

Amazing Argentina: Exploring Communication and Culture

This academic program is designed to help students develop intercultural communication skills and effectively adapt in a contemporary world that is becoming increasingly culturally diverse.

PROGRAM LEADERS

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COURSES

COMM 263 (3 credits): Fundamentals of Communication & Culture **

** This class fits into Connections Level of the Colonnade Program under category 1. Social & Cultural. This course fulfills the Category E general education requirement for students entered WKU in Spring 2014 or earlier.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Homestay arranged by SOL Education

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Develop intercultural communication skills and learn about culture in the most fascinating city in South America...Buenos Aires. Wander the bustling streets and grand avenues of the city and then explore the numerous historic neighborhoods. Experience the enchanting nightlife that the cosmopolitan city is famous for, tango clubs, cafés and world-class theaters, as well as travel the countryside and ride horses with South American Gauchos. Visit beautiful Mendoza, home to the foothills of the amazing Andes Mountains and the largest wine producing area in Latin America.

Students will engage in the Latino culture, intellectual curiosity, personal responsibility, critical thinking, self-awareness, and culture sensitivity. The homestay experience is an excellent way for Spanish cultural immersion and yet still have coursework in English.

This study abroad experience **fulfills Colonnade credit** and offers a variety of cultural activities and excursions to help you adapt in an increasingly global world.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- To understand the role and impact of culture on the communication process
- To apply major intercultural theories and concepts to everyday communication
- To learn about the world outside yourself and your impact on it
- To develop competence in intercultural communication

PROGRAM DETAILS

LOCATION: *Argentina: Buenos Aires*

ACADEMIC TERM: *Summer 2017: May 27 – June 16, 2017 ***

ITINERARY *(subject to change) for full itinerary see syllabus***

The schedule is subject to change due to educational opportunities that may arise unexpectedly, the vagaries of weather, and other factors beyond the control of the course instructors and staff.

WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY (Prof. Rita Meredith) & SOL EDUCATION ABROAD
Buenos Aires, Argentina - Program Calendar
Summer 2017 (May 27 - June 16) - 3 weeks

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						MAY 27
					DEPART FROM THE USA	PROGRAM BEGINS Airport Pickup Meet your host family! LUNCH (included) Rest with Host Family DINNER W/ HOST FAMILY
28	29	30	31	JUNE 1	2	3
BREAKFAST W/ FAMILY PROGRAM ORIENTATION & EXCURSION: City Tour Buenos Aires & Asado Meet: 10:00 AM Avenida Callao & Cordoba CALLAO station subte "D" corner red sign Claro - City Tour - Traditional Argentine Asado (included) DINNER W/ HOST FAMILY	BREAKFAST W/ FAMILY FIRST DAY OF CLASSES Meet: 9:00 AM Academia Buenos Aires COMM 263 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM LUNCH (not included) CULTURAL ACTIVITY: Argentine Maté & Dulces Meet: 4:00 PM Avenida Callao & Cordoba Learn to drink the famous Argentine Maté & delicious sweets at Cumaná café DINNER W/ HOST FAMILY	BREAKFAST W/ FAMILY COMM 263 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM LUNCH (not included) CULTURAL ACTIVITY: (included) Maté Club (Spanish conversation club & maté) Meet: 6:00 PM Callao station Subte "D" DINNER W/ HOST FAMILY	BREAKFAST W/ FAMILY COMM 263 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM LUNCH (not included) CULTURAL ACTIVITY: City Tour: Barrio Recoleta & Cemetery Meet: 4:00 PM Cemetery DINNER W/ HOST FAMILY	BREAKFAST W/ FAMILY COMM 263 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM LUNCH (not included) CULTURAL ACTIVITY: (optional) Maté Club (Spanish conversation club & maté) DINNER W/ HOST FAMILY	BREAKFAST W/ FAMILY COMM 263 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM LUNCH (not included) CULTURAL ACTIVITY: Tango Performance: Tango Show (Bien de Tango) Meet: 7:15 PM Avenida Córdoba y Florida DINNER W/ HOST FAMILY	BREAKFAST W/ FAMILY EXCURSION: Argentine Cowboy Ranch Meet: 10:00 AM Avenida Callao & Cordoba - Private bus to Ranch - Arrive Estancia Santa Susana (Los Cardales) - Horseback riding - Traditional Argentine Asado (included) - Folklore Dance - Gaucho Horseback show - Maté & snacks (included) - Private bus to BA DINNER W/ HOST FAMILY
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
BREAKFAST W/ FAMILY FREE DAY IN BUENOS AIRES DINNER W/ HOST FAMILY	BREAKFAST W/ FAMILY COMM 263 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM LUNCH (not included)	BREAKFAST W/ FAMILY COMM 263 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM LUNCH (not included) CULTURAL ACTIVITY: Visit Teatro Colón Meet: 4:00 PM Estación	BREAKFAST W/ FAMILY COMM 263 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM LUNCH (not included) CULTURAL ACTIVITY: Tango Dance Class Meet: 5:15 PM	BREAKFAST W/ FAMILY COMM 263 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM LUNCH (not included) EXCURSION: Mendoza (overnight sleeper bus)	EXCURSION: Mendoza - Arrive to the hotel - Excursion to wineries (bodegas) with lunch included - Dinner at the hotel (included)	EXCURSION: Mendoza - All day excursion to the Andes (Aconcagua mountain - the highest peak in S. America) - Breakfast at a lookout point (included) - Hike in Aconcagua park - Lunch along Mendoza

		Tribunales (Subte D) CULTURAL ACTIVITY: (optional) Maté Club (Spanish conversation club & maté)	Carlos Pellegrini and Corrientes Corner Mc Donalds	Meet: 6:30 PM Retiro Train Station - 7:20 PM Bus Departure - Dinner in Bus (included) 12 hours		River (included) - Dinner at the hotel (included)
	DINNER W/ HOST FAMILY	DINNER W/ HOST FAMILY	DINNER W/ HOST FAMILY	DINNER W/ HOST FAMILY	DINNER W/ HOST FAMILY	
11	12	13	14	15	16	
EXCURSION: Mendoza - Breakfast at hotel (included) - Outdoor activities (choose 1 option): Zipline White Water Rafting Hiking (with or without rappel) - Lunch (on your own) Depart for Buenos Aires (overnight sleeper bus) Leave in the evening (12 hours)	EXCURSION: Mendoza Arrive to Buenos Aires around 8: 00 AM COMM 263 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM LUNCH (not included)	BREAKFAST W/ FAMILY COMM 263 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM LUNCH (not included) CULTURAL ACTIVITY: (optional) Maté Club (Spanish conversation club & maté)	BREAKFAST W/ FAMILY COMM 263 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM LUNCH (not included) PEÑA SOLMATES Meet: 7:30 PM Uruguay 862 (Uruguay y Av. Córdoba)	BREAKFAST W/ FAMILY COMM 263 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM LUNCH (not included) CULTURAL ACTIVITY: (optional) Maté Club (Spanish conversation club & maté)	BREAKFAST W/ FAMILY COMM 263 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM LUNCH (not included) PROGRAM ENDS Airport Dropoff	
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ELIGIBILITY

- Permission of instructor(s) is required.
- Current WKU student eligible to register for WKU courses may apply. Students from outside WKU may participate as [visiting students](#).
- Students must be 18 years of age or older at time of departure (parent/guardian permission for anyone under 18 at time of departure).
- Students must possess passport valid for at least six (6) months after return date.
- Students must be free of active disciplinary sanctions as verified by Judicial Affairs.
- Students must complete all pre-departure orientations.
- Full payment prior to departure is required.
- Students must complete the [Study Abroad & Global Learning application process](#) prior to being registered in this course. We suggest you start this application process immediately and respond to all emails promptly

BASE PACKAGE

Program Cost: \$3,295

Included in Base Package

- Undergraduate tuition for 3 credit hours
- All lodging accommodations during program in Argentina
- Daily breakfast and dinner in homestay
- Entrance fees for all program related excursions and cultural activities
- Course-related ground transportation
- International medical insurance

Excluded from Base Package

- Round-trip flight to/from Buenos Aires, Argentina
- Transportation between your departure airport and your home.
- Independent travel (non-program travel).
- Personal expenses such as laundry, phone service, and Internet access.
- Tips for guides and drivers not included in program-related activity.
- Travel cancellation/interruption insurance. *Highly recommended.*
- Meals, services, and beverages not mentioned in the program, see syllabus
- Baggage fees and costs associated with flight / program changes
- \$160 reciprocity fee to enter Argentina
- SAGL Study Abroad Application fee of \$150.00

**Study Abroad courses are not eligible for employee tuition waivers or discounts.
Final program fee subject to change due to travel arrangements.**

Green Sheet subject to change due to adjustment in program or pricing.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

<p>Your TopNet Account will be billed according to the following Payment Schedule:</p> <p>February 1, 2017 – Program Fee will be charged to student's TopNet account (minus \$250 non-refundable deposit). Balance must be paid prior to program departure. Students applying after this date will be billed on a rolling basis.</p> <p>* Deposit paid by student directly with a credit card – NOT billed to student account.</p>	<p>Penalty for Withdrawal or Non-payment:</p> <p>After February 1: 25% of program cost After March 1: 50% of program cost After April 1: 75% of program cost After May 1: 100% of program cost (No refund)</p> <p>If a balance remains after the payment due date, the participant may be dropped from the program. A student may remain in the program by providing an award notification from WKU's Student Financial Assistance that verifies ability to pay the program fee immediately after aid is received.</p>
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The total amount due in your semester invoice may reflect the combined charges for multiple terms (i.e. Fall and Winter or Spring and Summer) and includes program fees for your Faculty-Led Study Abroad program. Please see your TopNet account for a breakdown of amounts due per term. Refer to your Faculty-Led Study Abroad program's Green Sheet for final payment due dates and billing information. If you have any questions, please email facultyled.abroad@wku.edu.

LOGISTICAL CONSIDERATIONS

- **Passport Requirements** - Each participant must have a passport that includes an expiration date, which is 6 months beyond the last date of the program.
- As this program is offered in partnership with SOL Education, students have the option to take Spanish classes for additional fees. If you are interested in adding the language component, contact Rita Meredith.

LIABILITY DISCLAIMER

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