

## **MINI GUIDE: Studying in Ecuador**

A unique academic and cultural experience in UMET

### **1. Why Ecuador?**

Ecuador is a country small in size, but giant in diversity. Here you will find Amazon jungles, paradisiacal beaches, snow-capped mountains and cities full of history. Its location in the center of the world and its natural and cultural richness make it an ideal destination for a transformative university experience.

***Ecuador: the country of the four worlds - Coast, Highlands, Amazon and Galapagos.***

### **2. Why UMET?**

The Universidad Metropolitana del Ecuador (UMET) offers you:

- High quality academic programs.
- Internationally experienced professors.
- Strategic locations in Quito, Guayaquil and Machala.

### **3. Our campuses**

#### **Quito**

- **Altitude:** 2,850 masl - temperate to cold climate.
- **Type of city:** Cultural, political and patrimonial capital.
- **What to visit:** Historic Center, Mitad del Mundo, Cable Car.

#### **Guayaquil**

- **Altitude:** 4 masl - warm and humid climate.
- **Type of city:** Main port of the country, modern and coastal.
- **What to visit:** Malecon 2000, Historical Park, Santa Ana Hill.

#### **Machala**

- **Altitude:** 6 masl - tropical climate.
- **Type of city:** Agricultural and coastal city, close to beaches and border with Peru.

- **What to visit:** Jambelí Beaches, Puerto Bolívar, Mangroves.

#### 4. Transportation

- Inexpensive public transportation: city buses from \$0.35.
- Mobility Apps: Uber, Cabify, InDrive and local cabs.
- Interprovincial trips: Land terminals with buses to the whole country.

#### 5. Weather and clothing

| City             | Weather                    | Clothing recommendation                |
|------------------|----------------------------|--|
| <b>Quito</b>     | Temperate/cold, changeable | Jackets, umbrellas, clothing in layers |
| <b>Guayaquil</b> | Warm and humid             | Light clothing, hat, sunscreen         |
| <b>Machala</b>   | Tropical                   | Light clothing, insect repellent       |

#### 6. Gastronomy

- Quito: locro de papa, empanadas, hornado, fritada
- Guayaquil: encebollado, bolón, ceviche, tigrillo
- Machala: crab criollo, tonga, corviche, fish casserole

#### 7. Approximate living costs (monthly)

| Category               | Quito       | Guayaquil   | Machala     |
|------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| <b>Lodging</b>         | \$200–\$350 | \$180–\$300 | \$150–\$250 |
| <b>Feeding</b>         | \$120–\$200 | \$120–\$180 | \$100–\$160 |
| <b>Transportation</b>  | \$30–\$50   | \$30–\$50   | \$25–\$40   |
| <b>Total estimated</b> | \$350–\$600 | \$330–\$550 | \$300–\$500 |

**Tip:** Sharing accommodation with other students reduces expenses.

#### 8. Apply now

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#### 9. Do you need help?

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