service on the whole campus, access and bathroom for wheelchair users and elevator.

Participants are about half from Europe, half from North America. The majority are professionals and university students.

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# Cusco Perú

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 Espanol in Cusco is housed in two magnificent campuses in 17th century Colonial style. One of them is located on one of the many small plazas called "Limacpampa Grande", right behind one of the most important sites from pre-Colombian Cusco, the Qorikancha (Temple of the Sun), and close to the main post-office, internet cafes, banks, casas de cambio, etc. It's only four blocks from the main square, the Plaza de Armas, the central meeting area of Cusco (a great place to people watch!), and there are many restaurants, cafes, cathedrals and museums nearby.

Just a one minute walk away, the second campus, sharing a building with the Museum of Andean Culture, can be found in the ancient street "Colla Calle". Academia Latinoamericana is a center for diffusion of Andean culture likewise, and the Museum hosts permanent exhibitions of paintings from the region of Cusco and bone sculptures by Jesús Venero, which have been declared Cultural Heritage of Peru. In addition to your Spanish classes you get involved in cultural events such as expositions, preparation of traditional meals or concerts of traditional music. Experience 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 famous 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, lounge, video room, two terraces, an indoor patio, cafeteria, travel information desk and much more.

Sucre is Bolivia's beautiful Colonial judicial 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 small (pop. 150,000) so that it is very easy to explore on foot.

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In 1991 Sucre was inscribed as a Cultural World Heritage Site by Unesco. Due to its central location in the country, Sucre makes an excellent base from where 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.



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# Service Learning Opportunities

Working in a Service Learning Project in Ecuador / Peru / Bolivia is a great way to get in touch with the local people. What's more, you will build up character strengths of tolerance, cultural sensitivity, multi-language fluency and add a priceless bonus to your resume.



We have selected a large number of non profit institutions which are happy to receive international volunteers. Choose between community work with poor children, working in an Indigenous community, in monkey conservation in the Bolivian jungle or in an ecological project on the exotic Galapagos Islands. Our service learning projects are not just for traditional university aged students, but for anyone from anywhere in the world.

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

You can work in various fields such as education, medicine, ecology, social work and affection, 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 - to help them. This is the reward of the true volunteer student.

## ACCOMMODATION DURING VOLUNTEER PROJECT



Academia Latinoamericana provides you accommodation during your Service Learning Project. In projects which are set in Quito / Cusco / Sucre you live with a host family or at our own student residence. If you volunteer outside the city we provide accommodation in a volunteer house or a local family.



## REQUIREMENTS:



- \* Be willing to work at least 4 hours per day
- \* Turn in your personal resume
- \* Attend orientation about your project
- \* Fill in evaluation form after completing project






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## Spanish Program

Academia Latinoamericana offers one of the finest programs of Spanish language study in Latin America, especially designed to quickly develop a working proficiency in Spanish. Our students are working professionals, airline employees, business executives, retirees, traditional university aged students, doctors, teachers or high school students. 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 enrolment dates and no limit on length of stay. Our excellent testing program allows us to place all new students at their exact level. Weekly evaluations allow you to move at your own pace. You are continually challenged, but will not feel frustrated by being slightly ahead or slightly behind your classmates. The number of participants in any class is never over five, and is frequently smaller.

Covering all aspects of language learning (speaking, listening, writing and reading skills), our courses are specially designed for foreign students and are taught entirely in Spanish. We use a series of very comprehensive books and materials, both for 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

Every day you will find an optional daily schedule of cultural events along with lectures, board games, dancing or cooking lessons. 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

The host family takes care of you and is a wonderful support network. Most of our families live within walking distance to the Academia-University. You are provided two meals per day, they pick you up from the airport and do your laundry as well. Some families have more than one bedroom for couples and parents with children. All families are well 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 with them. If you wish 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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## Methodology

The focus of Academia Latinoamericana de Español is on communication and our methodology involves a natural approach, total physical response, language experience approach, directed reading-thinking activities, and the writing process. An integrated, topical curriculum approach reinforces vocabulary.



## Levels

Nine levels of proficiency (ACTFL SCALE) are available and students must 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 to practicing reading, comprehension and writing style.

**GRAMMAR:** 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 consolidation activities which are selected to reinforce the lesson of the day.

**READING COMPREHENSION:** The development of this skill is carried out with real texts or didactically created ones which are coordinated to the lecture. With help and guidance of the teacher, you interpret the texts orally and in writing to further aid your comprehension. Orthographic rules, vocabulary and punctuation are also reviewed.

### SECOND SESSION

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

**ORAL COMPREHENSION:** The development of this skill is carried out with real and didactically created documents which are designed to coordinate with the lecture. With help of the teacher and different comprehension activities, you interpret the audio visual documents orally and / or in writing.

**ORAL EXPRESSION:** You participate interactively in a variety of different activities conducted by the teacher, such as presentations, debates, mini-plays, etc. These activities are carried out with different materials proposed by the teacher or the students, depending on everyone's necessities or interests. Spanish Phonetics (pronunciation, rhythm of the sentences etc.) are also studied.

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

Short field trips are hosted to different sites or close by the city (markets, museums, cathedrals, historical monuments), along with dancing classes, cooking lessons, lectures, etc. On the first day at the school you are given a welcome orientation and go on a city tour.





# Do you need University credit?

You may receive from 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 done 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 enrol for a semester or quarter program you can undertake your studies at one or more of our locations. Asterisks indicate upper level courses.



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 335	SPANISH FOR BUSINESS & COMMERCE
*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

Most students receive credit directly with their matriculating university. Or, you can apply for credit for Spanish courses through New Mexico State University or Brookhaven College. 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. Many North American teachers receive continuing education credits with their school district through our program.

Please make all arrangements directly through New Mexico State University or Brookhaven College prior to beginning the program.

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