

Towson University
Spanish Language and Indigenous Cultures in Cuenca, Ecuador
Minimester 2026

(subject to change)

Saturday, January 3	<p>Depart U.S. Arrive in Quito Bus from airport to hotel Overnight at Hotel Embassy (or similar) in Quito</p>
Sunday, January 4	<p>Breakfast at the hotel Guided tour of Quito's historical city center Guided visit to La Casa del Alabado archeological museum Group lunch in a local restaurant Transfer to airport to catch flight to Cuenca Host family reception and move-in Dinner with your host family Breakfast, lunch, and dinner included Overnight in Cuenca</p>
Monday, January 5	<p>Class placement and orientation at Estudio Sampere language school (testing to be completed prior to traveling to Ecuador) Classes Afternoon panoramic tour of historic Cuenca Breakfast, lunch, and dinner included Overnight in Cuenca</p>
Tuesday January 6	<p>Classes Welcome dinner with Andean music and dances Breakfast, lunch, and dinner included Overnight in Cuenca</p>
Wednesday, January 7	<p>Classes "Pre-Columbian Ecuador" lecture Salsa dance classes at the school Breakfast, lunch, and dinner included Overnight in Cuenca</p>
Thursday, January 8	<p>Classes Visit Pumapungo Archeological Park and museum Breakfast, lunch, and dinner included Overnight in Cuenca</p>
Friday, January 9	<p>Classes and weekly exam Ecuadorian cooking class at Warmi Breakfast, lunch, and dinner included Overnight in Cuenca</p>
Saturday, January 10	<p>Visit to Ingapirca Ruins with group lunch Return to Cuenca Breakfast, lunch, and dinner included Overnight in Cuenca</p>

Sunday, January 11	Free day Breakfast, lunch, and dinner included Overnight in Cuenca
Monday, January 12	Classes Traditional Ecuadorian musical instruments workshop with Israel Idrovo Breakfast, lunch, and dinner included Overnight in Cuenca
Tuesday, January 13	Classes Tramway visit to a traditional ceramics factory with hands-on practice Breakfast, lunch, and dinner included Overnight in Cuenca
Wednesday, January 14	Classes Visit Casa de la Makana in Gualaceo and participate in a workshop Breakfast, lunch, and dinner included Overnight in Cuenca
Thursday, January 15	Classes Guided visit to Economuseo "La casa del sombrero" Breakfast, lunch, and dinner included Overnight in Cuenca
Friday, January 16	Classes and weekly exam Visit to Amaru Mini Zoo Breakfast, lunch, and dinner included Overnight in Cuenca
Saturday, January 17	Day excursion to El Cajas National Park Group lunch at Dos Chorreras Restaurant (or similar) Return to Cuenca Breakfast, lunch, and dinner included Overnight in Cuenca
Sunday, January 18	Free day Breakfast, lunch, and dinner included Overnight in Cuenca
Monday, January 19	Classes Conversation with local minority leaders Blanca Guambaña, indigenous weaver Econo Museo and Nila de Aguiar, Coordinator of Afro movement in Azuay Breakfast, lunch, and dinner included Overnight in Cuenca
Tuesday, January 20	Classes Visit the Museum of Religious Art , Catedral Vieja, and Catedral Nueva Breakfast, lunch, and dinner included Overnight in Cuenca
Wednesday, January 21	Classes Visit the local market "Limpia" with traditional healers Breakfast, lunch, and dinner included Overnight in Cuenca

<p>Thursday, January 22</p>	<p>Classes Visit to Learnaya Ecological Center with lunch Breakfast, lunch, and dinner included Overnight in Cuenca</p>
<p>Friday, January 23</p>	<p>Classes and weekly exam Group farewell dinner at Jardines de San <i>Joaquín</i> (or similar) with Andean music and dancing Breakfast, lunch, and dinner included Overnight in Cuenca</p>
<p>Saturday, January 24</p>	<p>Flight to Quito and transfer to Otavalo Explore Otavalo's indigenous market, participate in a traditional musical instruments workshop, and visit an indigenous artisan textile workshop Visit la Mitad del Mundo (the equator) Group lunch Bus to the airport Depart Ecuador Breakfast and lunch included</p>