



Universidad San Francisco de Quito

## DISCLAIMER

The Universidad San Francisco de Quito (USFQ) and its international cultural exchange program states that:

USFQ is not responsible for any nature of incidents or events that take place while students are travelling to Ecuador or returning to their home country. USFQ is not responsible for events or occurrences that affect the students while they remain in the Republic of Ecuador, unless it takes place during USFQ sponsored academic or recreational activities and only in the cases that the incident was not caused by the student himself or third parties.

The USFQ is also free of responsibility for all incidents that occur during student participation in activities organized by other USFQ students, students themselves, their host families, or for incidents caused by third parties related or not to the cultural exchange program.

As part of orientation to the program, USFQ will provide detailed information about safety, health, security and other problems or risks that you may encounter while you are in Ecuador. It is your responsibility to respect the security precautions and regulations that are provided as a part of the program. USFQ is not responsible for any force majeure event, an act of god, or third party actions of any kind.

By signing this document, you understand and accept that the trip you make to Ecuador is at your own risk and that you agree to comply with all the rules set forth by USFQ, the International Programs Office and Ecuadorian laws, as well as take all suggestions regarding health, safety and security seriously directed by USFQ, or any government. The violation of protocols and laws may lead to individual consequences that cannot be attributed to USFQ, your host family, your sending university or your home university. All participants must employ their due diligence in the activities that they develop, during the program.

This agreement is ruled by Ecuadorian law.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## USFQ – STUDENT AGREEMENT

This agreement applies to all international students in Ecuador participating in a program through Universidad San Francisco de Quito and all affiliated institutions. **As a student of USFQ, I agree to and am aware of the following conditions:**

1. I agree that during my travel in Ecuador, I am subject to the laws and regulations of the host country.
2. I understand that Ecuadorian laws do not make any distinction between “hard” and “soft” drugs, therefore traffic of any kind of illegal drug (including, but not limited to cannabis) is strictly forbidden by Ecuadorian law, and could be punished with a sanction of up to 13 years in jail.
3. I understand that the consumption of illegal drug (including, but not limited to cannabis) is forbidden by USFQ, and could result in the termination of the program without any refund.
4. I understand that there is no bail for illegal drug-related crimes, and that U.S. or other foreign embassies can do very little to help me if I break Ecuadorian law.
5. I understand that drinking in excess or using drugs puts me at a greater risk for assault, robbery, and accidents, USFQ is not responsible for any event while I am under the influence of any recreational drug.
6. I realize that I should never leave my food or drink unattended, it is my sole responsibility the quality of food or drinks that I consume during my stay in Ecuador.
7. I understand that traveling alone or at night can be dangerous, all the incidents during these activities are my sole responsibility.
8. I know that it is my responsibility always carry identification documents, especially a copy of my passport.
9. I agree to tell my host family or Program Leader my travel plans if I plan to be away overnight, and to leave an itinerary and contact information. If I prefer, this information may be left in a sealed envelope for emergency only, USFQ will be never responsible for these activities.
10. I agree to treat all members of my group and the inhabitants of the community where I reside with respect at all times. I assume the legal consequences of neglecting this duty.
11. I agree to be a positive member of the group. During organized travel, I agree to pay attention and to follow the instructions of the group leaders and guides. Any incidents caused by the failure to accomplish the instructions during any travel is my sole responsibility.
12. I acknowledge that I am ultimately responsible for myself and my own actions while studying or traveling in Ecuador or traveling to other countries until the date my program ends and I return home.
13. I agree to use common sense and not take any unnecessary risks with my personal possessions, health or well-being or to act in ways that put others at risk.
14. I understand that I must possess an international valid health insurance contract during my stay in Ecuador and that I am not covered by any institutional USFQ insurance, although I am eligible to purchase it before or upon arrival. I will supply a copy of my insurance contract to the Office of International Programs to use in case of an emergency.
15. I agree to follow USFQ’s Honor Code.
16. I agree to follow all policies, rules, codes and laws set forth by all USFQ institutions and Ecuador, and I have read and understand the rules for each individual institution that I will visit.
17. I understand that USFQ cannot accept responsibility for personal possessions left on the property of USFQ or any other related or not related party.
18. I release Universidad San Francisco de Quito and all affiliated branches from all responsibility and liability for my failure to respect Ecuadorian law, for any injury and/or illness resulting from accidents, or any other causes.

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