

# STUDY ABROAD IN BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA

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## Basic Q's

### 1- Why Study Abroad?

*Argentina is a more popular study abroad destination than ever before not only due to the favorable exchange rate, but also everything this fantastic country has to offer. In Argentina you'll find gorgeous landscapes that vary from northern deserts to southern glaciers, in addition to a unique culture populated by kind, enthusiastic natives. In the city of Buenos Aires especially, you'll attend classes at internationally competitive universities while enjoying the city's alluring blend of European and Latin American influences.*

### 2- Why Study Abroad in Argentina?

*Mente Argentina's primary concern is the safety and health of our participants. Buenos Aires is a fairly safe place and is consistently ranked as one of the safest cities in Latin America. Of course like any big city, it is important to take certain precautions and use common sense in order to enjoy the urban experience and take advantage of everything this international capital has to offer. For more information about [Health and Safety in Buenos Aires](#), see our [Helpful Resources](#).*

### 3- Is it Safe to Study Abroad in Argentina?

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### 4- Who Can Study Abroad in Argentina?

*Our programs are open to students from all over the world from a variety of academic levels and backgrounds. Whether you're a college student looking to spend a semester earning university credit or on a break learning Spanish at the University of Buenos Aires, anyone can study abroad in Argentina through Mente's innovative programs.*

### 5- Do I Need To Speak Spanish to Study Abroad in Argentina?

*No! Mente Argentina offers programs in universities that offer classes in both English and Spanish. That said, we encourage all international students in Argentina to take Spanish classes in order to improve their Spanish language skills.*

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**6- When Should I Study Abroad in Argentina?**

*International Students can be found year-round in Argentina. Although we do offer programs on a regular semester schedule, Mente Argentina also features programs with flexible, year-round start dates designed to accommodate today's global student.*

**7- When Should I Start Planning to Study Abroad in Argentina?**

*It is never too early to start thinking about studying abroad! We encourage students to start planning their studies in Argentina as early as 6 to 12 months beforehand. To get in contact with a Program Advisor about your options, send us an email at [info@menteargentina.com](mailto:info@menteargentina.com).*

**8- How Many International Students Currently Study in Argentina?**

*According to the Education Ministry of Argentina, there are 20,000 international students in Argentina! The country's popularity as a study abroad destination has been increasing rapidly and Argentina was recently ranked in the Top 10 Study Abroad Destination for 2011 by GoAbroad.com!*

## Academics

**9- What Can I Study in Argentina?**

*Mente works with the most recognized universities in Argentina that offer courses in almost every subject. Whether it's sociology, literature, or business, you'll be able to find classes in both Spanish and English that will help you both explore your passions and complete your major.*

**10- What Classes Can I Take in English? In Spanish?**

*Mente Argentina's study abroad programs offer many classes that cover a wide range of subjects in both Spanish and English. To see a detailed list of subjects and classes available, please see our [list of Classes Offered](#).*

**11- Should I take Spanish Classes When I Study Abroad in Argentina?**

*Even if you feel you have an intermediate to advanced level of Spanish, taking additional language classes will greatly expand your abilities and enrich your personal experience abroad. Extra Spanish lessons will reinforce the language skills you'll be using in university and daily life, making you fluent faster.*

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**12- When does the Academic Year Start/End in Argentina?**

*The Argentine academic year starts in March/April and ends in December, with a mid-year break in August. Summer break lasts from December until February.*

**13- Which Universities Accept International Students in Argentina?**

*Many universities in Buenos Aires accept foreign students. In fact, with such a wide variety of schools to choose from, students often feel puzzled about their best option. Get in touch with a Mente Argentina Program Advisor to find out which Argentine University is best for you based on your personal and academic goals while you study abroad in Argentina.*

**14- Which is the Best University to Study Abroad in Argentina?**

*Each of our partner Universities has unique strengths and special features, whether it be a renowned Liberal Arts curriculum or strong Business and International Relations programs. The best school for you will depend on your interests, major, home university's requirements, amongst other factors. Consult with one of Mente Argentina's knowledgeable Program Advisors to find the Argentine University that is the right fit for you.*

**15- Does My University Need an Agreement with an Argentine University in order to study abroad there?**

*No, Mente Argentina makes it possible for you to study at any of our partner universities by working closely with you and your home university. Mente will act as a liaison between you, your home university, and the foreign institution, to make sure the academic transfer runs smoothly and that your study abroad in Argentina counts towards your degree.*

**16- Can I Transfer Academic Credit from My Study Abroad Program in Argentina?**

*Yes, 100% of Mente Argentina participants have been able to transfer credits from their programs back to their home institution. Please note that credits earned on Mente Argentina Study Abroad programs are transferable at the discretion of the receiving school.*

**17- How Do I Arrange The Transfer of Credits from My Study Abroad Program in Argentina?**

*Many schools require prior approval in order to transfer credits earned through study abroad. Students are encouraged to meet with their academic advisor to determine which classes they should take and the transferability of credit before they enroll.*

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**18- What is the Grading System in Argentina?**

*The Argentine academic system uses a 1-10 grading system with 10 being the highest grade and a 1 being the lowest. Generally speaking, 10-8 would be in the “A” range (using the American system) and anything below a 4 (roughly a “D”) is failing. To learn more about how to translate your grades, please see the Grading Chart in Helpful Resources.*

**19- Will My Grades Earned Abroad Affect my Overall GPA?**

*This depends on your university’s policy. Some universities consider transfer grades while calculating your GPA, while some universities accept transfer credits on a pass/fail basis. Please check with your university’s registrar office to be sure.*

## Visas

**20- Do I Need a Visa to Study Abroad in Argentina?**

*Yes, any student that will study in Argentina for more than 90 days is required to obtain a student visa.*

**21- How can I Obtain Visa to Study Abroad in Argentina? Will Mente Argentina Help Me Get One?**

*All study abroad students will go through the visa process once they arrive in Argentina with the help of the Mente Argentina Student Reception Office. Our experienced staff works to simplify the complex visa process, guiding you through every step so it’s quick and easy.*

**22- What Documents do I Need to Get a Visa to Study Abroad in Argentina?**

*Once you are registered for your program with Mente Argentina, you will receive detailed and comprehensive instructions from our staff about the process.*

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## Financing

### 23- How Can I Afford to Study Abroad in Argentina?

*Argentina is an incredibly affordable study abroad destination, especially when compared to other popular study abroad destinations such as Europe or even other Latin American countries. Daily living expenses and tuition are much lower than in your home country, which will offset many budgeting concerns. If you are still looking for assistance, there are many organizations that offer scholarships for study abroad students. Please see our [Financial Aid Resources](#) for more information.*

### 24- Does Mente Argentina Offer Scholarships to Study in Argentina?

*Yes! We recognize that for many students, scholarships are an important aspect and even a necessity in order to study abroad. For more information on availability, eligibility, and application procedures see our [Scholarship section in Helpful Resources](#).*

### 25- Is Tuition Included in the Mente Argentina Program Fee?

*Yes, all tuition costs are included in your Mente Argentina Program Fee. Although tuition prices and payment methods differ greatly between institutions, when you pay your Program Fee Mente handles everything for you, guaranteeing a smooth enrollment process in the Argentine university of your choice.*

For more essential study abroad in Argentina information like pre-departure preparation, healthy and safety, and travel tips, please see our [Helpful Resources](#).

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