Featured School:
Escuela Superior Politécnica del Litoral (ESPOL)
ESPAE Graduate School of Management
Guayaquil, Ecuador

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ESPAE Graduate School of Management Campus at Las Peñas

Construction Began: Original buildings date since 1931

Open for Business: 1984

Size: 2,884 m²

Floors: The school has multiple single-floor medium buildings.

Architectural and Construction Firm: Arq. José Antonio Gómez


Offices: 21 offices for faculty and administrative staff, 11 offices for research centers and support staff

Classrooms: 1 Lecture theatre, 3 Breakout rooms, 1 Computer Lab, 1 on-site Library, 2 Meeting rooms

Other: The main Auditorium and the Hexagonal Room have capacities for 80 and 42 students respectively, with 6 workstations for teamwork. Additionally, the entire school campus is wireless Internet-enabled.

Background:

ESPAE Graduate School of Management’s Las Peñas Campus has been declared a Cultural Heritage site of Guayaquil for its important buildings such as: The first medical school (1931), and the customs of
Guayaquil (1940) by the river side. The ESPAE Administrative Building is in what was once the old Medical School.

The campus is located next to Las Peñas’ emblematic neighborhood, which is also a Cultural Heritage site of Ecuador since 1982. It was declared so for being the most representative urban architectural complex of the 18th century. Some houses have been converted into art galleries and several notable artists have studios in the area. Las Peñas is located in the same place where the city was founded, by Cerro Santa Ana in 1538.

The Las Peñas Campus is located in Guayaquil’s oldest zone in front of the Guayas River. This campus has native vegetation and also hosts four Giant Galápagos Tortoises that freely roam on the graze and sleep.