



Middlebury
School in Argentina
BUENOS AIRES



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News from the School in Argentina

MLEP (Multiple Level Entry Program in Spanish in BA)

- This Intermediate Track is designed for students who have completed 1.5 - 2 years (3 - 4 semesters) of college-level Spanish (or the equivalent).
- Students will enroll in a Spanish language course through the [Universidad Católica Argentina's](#) (UCA) Español como Lengua Extranjera (ELE) program, in two content courses (taught in Spanish) through UCA's [Programa de Estudios Latinamericanos](#) (PEL), and in a Middlebury-led course on Tango and Identity, which features an accompanying writing seminar.
- In certain cases, students may opt to replace one of their content courses with a for-credit internship.
- Students participate in the [Middlebury Language Pledge®](#), in which they promise to communicate only in Spanish for the duration of their time with the School in Argentina.
- Students will earn a total of 4.5 units of Middlebury credit (typically equivalent to 15-16 semester hour credits) for the semester.

Sample Content Courses

- Aprendizaje desde el Servicio
- Argentina Hoy
- La Argentina Peronista
- Arte Argentino Contemporáneo
- Arte, Arquitectura e Identidad en América Latina
- Deportes y Cultura: Fútbol en Argentina
- Historia Latinoamericana I: Conquista, Independencia y Estados Modernos
- Introducción a la Lingüística del Español
- Literaturas y Culturas en América Latina
- Microeconomía
- Periodismo y Literatura: Atrapa tu viaje
- Procesos y Sociales de América del Sur
- Registrar Buenos Aires: Cultura y Fotografía



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News from the School in Argentina

Since 2022 the School is offering two new Academic Tracks

Academic Track on Public Health

University of Buenos Aires (UBA)
or Catholic University of Argentina (UCA)

Courses in Sociology, Demography, Social work, Psychology, and health-related careers such as nursing and nutrition.

Sociology or Social Work at UBA, or Nursing, Nutrition, and Kinesiology at UCA.

Students will learn about public health and the social determinants of health from an Argentine perspective, incorporating knowledge of Argentine history, present-day governance and service provision in Argentina, contemporary social challenges, and theories specific to academic disciplines.

Internships in specific field of interest

Health Access

- Damas Rosadas
- Fundación Manos Abiertas
- Asociación Síndrome de Down
- Asociación Esclerosis Múltiple
- FUNDAFASIA
- Organización Panamericana de la Salud
- Fundación Huésped
- Fundación Interamericana del Corazón

Public Policy

- CIPPEC
- Poder Ciudadano
- FARN

Women's Health

- FEIM
- Fundación Mujeres en Igualdad
- Asociación Familias Diversas Argentinas

Pediatrics

- Fundación Manantiales

Substance Abuse

- Fundación Williams

Human Rights

- CELS
- Fundación Tzedaká
- Fundación Luisa Harabedián

Academic Track on Tango & Identity

University of Buenos Aires

Explore the formation and evolution of Tango and the culture that emerged with it as a national language, incorporating knowledge about Argentinean society and its contemporary social challenges – in areas of gender, ethnicity, and socio-economic class – through theories specific to various academic disciplines.



Core course:

Tango: History, Lyrics, and Dance

This Middlebury-organized core course focuses on the formation and evolution of Tango and the culture that emerged with it as a national language from an Argentinean perspective. The course will approach the emergence of historical tensions over identity and power, incorporating knowledge about Argentinean society and its contemporary social challenges through theories specific to various academic disciplines. The course will prepare students to delve into their specific interests through elective courses at the university.

Complementary elective courses

In addition, students will take complementary classes at the Universidad de Buenos Aires: Facultad de Filosofía y Letras of Argentina, choosing from a large array of related courses in the subject areas of arts, literature, anthropology, philosophy, and history, among others.

In addition to coursework, students will have the opportunity to apply classroom learning in a real world setting through a credit-bearing internship that addresses ongoing issues of identity and power within their field of interest, taking advantage of the School in Argentina's network of partner organizations in Buenos Aires.

Other enrichment activities outside the classroom include monthly extension activities such as visits to *milongas*, dance schools, *lunfardo* academies, and other related institutions, as well as relevant interviews and activities that will bring students closer to the front line of the fieldwork.

News from our Partner Universities

[Universidad Católica Argentina \(UCA\)](#)

UCA produces its own energy with solar panels

As part of its commitment to a healthier environment, the UCA installed 900 solar photovoltaic modules at its Buenos Aires campus. These panels are located on the roof of the Santa María building, located in Puerto Madero, and since 2019, they have been generating energy that is fed into the University's electrical system. The most recent stage involved the installation of 439 additional panels on the roofs of the Puerto Madero Campus, with which the system will reach the goal of covering more than a third of the energy consumed annually at its campus.



[Facultad de Filosofía y Letras \(UBA\)](#)

XIX Conference of the International Association of Women Philosophers

The Facultad de Filosofía y Letras – UBA will organize the XIX Congress of the International Association of Women Philosophers (IAPH) "Feminisms today, philosophical contributions against violence, discrimination and exclusions". It will take place from July 31 to August 4, 2023 at the Facultad venue.

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[Universidad Torcuato Di Tella \(UTDT\)](#)

Strategic Management in Latin America Conference

The IX Strategic Management in Latin America Conference (SMLA) was held on Monday December 12 and Tuesday December 13 at the Di Tella Campus, under the theme "Facing a Volatile Uncertain Complex Ambiguous (VUCA) Context". The meeting was hosted by the UTDT Business School, and included more than 55 presentations divided into 15 sessions, organized around the tracks "Competitive and Corporate Strategy", "Internationalization", "Sustainability", "Entrepreneurship", "Public Private Collaborations" and "Strategy Processes, Practice, Strategic Leadership and Governance", bringing together researchers from Latin America and the world.



[Facultad de Ciencias Sociales \(UBA\)](#)

10º anniversary of the Centro Universitario Ezeiza

The Facultad de Ciencias Sociales- UBA is a member of UBA XXII, the Study Program of the University of Buenos Aires for the Federal Penitentiary Service, created in 1985. For the last ten years the Facultad has been offering degrees in Sociology and Social Work for the inmates at the Centro Federal de Detención de Mujeres Unidad 31- Ezeiza, Colonia Penal de Ezeiza Unidad 19, Centro Universitario Ezeiza (CUE), and Complejo Penitenciario Federal I - Ezeiza.

News from our Program



Riachuelo tour

Thanks to the collaboration of ACUMAR (Autoridad de la Cuenca Matanza-Riachuelo) we were able to tour the Riachuelo, river that runs south of the city of Buenos Aires, to learn about the process of recovery of the basin. During the navigation, an expert from the organization informed us about the actions related to the work on water pollution, economic sustainability and the relocation of the river's neighbors to healthier areas.

Museo Maradona

As a part of our Writing for Intercultural Competence course we visited the Museo Maradona. Inaugurated in 2009, this museum is located at Argentinos Juniors' stadium in the Paternal neighbourhood. This, one of the city's most traditional clubs, was the team with which Diego Maradona made his debut appearance.

The museum features items from the clubs history, many of them donated from the club's supporters.



News from Buenos Aires

Better exchange rates for foreign credit-card holders

In a bid to boost tourism in Argentina, the government is allowing travellers access to an exchange rate that nearly doubles their purchasing power. MasterCard Inc and Visa Inc have been allowed to offer travellers an exchange rate that nearly doubles their purchasing power.

Foreigners who use non-Argentine issued credit and debit cards will be charged a more lucrative financial exchange rate known in Spanish as the 'Dólar MEP' (Mercado Electrónico de Pagos).

Now, holders of foreign-issued cards will be able to get 325 pesos per dollar for their credit cards operations, compared to the country's official rate of 173 pesos, though each credit card company is expected to charge a commission below about four percent.



Third booster for Covid-19 vaccine campaign

The National Ministry of Health announced the application of a third booster of the COVID-19 vaccine to those who received the second booster 120 days ago or more, starting in November 2022.

Priority will be given to health personnel regardless of age, persons 50 years of age or older and persons over 12 years of age with immunocompromise and persons 18 to 49 years of age with risk factors.



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