

## **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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SOL EDUCATION – Assistant Lead

### **COURSES**

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COMM 263 Fundamentals of Communication & Culture \*

COMM 263 (H) – Honors credit

\* This class fits into Connections Level of the Colonnade

#### **OPTIONAL 3-week ADD-ON - SPANISH (3 credit hours) with SOL EDUCATION – June 18 - July 6, 2018**

Students interested in extending their stay in Argentina to study Spanish, contact Katherine Hale  
[katherine.hale@wku.edu](mailto:katherine.hale@wku.edu) in Study Abroad and Global Learning.

### **SCHOLARSHIPS OPPRTUNITY**

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Up to \$500 scholarship for Communication majors

### **ACCOMMODATIONS**

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Homestay arranged by SOL Education

### **PROGRAM DESCRIPTION**

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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.

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

For more information go to: <http://www.wku.edu/flsa/programs/argentina2018.php>

## PROGRAM DETAILS

**LOCATION:** Argentina: Buenos Aires

**ACADEMIC TERM:** Summer 2018: May 26 – June 15

**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 2018 (May 26 - June 15) - 3 weeks

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					DEPART FROM THE U.S.A.	PROGRAM BEGINS Airport Pickup Meet your host family!  LUNCH (included)  Reds with Host Family  DINNER W/ HOST FAMILY
27	28	29	30	31	JUNE 1	2
BREAKFAST W/ FAMILY  PROGRAM ORIENTATION & EXCURSION: City Tour Buenos Aires & Asado Meet: 10:00 AM Avenida Callao & Córdoba 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 & Córdoba Learn to drink the famous Argentine Maté & delicious sweets at Curnand cafe  DINNER W/ HOST FAMILY	BREAKFAST W/ FAMILY  COMM 263 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM  LUNCH (not included)  CULTURAL ACTIVITY: Maté Club (Spanish conversation club & maté) Group 1: 13 students (the day) 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 Group 1: 13 students Meet: 2:00 PM Cemetery  CULTURAL ACTIVITY: City Tour: Barrio Recoleta & Cemetery Group 2: 13 students 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: Walking tour: Palermo Parks (Rosedal) Meet: 4:30 PM Plaza Italia station Subte "D"  CULTURAL ACTIVITY: Maté Club (Spanish conversation club & maté) Group 2: 13 students 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: 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 & Córdoba - 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 ON YOUR OWN (not included)
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
BREAKFAST W/ FAMILY  EXCURSION: El Tigre River Boat Ride & Old Market Meet: 9:30 AM Córdoba y Callao - Boat ride  DINNER W/ HOST FAMILY	BREAKFAST W/ FAMILY  COMM 263 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM  CULTURAL ACTIVITY: Tango Dance Class Meet: 6:15 PM  DINNER W/ HOST FAMILY	BREAKFAST W/ FAMILY  COMM 263 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM  CULTURAL ACTIVITY: (optional) Maté Club (Spanish conversation club)  DINNER W/ HOST FAMILY	BREAKFAST W/ FAMILY  COMM 263 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM  CULTURAL ACTIVITY: La Boda & La Bombonera Group 1  DINNER W/ HOST FAMILY	BREAKFAST W/ FAMILY  COMM 263 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM  CULTURAL ACTIVITY: La Boda & La Bombonera Group 2  DINNER W/ HOST FAMILY	BREAKFAST W/ FAMILY  COMM 263 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM  DINNER W/ HOST FAMILY	BREAKFAST W/ FAMILY  FREE WEEKEND FOR OPTIONAL TRAVEL  Ex: Patagonia (Bariloche) or Mendoza

-Traditional Argentine asado - Visit the old Market  LUNCH (not included)  DINNER W/ HOST FAMILY	Carlos Pellegrini and Corrientes Comer Mo Donalds  DINNER W/ HOST FAMILY	<b>&amp; mate</b>  DINNER W/ HOST FAMILY	Meet: 4:00 PM Catedral (Suble D)  DINNER W/ HOST FAMILY	Meet: 4:00 PM Catedral (Suble D)  DINNER W/ HOST FAMILY		LUNCH & DINNER ON YOUR OWN (not included)
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
BREAKFAST W/ FAMILY  <b>FREE WEEKEND FOR OPTIONAL TRAVEL</b>  Ex: Patagonia (Bastioche) or Mendoza  DINNER W/ HOST FAMILY	COMM 263 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM  LUNCH (not included)  CULTURAL ACTIVITY: Visit Teatro Colón Meet: 4:00 PM Edición Tribunales (Suble D)  DINNER W/ HOST FAMILY	COMM 263 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM  LUNCH (not included)  CULTURAL ACTIVITY: (optional) Mate Club (Spanish conversation club & mate)  DINNER W/ HOST FAMILY	COMM 263 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM  LUNCH (not included)  PEÑA 30LMATES Meet: 7:30 PM SOL Dinner Uruguay 882 (Uruguay y Av. Córdoba)  DINNER W/ HOST FAMILY	COMM 263 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM  STUDENT EVALUATION  LUNCH (not included)  CULTURAL ACTIVITY: (optional) Mate Club (Spanish conversation club & mate)  DINNER W/ HOST FAMILY	COMM 263 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM  LUNCH (not included)  WKU PROGRAM END 8 Airport Dropoff (James, Luke Seaverick)  DINNER W/ HOST FAMILY	

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## ELIGIBILITY

**Student Eligibility** - Program leaders may determine stricter eligibility requirements, but at a minimum, all applicants earning credit in a program would meet these requirements:

- Current WKU student eligible to enroll in WKU courses OR students from outside WKU may participate as non-degree seeking student,
- Good academic standing as defined in the Undergraduate Catalog or Graduate Catalog,
- A minimum of 16 years of age at time of departure (parental/legal guardian expressed, written consent required for those under 18 at time of departure) Refer to program green sheet for program specific details,
- No current disciplinary sanctions as verified by the WKU Office of Student Conduct
  - Students who become ineligible to attend the program after applying due to disciplinary sanctions will be subject to standard program cost penalty rates. Students are responsible for notifying the Office of Study Away when they become aware of this ineligibility. For eligibility questions pertaining to disciplinary sanctions, students should contact the WKU Office of Student Conduct.
- Students must complete [Study Abroad & Global Learning application process](#) prior to being registered in this course. All students studying abroad are required to pay \$150 application fee.
- Students must select program on TopNet and pay \$250 deposit to finalize admittance process,
- Student must possess passport book valid for a least six (6) months after return date.
- Students must complete pre-departure orientations,
- Full payment prior to departure, and
- Permission of instructor(s) is required.

If a student completes a program without full payment prior to the departure, the student should receive an incomplete until the obligation is paid. Office of Study Away will inform faculty leaders if a student is in this situation prior to the Study Away term grade deadline.

## BASE PACKAGE

**Program Cost: \$3,999**

### 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
- If 10 or more students are enrolled, an excursion to Mendoza or Patagonia will be added (additional fees may apply)

#### 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
- SAGL Study Abroad Application fee of \$150

**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><b>Your TopNet Account will be billed according to the following Payment Schedule:</b></p> <p>February 1 – 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><b>Penalty for Withdrawal or Non-payment:</b></p> <p>After February 1: 25% of program cost billable to student  After March 1: 50% of program cost billable to student  After April 1: 75% of program cost billable to student  After May 1: 100% of program cost billable to student (No refund)</p> <p><b>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.</b></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](mailto: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.
- **FAFSA** - In order to qualify for financial aid, student should apply for FAFSA at time of application.
- **Physical Requirements** - There will be a large amount of walking on this study abroad program. Participants need to be prepared to walk several miles a day.
- As this program is offered in partnership with SOL Education, students have the option to take Spanish classes as an add-on component of this program. Spanish courses can be take through SOL Education after this FLSA is complete. If you are interested in adding the language component, contact Katherine Hale in Study Abroad and Global Learning [Katherine.hale@wku.edu](mailto:Katherine.hale@wku.edu)

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**LIABILITY DISCLAIMER**

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*Western Kentucky University and its associates are not responsible for any loss due to theft, personal injury, flight or weather delays, negligence, or default of suppliers, or suppliers changing of itineraries. They and their associates are not responsible for any loss due to travel/flight delays or changes in travel plans due to Acts of Nature or other unforeseen circumstances, nor are we responsible for accidents and medical care. Tour services are furnished by independent contractors who are not agents or servants of Western Kentucky University. Refunds are not available for unused portions of the package.*

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