On this 1-week intensive program, students will be spending their time exploring Quito and learning from experts in the field about cacao and the impact it has on local culture. Students will be able to visit various local cacao plantations to see how the cacao tree grows, when the fruits and seeds are harvested and how these are converted into all different types of chocolate. Throughout the program, students will have the opportunity to sample cacao, understand how nutritional value of cacao can vary, and practice the art of cooking with this special ingredient.

This program partners with the Universidad San Francisco de Quito (USFQ), which is a private liberal arts college located in Quito, Ecuador. As the most populous city of Ecuador, Quito is full of life and history! While students on this program will be traveling during the summer, please note that average temperatures for May are around 67 degrees. Most of the time, you will be located in or around Quito, but there are excursions to some of the local cloud forest just outside of the capital.

Activities will include a visit to Pacari Plantation; Otavalo artisinal market, a cloud forest and butterfly farm; and a chocolate cooking workshop.

Students will be staying in a hotel with shared occupancy.
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SPRING SHORT-TERM: MAY 6-14, 2023

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

– Open to all majors
– Minimum 2.5 GPA
– Must be in good standing

PRICING

2023 Undergraduate Program Fee: $2,589

A $425 nonrefundable deposit toward the total cost of the program is due at the time of application. The remaining fees are due no later than 45 days prior to departure. If you receive financial aid, you can defer payment until it disburses. Deferment decisions will be based on the amount of aid to be received.

WHAT’S INCLUDED

Tuition for 3 UF GPA credits, housing, some meals, program excursions, international health insurance, and emergency medical assistance

WHAT’S NOT INCLUDED

Round-trip airfare, some meals, textbooks/course materials, additional personal travel and expenses

FINANCIAL AID

Most financial aid that you would receive on campus can be applied toward the cost of this program. However, all financial aid eligibility is determined by Student Financial Aid & Scholarships.