Institut des Hautes Études des Communications Sociales (IHECS)
Brussels – Belgium

Web Site: http://www.ihecs.be/

Available spaces for academic years 2013-2014: 2 students per year

Application Deadlines: June 1st (Fall semester) – October 28 (Spring Semester)

Costs: The USFQ exchangee will incur the following expenses:

- **USFQ tuition (not registration fees) and airfare**
- **Room**: from 300 to 450 euros per month
- **Medical Insurance**: not compulsory
- **Books**: depends of the courses chosen and attended.
- **Personal expenses**: it depends on what the student buys. For the food: between 150 and 200 euros per month.
- **Total per year**: approx 3,500 euros per semester (airfare and personal expenses not included)

Requirements: exchange students who are going to follow courses in French must have a sufficient level to understand the courses! For the fall semester, an intensive week is organized.

Number of students (at your university): circa 2000

**Strengths/Programs/Majors**: The IHECS curriculum includes two cycles: firstly a Bachelor’s degree lasting three years, then a two-year Master’s degree for professional specialisation. The first three years of the Bachelor course cover a broad range of communication areas. All the students share the programme for the first two years; the third year offers a transition pre-orientation, depending on the Master’s degree being considered. The degree delivered at the end of this first cycle is the Bachelor’s degree in Applied Communication. At Master’s level, there are four specialisations available: Press and Information, Public Relations, Advertising, and Media Culture.

**Very Important** Within the chosen programme, according to the requirements of their home institution, students choose the courses they want to follow, working towards a maximum of 30 ECTS. Exchange students must choose courses within a single program.

Restrictions: Exchange students who choose the Master in Advertising or in Public Relations can only follow ONE media practice course.

Information about courses: Check the “Student Visitor Guide”

**Information to obtain the visa**: contact the Belgian Ambassy in Quito.
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