

# The International Cooperative Education (ICE) Program



# Ecuador



## PARTICIPANTS

York Region students who:

- Are 16 years of age by departure
- Are committed to pre-departure orientation, overseas placement and follow-up activities

## GOALS

- To foster understanding of cross cultural sensitivity and development issues
- To promote the study of Spanish and further overall communication skills
- To develop transferable life skills and attitudes including: adaptability, analysis, confidence, independence, initiative, integrity, organization, perseverance, problem solving, responsibility, stress management and time management
- To share and apply one's ICE experience through future involvement in Canadian or other communities

## PROGRAM OVERVIEW

- International Cooperative Education combines cross-cultural living with international community service work experience
- Students live with host families and work on agricultural, community development, educational, environmental, local business, or social work projects

## PREREQUISITES

**Required by January of departure year:**

- Minimum 1 credit in Spanish (LWSBD or higher)
- One grade 11 "U" or "M" course in English, Canadian and World Studies or Social Sciences and Humanities
- Preparatory ICE course activities

**Recommended courses:**

- Moderns: Grade 12 Spanish (LWSDU)
- Canadian and World Issues: Geography (CGW4U, CGD3M); History (CHY4U, CHI4U); Economics (CIA4U)
- Social Sciences and Humanities: (HPW3C, HPC30, HSP3M, HSB4M, HZT4U, HPD4E)



## PROGRAM PARTNERS & WEBSITES:

**York Region District School Board**

[www.yrdsb.edu.on.ca/ice](http://www.yrdsb.edu.on.ca/ice)

(from YRDSB home page select Schools, Community Based Education, International Co-op)

♦ **Canada World Youth**

[www.cwy-jcm.org](http://www.cwy-jcm.org)

♦ **Fundacion Reto Internacional**

[www.fundacionretointernacional.org.ec](http://www.fundacionretointernacional.org.ec)

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## SECOND SEMESTER PROGRAM

*In Canada (February) & In Ecuador (March-June):*

Course	Code	Cr.
Interdisciplinary Studies	IDP4U	1
Human Patterns & Interactions	CGU4U	1
Canadian & World Politics	CPW4U	1
Interdisciplinary Studies Co-op	IDP4UC	2
Spanish Co-op	LWS__C	1

## INTERNATIONAL PLACEMENT

*Fourteen weeks during second semester:*

- Live with host family
- Immerse oneself in Spanish
- Develop cross-cultural communication skills
- Work at individual Co-op placements
- Complete practical assignments related to community and international issues

## FOLLOW-UP

- Summative assignment completion
- Re-integration workshops
- Share experiences through presentations to school, business and community groups
- Contribute to local communities
- Assist international development efforts

## COSTS AND SUPPORT

- Per student program fees are approximately \$5200.00 and cover all overseas expenses, including: international and domestic transportation, insurance, host family support and partner organization coordination
- Mandatory team fundraising events include dinner and auction
- Additional fundraising activities are encouraged
- Individuals, businesses and service organizations are urged to provide financial contributions, products or services in return for charitable donation receipts