

# GAIAS

EUROPA

by  USFQ

Study Abroad  
Program

TAKE CLASSES IN  
VALENCIA!

# SUMMER 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 knowledge transfer 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**

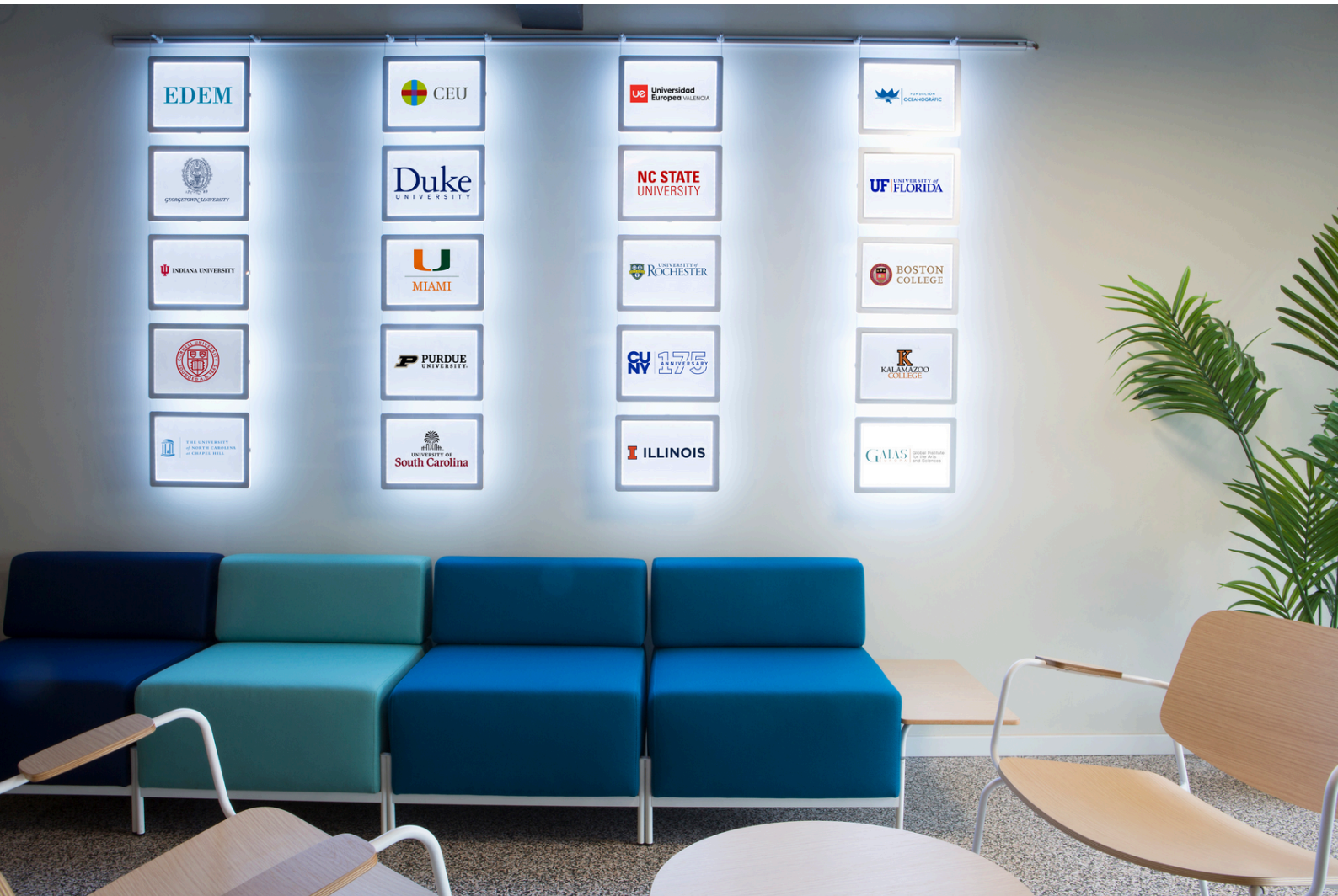
Students during the 1st year



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

# SUMMER PROGRAM





## PROGRAM INFORMATION

### Have your summer in Valencia and get to know the world of Mediterranean Culture in Europe!

Living a summer in Valencia is a unique experience that offers students the opportunity to immerse themselves in a city full of history, art and science, with a vibrant cultural and sporting environment in the heart of the Mediterranean.

This summer program allows students to discover all that Valencia has to offer, in an experience that combines learning, entertainment and the opportunity to be part of an international community in an unforgettable environment.

### 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.

## CLASS OFFERINGS

- **During the program** the classes are:
  - Self-awareness (3 credits)
  - Learning and Service PASEC (3 credits)
  - Biodiversity and Conservation (3 credits)
  - J.D Salinger Life & Fiction (Writing Intensive) (3 credits)
  - Arts, Sciences and Technology (3 credits)
  - Entrepreneurial culture (3 credits)
  - Marine Sports (1 credit)
- If you wish to take the PASEC Learning and Service class, it is recommended that you do not take additional 3-credit classes, as you will need to supplement the practice hours associated with the class.
- Check the value of the program
- Classes will open with a minimum of 15 students and a maximum of 20 students per class.
- Places will be assigned according to the order of application and payments made until the quota is filled.
- Space is reserved upon enrollment.



## ACTIVITIES

- Oceanogràfic
- City tour Valencia
- Museum visit

## IMPORTANT

Make the registration payment to reserve your place.

Check the application deadlines with GAIAS Europa.

Visit our website:

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prkbSCGabW2fEPpG7](https://www.maps.app.goo.gl/prkbSCGabW2fEPpG7)



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

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