Ecuadorian Educational System

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Ecuadorian Educational System: K-12

- New Ley Orgánica de Educación Intercultural (Intercultural Education) / March 2011
- 3 Levels of Education:
  - Educación Inicial (Initial Ed): 3 - 5 years of age
  - Educación General Básica (Basic General Ed): 5 – 15 years of age (mandatory)
  - Educación Bachillerato (Baccalaureate): 15 – 18 years of age (Bachillerato General Unificado – High School Diploma)
    - Bachillerato en Ciencias (Sciences and Humanities)
    - Bachillerato Técnico (Agriculture, Industry, Business and Arts)
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- Bachillerato General Unificado (General Unified Baccalaureate) is an interdisciplinary approach that allows students the integration of knowledge into the materialization of the profession and the connection with higher education studies.
- Similar to the U.S. High School education with core fields, electives and a strong research component.
- English is mandatory at least 5 hours a week.
- Mathematics is mandatory at least 4 hours a week.
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- Types of Institutions:
  - Públicas (Central Government)
  - Fiscomisionales (Central Government + Religious order)
  - Particulares (Private)
    - Religiosos (Religious Order)
    - Laicos (Lay)
  - Binacionales

- 2 academic calendars: 185 days
  - Coastal (April – January)
  - Andean (September - June)
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• Grading System – not standardized
• Number grading Scales: 10, 20, 50 and 100; Letter grading scales are rare.
• Transcripts are issued in Spanish, very few exceptions
• IB Program instituted in private and public high schools
• Very few AP programs
• International Schools confer Ecuadorian Baccalaureate and the equivalent to High School Diploma in the host country
Ecuadorian Educational System: Higher Education

- New Ley Orgánica de Educación Superior (October 2010)
- SENESCYT is designated the regulatory body for Higher Education by the Consejo de Educación Superior (Higher Education Council)
- 71 Universities and Polytechnic schools; 293 Technical Institutes
- Private and Public
- 2 academic calendars
Ecuadorian Educational System: Higher Education

• 3 levels of Education:
  – Técnico o Tecnológico: 2 years of higher education / equivalent to Associate degree
  – 3rd Level – Licenciaturas and Ingenierías: 4 to 6 years of education / equivalent to Bachelor degree
  – 4th Level – Especialidades, Maestrías and Doctorados

• Accreditation process has begun to be designed

• Recognition of degrees conferred internationally by Senescyt
Ecuadorian Educational System: Higher Education

- Grading system: non-standard
- Number grading scales: 10, 50 and 100; very few letter grading scales
- Transcripts are issued in Spanish
- Only 1 Diploma is issued for life / Certified copies
- Thesis required in most institutions for graduation, related to field of study
- Research and publication during university studies is rare