

# GAIAS

EUROPA

by  USFQ

Study Abroad  
Program

TAKE CLASSES IN  
VALENCIA!

## GET INSPIRED 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

# ABOUT 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**

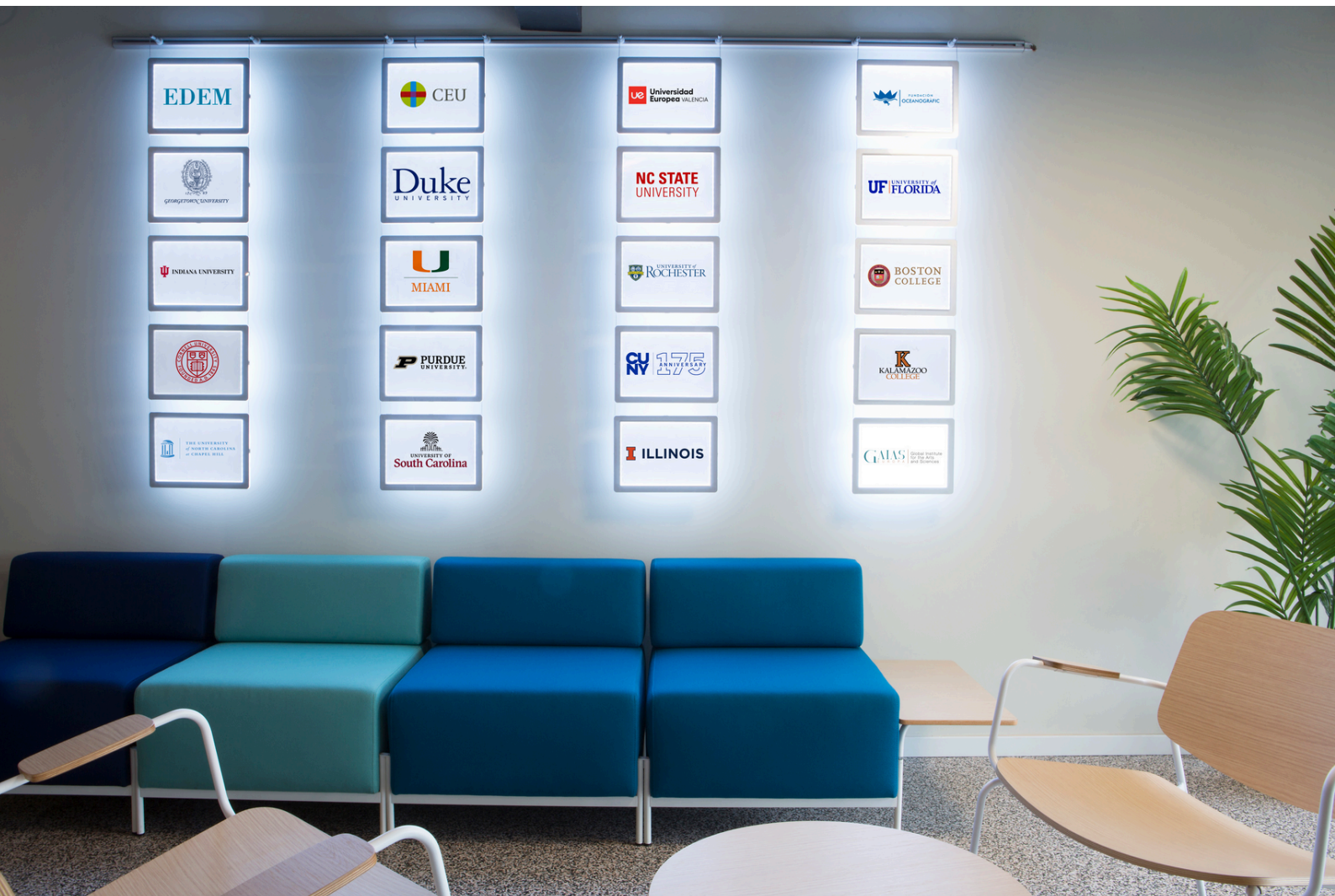
Students have lived the GAIAS Europa experience



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

# GET INSPIRED PROGRAM



## Valencia study abroad program

**Experience the Liberal Arts in Europe and become a global citizen!**

The pace of student life at GAIAS Europa is dynamic and vibrant. Valencia is one of the best cities in the world for young people.

Surrounded by **culture and knowledge**, students will engage in a variety of academic activities that include **entrepreneurship, innovation, history, culture, music and art.**

Our programs also include excursions where we accompany our students and teachers to tour the city and live unforgettable experiences.



## Get Inspired Program

Enjoy a unique internationalization experience in Valencia, one of the most innovative cities in the world.

At GAIAS Europa you will not only study history, you will feel history in your own skin; you will not only read about innovation, you will live in an environment of constant innovation; you will not only study about business models, you will learn and experience new models; you will not only learn about art and cultures in books, you will immerse yourself in art and culture; you will not only hear about tourist destinations in Europe, you will live these destinations to take away an unforgettable experience.

## Who is it for?

Students who have finished high school and want to live an international experience while they begin their higher education at the Universidad San Francisco de Quito (USFQ).

Students in their first year at USFQ who are interested in taking General College classes in Valencia can also apply.



## Duration and classes

You can take the program:

- Your first semester.
- Your first academic year.
- Your summer.

You will advance your General College classes in an environment full of experiences, trips and unique learning opportunities.

At the end of this cycle, you will return to USFQ, in Ecuador, to continue with classes specific to your chosen career.

Your classes in Valencia have a practical focus that includes field trips, visits to museums, historical monuments, places of interest, attending conferences, visiting companies, water sports and outdoor activities.



## Advantages of the Valencia study abroad program



Live an international experience.



Get to know the world.



Open your mind.



Mature on a personal level.



## Steps to apply to the program:

- 1** Be admitted and enrolled at USFQ.
- 2** Complete the registration process of the Program at GAIAS Europa.
- 3** Check the value of the program.
- 4** Once accepted, manage the necessary documentation to travel and apply for the visa.
- 5** Enjoy a unique academic experience in Europe.

## The program includes

- Class registration per semester
- Academic follow-up.
- Student Services.
- Letters of acceptance and invitation to the program.
- Field trips and Integration activities
- 5 USFQ classes.



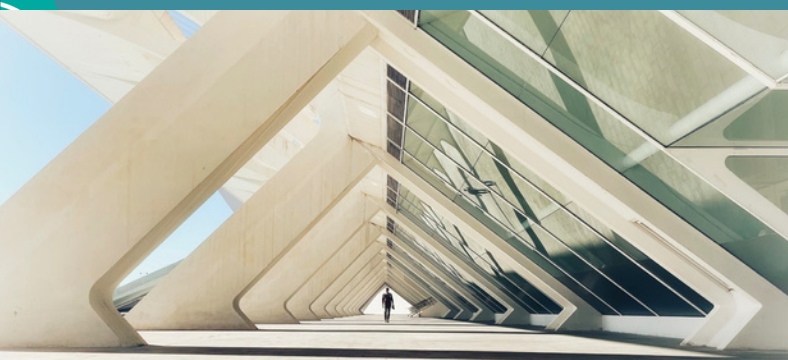
## AQUATIC SPORTS IN THE MEDITERRANEAN

Additionally, if you want to live a unique experience you can learn and practice water sports in the Mediterranean.

The cost of the class is additional to the program and includes all material and equipment rental for paddle surfing, surfing, windsurfing and other water activities with accredited instructors.

## The program does not include

- Housing and meals
- Air tickets
- International medical insurance
- Expenses, documentation and visa management



## Support in Valencia

Our Student Services department is in Valencia to help you and guide you in everything you need.

You will be accompanied before, during and after your international experience.

- Emotional well-being
- Social welfare and integration
- Support in services and administrative processes

## 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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