

Cuenca 2026

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With over 20 years of teaching experience, and between 25/40 students studying each month the college offers a relaxed but serious study environment, catering for all language levels. Located in an Andean valley, Cuenca is a town of striking contrast. It has successfully preserved its colonial past from its cobbled streets, churches, pre-Hispanic ruins, museums, and colourful Indian markets. Colonial Cuenca is just across the Tomebamba River from modern day Cuenca with modern office buildings, art galleries and two universities. Home to many scholars and artists of Ecuador, Cuenca is said to be the "Athens of Ecuador." Relatively undiscovered by English speaking tourists, this programme offers an excellent opportunity to learn Spanish.

The school is in a quiet residential district, with several commercial areas nearby, with shops and restaurants for students to explore. It is in a converted house, surrounded by gardens and has seven classrooms and a very nice cafeteria, where students can connect their laptops for free WiFi service. The garden is a great place for students to relax and study and sometimes becomes a venue for classes, barbecues and small parties. The college primarily attracts students (18yrs+) and adults looking to improve their Spanish, be it for career, academic or personal reasons.



Star Courses:

Standard courses & Volunteering

Minimum age: 18
Minutes per lesson: 45

Courses Available

Standard Course

20 language lessons per week
& 4 extra cultural classes pr wk
Class size: max 6 people.
Ideal for all age groups (17yrs+) and language abilities. Short term programmes are perfect for those already studying Spanish, or who wish to get a feel for studying a language abroad, without making a long term commitment.

Languages for Life

8+ weeks
As Standard programme, in-depth study over an extended period for students who wish to reach a good to excellent knowledge and gain a solid command of Spanish for academic or professional reasons.



Combined Course

As Standard programme plus either 5 or 10 private lessons per week.

Private Tuition

Any Monday by request
Offered to all language levels
One week+ duration

Accommodation

Arrive: **Sunday PM** Depart: **Saturday AM**
NB: Accommodation is generally within 10 to 20 mins walking distance of the college.

- Option 1 Host family, single room, full-board.
Shared rm also offered Up to 20 mins from college
- Option 2 Small Hotel, B&B Single or shared room.
- Option 3 Simple apartments, one/two person studios
Self-catering. Basic but clean with pleasant private courtyard garden.

Course Prices US Dollars

Books & Materials: Inclusive in fees

Further details available online: www.cesalanguages.com
CESA Fee: **\$75.00** per person

Standard Course	1 wk \$ 260.00	2 wks \$ 435.00	3 wks \$ 610.00	4 wks \$ 785.00	5 wks \$ 950.00	6 wks \$ 1115.00
	8 wks \$1445.00					
Combined (20+5)	1 wk \$ 310.00	2 wks \$ 535.00	3 wks \$ 760.00	4 wks \$ 985.00		
Combined (20+10)	1 wk \$ 355.00	2 wks \$ 625.00	3 wks \$ 895.00	4 wks \$ 1165.00		
Private Tuition (20)	1 wk \$ 335.00	2 wks \$ 635.00	3 wks \$ 935.00	Private Tuition (25) 1 wk \$ 385.00	2 wks \$ 735.00	

Accommodation Prices

For additional information refer to the Course Finder online: www.cesalanguages.com

Accommodation Fee: N/A

Option 1	Single room	\$ 200.00 per week	Shared room (friends/couples)	\$ 170.00 per week	Extra night	\$ 35.00 per person
Option 2	Single room	\$ 450.00 per week	Shared room (friends/couples)	\$ 290.00 per week	Extra night	\$ 90.00 per person
Option 3	One week	\$ 300.00	Two weeks	\$ 500.00	Three weeks	\$ 750.00
					Extra night	Not offered

Travel: Fly to Quito or Guayaquil airports in Ecuador. Transfer: **\$ 150.00** (Guayaquil) **\$260** (Quito) One way service, from either airport on Saturday, (including Saturday night at Hotel, transfer back to airport on Sunday and onward cost of flight to Cuenca, travel to accommodation).

NB We will need your **passport no.** on enrolment if you book a transfer. Allow \$160.00+ for flight if travelling independently.

Transfers arranged in January, May-July or less than 20 days in advance may be higher (the difference will be recouped from the student at the school).



CESA
Languages Abroad

Lucy: Standard Course

"I loved the school. I was impressed by the organisation, the standard of the teachers and the extra curricula activities i.e. cooking classes, regional and Latin American dance classes and full day excursions to craft villages such as Gualaceo and Chordeleg, the Cajas Natural park and a trip up in to mountainous jungle. Lessons were intensive and concentrated on grammar, oral work and consolidating lessons which tested what we covered that day – we also had homework every night, which was a novelty for a Uni graduate! At the end of the course I had improved way beyond lapsed A-level ability of school days."

Jack: Standard Course

"I definitely improved my all round Spanish langue and grammar but I also felt the course set me up perfectly for travelling around South America for the 4 months afterwards.

The lessons and particularly the teaching were excellent, I was particularly happy with the rotation of teachers, not due to poor teaching but because it kept things fresh and interesting. The lessons in general were varied and interesting ant totally different to anything I had done before. The school was in an absolutely ideal location in Cuenca, near to everything and 15 minutes walk from my host family. I felt entirely comfortable with all the staff both in and out of lessons."

Course Start Dates

Applies to **Standard, Languages for Life & Combined** courses.

Start dates apply to all language levels (including Beginners).

* Tuesday start date due to public holiday on Monday

month	dates				
January	05	12	19	26	
February	02	09	16	23	
March	02	09	16	23	30
April	06	13	20	27	
May	04	11	18	25	
June	01	08	15	22	29
July	06	13	20	27	
August	03	10	17	24	31
September	07	14	21	28	
October	05	12	19	26	
November	02	09	16	23	30
December	07	14#	# 1 wk max course duration		

Private tuition: Any Monday subject to availability

Public Holidays: Please note group lessons lost due to public holidays are not made up.

Dates affected: 16 Feb, 03 Apr, 12 Apr, 01 & 25 May, 10 Aug, 09 Oct

02 & 03 Nov in 2024 Closes 18 Dec 2026 & re-opens: 4 Jan 2027



CESA Plus Points:

Ecuador:

It is worth taking some time to explore Ecuador. Almost all students spend several days or weeks travelling through the Ecuadorian sierras, jungles and beaches after their course. The Ecuadorians are friendly and hospitable, and a network of buses connects the country, taking adventurous travellers to exotic and fascinating places.

For a few dollars you can find a room in a simple and clean hotel or hostel. Galapagos is a dream come true for any nature lover. Excursions to the Galapagos are expensive and prices, including air fare, and accommodation start at approx. 900 US\$ (4 days/3 nights).

Cuenca:

Cuenca and its surrounding region are rich in history, with a colonial atmosphere that has survived thanks to years of almost complete isolation. Cuenca is a city of fascinating contrasts: two universities, museums and art galleries stand alongside Indian markets rarely visited by foreigners.

School:

Ideal for all abilities and ages, from 18yrs+ to adults looking for a great course in a wonderful location, overlooking the Barranco River ~ centrally located with good facilities and excellent teachers.