

Argentina



STUDY ABROAD AT

Universidad de Belgrano

## California State University, Sacramento Study Abroad Program

The study abroad program between the **Universidad de Belgrano** in Argentina and California State University, Sacramento was established in 1988. Founded in 1964, the Universidad de Belgrano is a private institution with an enrollment of approximately 11,500 students taught by 1,160 faculty members. The UB has a library of 70,000 publications. The university is located in the beautiful Belgrano district, about 20 km from the center of the city of Buenos Aires, the political capital and the commercial and industrial center of Argentina. Facilities of the university include 14 buildings for academic activities, access to email, a TV studio, computer labs, reading rooms, and a first-aid health unit. Buenos Aires is a vibrant city, rich in culture and history, offering a mix of multicultural population and strong traditional background as well as easy commutes to the other capitals of Montevideo and Santiago.

### COURSE OFFERINGS

Students who would like to study in Argentina for **one year** or **one semester** (in those fields of study offered on a semester basis) while still remaining enrolled at this university have an unusual opportunity through this study abroad program. Courses in the following disciplines at Belgrano are open to our students. **Undergraduate:** Accounting, Advertisement, Biological Sciences, Business Administration, Chemistry, Civil Engineering, Commerce, Communication Sciences, Computer Science, Economics, Electromechanical Engineering, English and Spanish Public Translation, Food Technology, Graphic Design, Hotel Management, Human Resources, Industrial Engineering, Interior Design, International Relations, International Trade, Journalism, Law, Marketing, Nutrition, Political Science, Psychology, Public Relations, Radio and TV Production, Telecommunications. **Graduate:** Business Administration, Clinical Psychology, English and Spanish Translation, International and Political Economics, International Relations, Law, and Organizational and Managerial Psychology. All these courses form part of the degree studies of Argentine students. This means that our students at the UB share the Argentine education experience.

Students whose Spanish language skills are insufficient to take courses in their major alongside students from Argentina may take courses on Argentina and Latin America. (Four semesters of college-level Spanish are required prior to taking these courses.) Examples of courses offered are: Historia de América Latina en los Siglos XIX y XX, Sistemas Políticos Latinoamericanos Comparados, Argentina y América Latina frente a la Globalización Económica, Política Económica Argentina, Literatura Argentina e Hispanoamericana I (del Siglo XVII al Siglo XIX), Literatura Argentina e Hispanoamericana II (Siglo XX), Argentina: Sociedad Abierta en Transformación, Arte Argentino Contemporáneo, Tradiciones y Culturas Argentinas, Español Intermedio, Español Profundizado A y B, Español Avanzado, Tango: la Expresión de Buenos Aires, Historia Económica de la Argentina en los Siglos XIX y XX, Ética, and Taller de Escritura en Español. Courses sometimes offered in English include: Comparative History of Argentina and Latin America; Argentinean and Latin American Economy; Political and Social Change in Argentina and Latin America; Argentina: The Making of a Country through its Literature; and The Latin American Role in Context of Economic Globalization.

### HOUSING

Locating housing is each individual student's responsibility. Housing options for students at the Universidad de Belgrano include furnished flats, student shared flats

(usually with other international students), and homestay. Detailed information on these UB options and booking of reservations is located at the university website “Front Desk UB” at <http://www.frontdeskub.com>. “Front Desk UB” also offers an email address and telephone number to contact for housing questions. Study abroad participants may choose to reserve housing before departure from the USA, or they may wish to find temporary housing for when they first arrive in Buenos Aires and then look for long term housing after arrival.

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## SPECIAL UB SERVICES

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The International Students Administrative Office and the individual departments offer academic advising and general orientation to students from abroad. The UB offers the organization of trips to the rest of the country, thus enabling students from abroad to learn about the beauty of Argentina's provinces and appreciate the contrast between the capital and the countryside. Students have access to the UB Club located 50 km from the city where the following sports are available: football, volleyball, basketball, softball, tennis, hockey, gymnastics, and aerobics. There are also Saturday/Sunday sports / tournaments. Study abroad students also may compete to be on official teams in rugby and hockey.

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## ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

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Applicants should have **upper division standing with a declared major** or **classified graduate standing** at this university by the time of departure, **good academic records**, a **2.75** cumulative grade point average for undergraduates and a **3.0** for graduates or better at the time of the application deadline, and **two years of college-level Spanish or the equivalent**. The applicant also should be prepared to accept the challenge of study in a country with an educational system different from our own. All applicants should check to ensure that they are on track for meeting the Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement (GWAR). In most cases, the **lower division courses** of the appropriate field of study must have been completed prior to participation in this program. Applications will be accepted for **one semester** or **one academic year**. Students are required to be **full-time** while studying in Argentina and, thus, take the equivalent of 15 units during each semester for undergraduates and 12 units per semester for graduates.

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## EXAMS AND GRADES

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Study abroad students are evaluated on the same basis as regular students of the UB. Each course shall be evaluated by means of mid-term exams and final exams. Final exams are usually oral exams. Teachers may require that students write papers in Spanish on specific topics. Students will be graded on the basis of a 1 to 10 scale. One, two or three are considered failing grades. Students must remain at UB and take examinations in order to receive credit. Audited courses are not allowed.

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## SCHOLARSHIPS

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For information on scholarships for study abroad, you should register for and attend a scholarship workshop in the Office of Global Education.

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## GRADUATE STUDY

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This study abroad program can accommodate the special needs of graduate students wishing to study and carry out research in Argentina. Intensive Spanish instruction, graduate-level courses, and institutional affiliations for the facilitation of research are available to graduate students. This program is an excellent choice for graduate students in International Affairs who have sufficient Spanish language proficiency.

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## CALENDAR

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The UB **fall semester** extends from the beginning of **March** to the end of **June**. Exams are held through the end of July. The **spring semester** begins around the end of **July** and ends around the beginning of **November**. Exams take place from mid-November through the end of December. There is a short recess in July for the purpose of sitting for exams between the two terms. Students must remain in Argentina and take exams there to obtain credit. The orientation session at UB takes place approximately one week before the start of each semester and includes an introduction to the university and a city tour. During that first week, students have interviews with counselors and register for their courses. The intensive Spanish course is offered approximately one month before the semester starts. Students wishing to take this Spanish course comprised of 100 hours of intensive learning must pay a separate fee to the Universidad de Belgrano. Most courses at the UB are offered on a semester basis, although a very few are year-long. (Please note that certain graduate programs operate on a trimester basis. Check with

the Office of Global Education for further information on these courses.) Students should arrive in Belgrano just prior to the orientation dates and should arrive during the morning hours. If pre-arranged, it is possible for students to be picked up at the airport (students arriving during work hours only).

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## FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

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Students accepted to the program will **pay the usual California State University, Sacramento fees, remain eligible for financial aid** (except work/study), if otherwise qualified, and receive **resident credit** just as if they were attending classes at this university. (Please note that equivalency of courses falls under the jurisdiction of the academic department.) The UB has agreed to waive non-resident tuition, making this a particularly attractive opportunity for participants. Students will pay for their travel to and from Argentina, room and board, books, and incidentals. In addition, each student must have the required insurance during his or her stay in Argentina. Expenses for a semester in Argentina are estimated at the following: usual undergraduate fees - \$2,450 (graduates would pay the graduate fee), room and board - \$2,400, airfare - \$1,430, insurance - \$270, incidentals - \$1,050. Total \$7,600. The estimated expenses for an academic year are about \$13,770. This estimate is given for planning purposes only and is subject to changes from currency fluctuation, inflation, and fee changes. Keep in mind that the costs to obtain a passport and a student visa are not included in this estimate.

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## FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

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You should consult these resources for further information:

The Office of Global Education home page: <http://www.csus.edu/oge>

The Universidad de Belgrano home page: <http://www.ub.edu.ar>

The Universidad de Belgrano course information:

[http://www.ub.edu.ar/internacionales.php?opcion=alumnos&sub=estudiantes\\_internacionales](http://www.ub.edu.ar/internacionales.php?opcion=alumnos&sub=estudiantes_internacionales)

Click on “Descargar pdf” next to the appropriate field of study for course titles and descriptions.

Listing of Argentine studies courses for international students with course descriptions:

<http://www.ub.edu.ar/studies.php>. (Click on “Program of Argentine and Latin American Studies”.) A

short guide for incoming international students and information on housing also can be found at this site.

The Universidad de Belgrano Office of International Relations: <http://www.ub.edu.ar/internacionales.php>

The Universidad de Belgrano accommodation information: <http://www.frontdeskub.com>

The Universidad de Belgrano catalogs available at the Office of Global Education

For information on Argentina, visit:

<http://www.turismo.gov.ar>

<http://www.lonelyplanet.com>

To obtain an application or to speak with a study abroad advisor, please call the **Office of Global Education** at **278-6686** or go to **Lassen Hall, Room 2304**. Applications, references, and transcripts should be sent to the address below. The **deadline** for materials to be received is **March 1** for our **fall** semester and **October 1** for our **spring** semester. Please note that there is an interview process for this application, also.

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