The Community College of Rhode Island offers a three-week language and culture immersion program in Cuenca, Ecuador, hosted by Estudio Sampere.

ABOUT ESTUDIO SAMPERE
Estudio Sampere is situated in a detached building overlooking the Barranco River in the city centre. The school has seven classrooms, a small garden, common room, library and video room. It has a friendly atmosphere, and the director and staff are Ecuadorians who make up a professional and committed team.

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Join us to study the language and culture of Ecuador.

Three levels of Spanish will be offered:
- Elementary Spanish
- Intermediate Spanish
- Advanced Spanish Conversation and Composition

Earn six credits.

THE PROGRAM
The aim of the program is to provide CCRI students and other interested individuals with an original, short-term study abroad experience. The program provides an ideal learning environment through a combination of intensive, small-size language classes, culture and civilization courses, housing with local families, interaction with local residents, as well as participation in cultural events and excursions.

THE LOCATION
The city of Cuenca – a UNESCO World Heritage Trust site – is the cultural capital of Ecuador and its third-largest city. Cuenca and its magnificent surrounding region are rich in history. Students will enjoy the colonial atmosphere, discover an authentic taste of Latin America and visit Ingapirca, Ecuador’s most impressive Inca ruins.

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PROGRAM COST
Program cost: $1,600
- $100 nonrefundable deposit due Jan. 15, 2012
- First payment of $750 due March 15, 2012
- Final payment of $750 due May 30, 2012

The feasibility of this project depends on the number of participants (minimum 10 students).

What is included:
- Transfer in/out in Quito or Guayaquil.
- One hotel night in Quito or Guayaquil upon arrival.
- One hotel night in Quito or Guayaquil before departure.
- Airfare for travel within Ecuador (UIO or GYE-CUE-UIO or GYE).
- Three weeks of family accommodation, full board.
- Three weeks of Spanish classes in small groups at Estudio Sampere.
- Admission and tours for three museum visits.
- Three full-day excursions.
- Movies at school, dance classes, cooking lessons.
- Free Wi-Fi access at school (device provided by the student.)

What is not included:
- Airfare between the United States and Ecuador.
- CCRI tuition for six credits (Spanish) + study abroad fee ($180).
- Personal expenses.
- Airport tax upon leaving the country ($35 to $50).
- Transportation other than that specified above.
- Medical coverage.
- Tips.
- National or international phone calls.
- Activities different from those stated in the program.