

GAIAS

EUROPA

by  USFQ

Study Abroad
Program

TAKE CLASSES IN
VALENCIA!

GASTRONOMY PROGRAM



ABOUT UNIVERSIDAD SAN FRANCISCO DE QUITO

The Universidad San Francisco de Quito (USFQ) is a private, non-profit institution of higher education located in Quito. It is considered the number 1 university in Ecuador according to some rankings such as QS or Times Higher Education.

History and foundation:

Founded on September 1, 1988, USFQ has stood out for its focus on Liberal Arts, which implies that it offers a comprehensive education, that fosters the critical thinking, creativity, and multidisciplinary training following the educational model of some of the most prestigious universities in the United States.

Mission and values:

USFQ's mission is to offer a high quality education that promotes the integral development of its students, training them not only in their specific fields of study, but also as global citizens with a strong sense of ethics and social responsibility.

Academic fields:

USFQ offers a wide range of undergraduate and graduate programs in different fields, including:

- Engineering
- Business Administration and Economics
- Natural and Environmental Sciences
- Health Sciences
- Arts and Humanities
- Social Sciences

Research and transfer:

USFQ is recognized for its strong emphasis on biodiversity and sustainability research. The university has developed different research centers, including the Galapagos Science Center and Tiputini Research Station in the Amazon, which allows students and faculty to participate in cutting-edge research programs.



56
undergraduate
degrees



+10.000
students



+30.000
alumni



+800
professors



+150
international teachers
from 32 different
countries



+500
administration and
personnel services



+7.500
scientific contribution



+200
agreements with
universities around
the world



Scientific Station in
Galapagos



Scientific Station in
the Amazon



Best university in the
country according to
Times Higher
Education



+1.000
international students
per year

WELCOME TO GAIAS EUROPA!



WHAT DOES GAIAS EUROPA REPRESENT?

GAIAS Europa - Global Academic Institute for the Arts and Sciences and Sciences, was founded in 2023 in Valencia, Spain, as a reference center based on transfer of knowledge through education, business education, business relations and research.



GAIAS Europa is the academic HUB of the Universidad San Francisco de Quito in Valencia. It represents a knowledge transfer bridge between Europe, Latin America, and the US.

GAIAS Europa focuses on the development of projects based on:

Higher education:

- Development of academic programs for national and international students in collaboration with local universities, contributing to their internationalization.

Innovation and entrepreneurship:

- Development of projects with companies in Latin America and the United States linked to the business network of the Valencian Community.
- Support for strengthening the resources and capabilities of companies to improve their competitiveness through innovation.

Technology and sustainability:

- Development of sustainability-based projects with universities and research centers in Europe.

OUR MODEL BASED ON EXPERIENCES



+7

Nationalities in GAIAS Europa community



+650

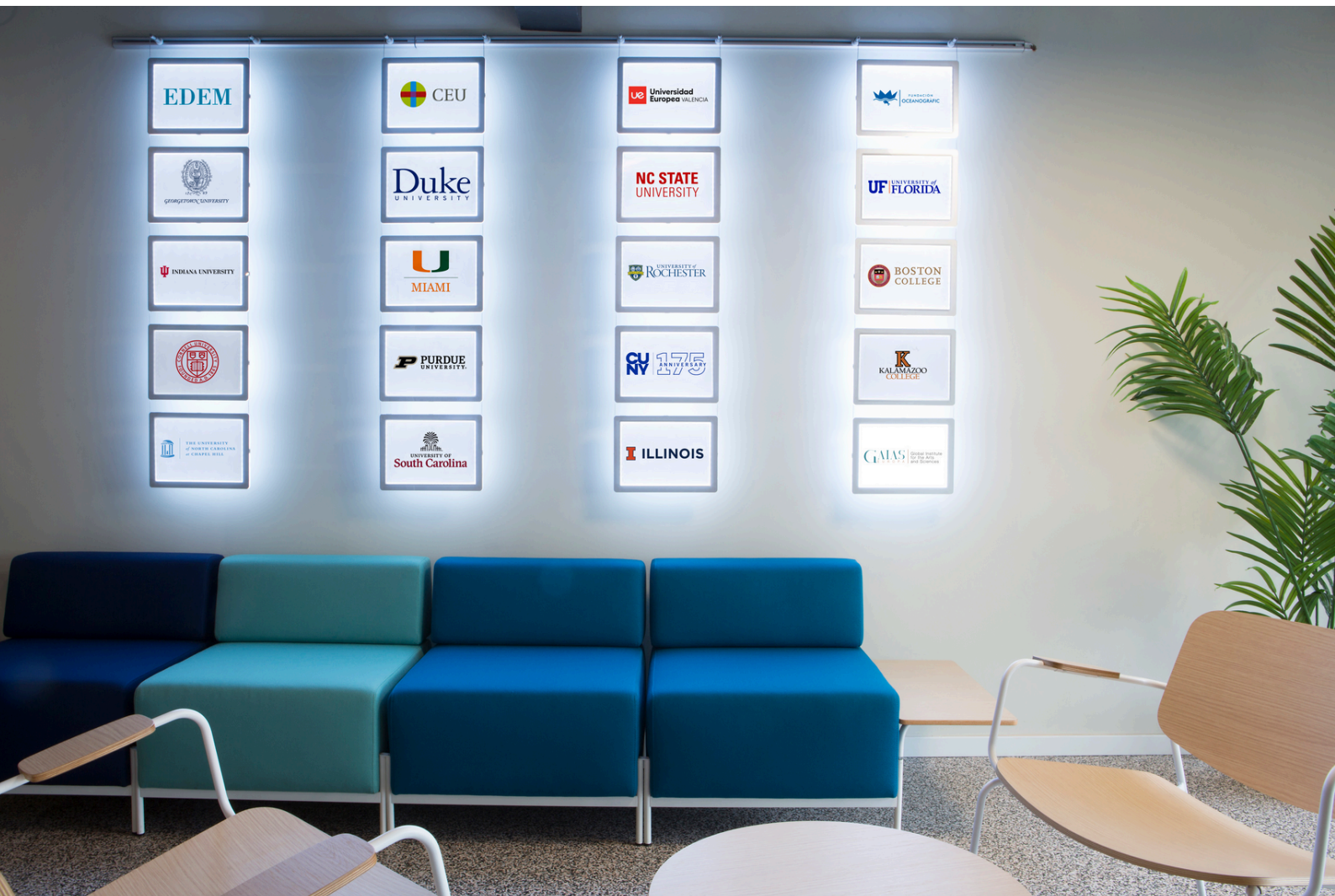
Students have lived the GAIAS Europa experience



Various integration and recreation activities

SOME OF OUR GLOBAL STRATEGIC ALLIES

The Universidad San Francisco de Quito has collaboration agreements with more than 200 universities worldwide.



Every year, the USFQ receives around 1000 international students at its campuses in Ecuador, most of them coming from North American and European universities.

DISCOVER VALENCIA!



WHY VALENCIA?

Studying a GAIAS Europa program in Valencia offers a unique and enriching experience that goes beyond academics. Choosing this city as a destination not only guarantees a quality education, but also an opportunity for personal development in a multicultural environment full of possibilities.

- **Privileged location:**

Valencia is a vibrant city with a Mediterranean climate, beaches, and a rich cultural history that provides an ideal environment to live and study.

- **Multicultural environment:**

Studying at GAIAS Europa offers an international experience with students from all over the world, promoting cultural exchange and global connections.

- **Academic Excellence:**

Our programs are designed with an innovative and practical approach, with access to an expert faculty and high-quality academic resources.

- **Networking opportunities:**

Located in one of the most important cities in Spain, GAIAS Europa provides students with access to professional networks and career opportunities both locally and internationally.

- **Student support:**

We offer a strong focus on student welfare, with academic and personal support services that ensure a complete and rewarding educational experience.

STUDENT SERVICES

GAIAS Europa has a dedicated department focused on supporting students. The Student Services team offers cultural, social, emotional and administrative support promoting the well-being of our student community.

Our GAIAS team is committed to assisting international students, ensuring that their adaptation process is smooth and welcoming by providing support before, during and after the program.

We daily promote our values of Freedom, Truth, Goodness and Beauty with our community.





MEET OUR TEAM

At GAIAS Europa we carefully select our national and international tutors and teachers ensuring the best international experience both academically and culturally.

Rafael Jordà



GAIAS Europa Director

Andrea Peñaherrera



Academic and Student Services Director

Marta Mayordomo



Academic Programs Specialist

Elena Martínez



Student Services

Estefanía Guerrero



GAIAS Europa team - Quito

Camila Estrella



GAIAS Europa team - Quito

GASTRONOMY PROGRAM



Spend a semester in Valencia and your internship at Ricard Camarena and get to know the world of Gastronomy in the Mediterranea!

Valencia offers a unique combination of tradition, innovation, quality products, a dynamic environment and a cultural and touristic context that enriches training and professional opportunities. Complete a semester of 15 credits and during the summer your Pre-professional Internship hours.

Studying in a city with such a deep-rooted gastronomic culture as Valencia allows you to learn directly from local traditions and better understand Mediterranean cuisine.

Valencia is not only known for its traditional cuisine, but also for being a center of culinary innovation. Many Valencian chefs are at the forefront of modern gastronomy, fusing tradition with new techniques and concepts. This gives students the opportunity to be exposed to current trends and creativity in the field.

Water sports:

Additionally, if you want to live a unique experience you can learn and practice water sports in the Mediterranean. An additional value that includes all material and equipment rental for paddle surfing, surfing, windsurfing and other water activities with accredited instructors.

ACTIVITIES :

- City Tour.
- Oceanographic.
- Outing to a Theme Restaurant.
- Outing to a Michelin Restaurant.
- Wine tasting.
- Internship in the Restaurant Group "Ricard Camarena".



CLASS OFFERINGS

During the semester the classes are:

- GAIAS / USFQ class (3 credits)
 - Mediterranean Cooking Class (3 credits)
 - Culinary Internship in Spain (3 credits)
 - Culinary Internship 2 (3 credits)
 - Culinary Innovation (3 credits)
 - Summer Restaurant Internship (3 credits)
- **During the summer** you can complete your 240 hours of internship in a Spanish restaurant.
 - Classes will open with a minimum of 10 students and a maximum of 20 students.
 - Places will be assigned according to the order of application and payments made until the quota is filled.



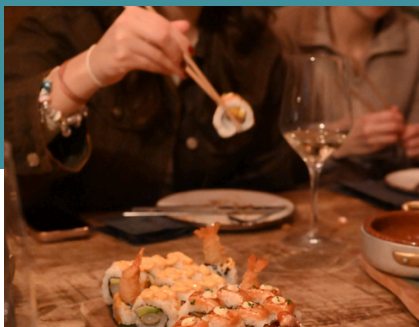
PRE-PROFESSIONAL INTERNSHIP AT RICARD CAMARENA

Ricard Camarena is a Spanish Chef and businessman awarded with two Michelin Stars and three Repsol Suns. He has five restaurants in the city of Valencia:

- Ricard Camarena Restaurant.
- Regular.
- Canalla Bistró.
- Central Bar.
- Bar X

Ricard Camarena is known for his innovative approach to Mediterranean cuisine, which provides a platform to learn new culinary techniques and methods that are both avant-garde and respectful of tradition.

It is an experience that can make a difference in anyone's career path in the culinary industry.



IMPORTANT

Make the registration payment to reserve your place.

Check the application deadlines with GAIAS Europa.

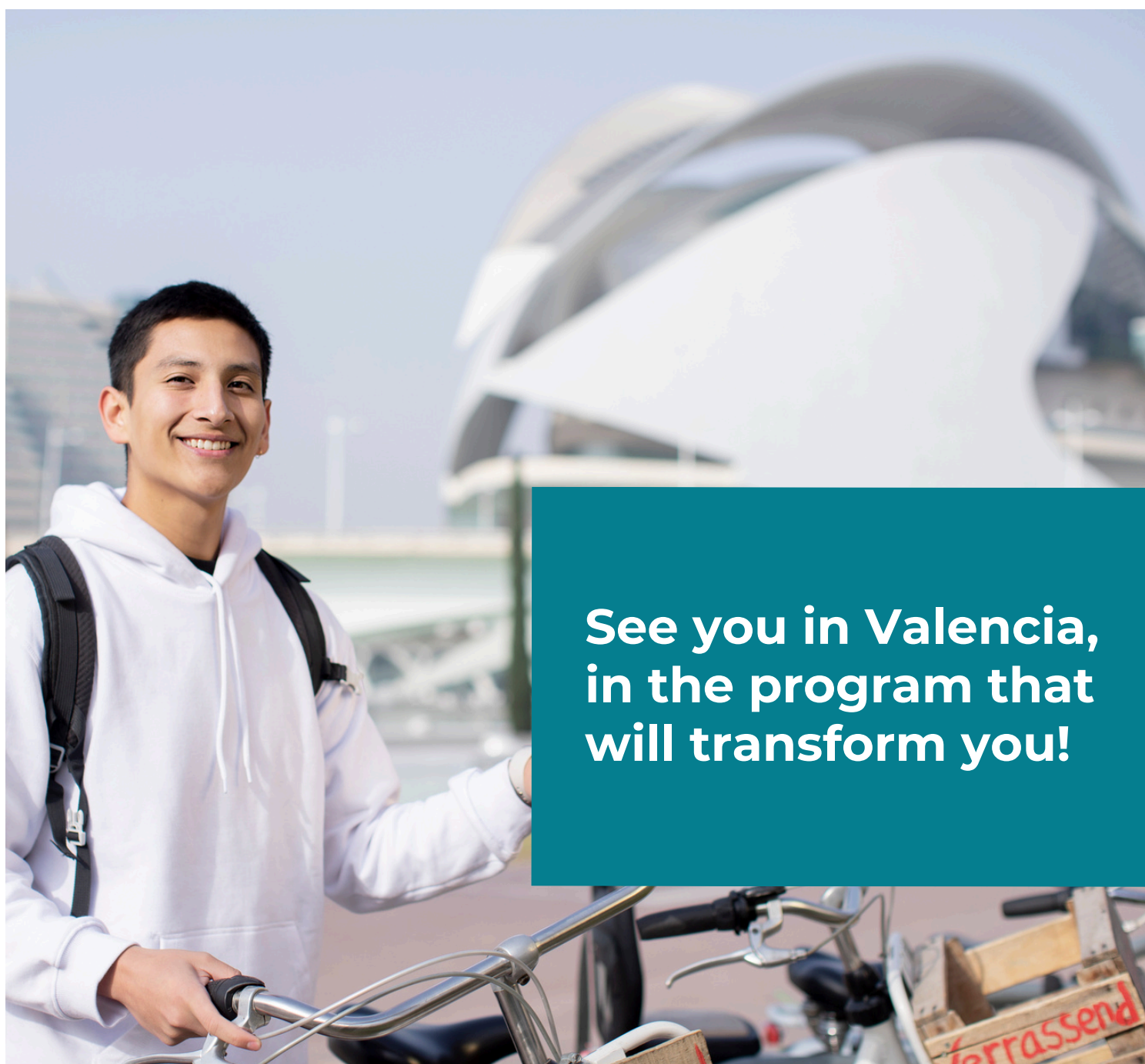
To apply for the program you need to have a type D study visa.

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**See you in Valencia,
in the program that
will transform you!**

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