Merrimack in Buenos Aires, Argentina
A Partnership with the Universidad Belgrano

http://www.apistudyabroad.com/programs/argentina/buenos-aires

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

UNIVERSIDAD DE BELGRANO (UB)

- The university enrolls approximately 11,500 students, including 2,000 international students
- Located in the charming neighborhood of Belgrano
- Academic programs are available for all students regardless of language level
- On-site orientation takes place during the first week of the student's stay, including a tour of Belgrano and information about transportation, safety, and culture
- 3 programs are offered at UB:
    - Intensive Language Program
    - Program of Argentine and Latin American Studies in English
    - Program of Argentine and Latin American Studies in Spanish

PROGRAM DATES

Fall 2012

June 22 - Arrival date for early-start intensive language program
July 20 - Arrival date for the regular semester
December 8 - Program end date

Spring 2013

TBD

APPLICATION

Visit the Office of International Programs for an application. Some of the required documents you will need in addition to your application include:

- Letters of Recommendation
- Resume
- A 2-page essay explaining why you would like to study in Argentina

CULTURAL ACTIVITIES*

- Fall excursions include visits to Colonia del Sacramento, Uruguay; Estancia Visit; Tigre; and Bariloche
- Spring excursions included visits to Colonia del Sacramento, Uruguay; Estancia Visit; Iguazu Falls; and Tigre.
- More information about excursions can be found at: http://www.apistudyabroad.com/city.php?country_id=14&city_id=33&country_image_id=140&city_image_id=141&content_id

=855&page_type=excursions

* Aforementioned excursions are subject to change.

ACADEMICS

COURSES ABROAD

Students will take **five 3-credit** courses. To view courses offerings for this program visit: http://www.apistudyabroad.com/programs/argentina/buenos-aires/universidad-de-belgrano-program-of-argentine-and-latin-american-studies.

TRANSCRIPT AND GRADES

On successful completion of the program, an official copy of each student's transcript is sent to Merrimack College.

HOUSING AND MEALS

- Students live with **local host families** in Buenos Aires. Host families reside in the Palermo, Recoleta, and Belgrano neighborhoods, which are generally 15-45 minutes away from UB. Weekly laundry services are provided.
- 2 meals per day are provided, except on weekends.

TRAVEL REQUIREMENTS

PASSPORT

- You must have a valid passport in order to travel abroad
- You need to renew your passport if it will expire in less than a year.
- For **FIRST TIME PASSPORT APPLICANTS**
  http://travel.state.gov/passport/get/first/first_830.html
  The closest Acceptance Facility (where you will turn in your forms) to Merrimack College is:
  Town of North Andover-Clerk
  120 Main St North Andover, MA 01845
  (978) 688-9502
- If you need to **RENEW** your passport
  http://travel.state.gov/passport/renew/renew_833.html
- **WHERE TO GET PASSPORT PHOTOS**
  The closest places to Merrimack College are:

Walgreens	CVS	Rite Aid
800 Waverly Rd	110 Turnpike Street	525 Turnpike Street
North Andover	North Andover, MA	North Andover, MA
(978) 681-1530	(978) 686-6110	(978) 794-8720

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You will need to apply for a visa in order to study in Argentina. Please visit: www.congenargentinany.com for the most up-to-date regarding this process.

TRAVEL

- Students are responsible for booking their own transportation to and from the host country; however, a representative will greet you at the airport and take you to your accommodation when you arrive to Buenos Aires.
- Students may arrive and/or leave their host country before and/or after their program of study is complete; however, it will not be part of their Merrimack study abroad program.

TRAVEL PREPARATIONS

Check out info about your **HOST COUNTRY**
http://www.lonelyplanet.com/argentina

Check out the **POLITICAL CONDITIONS AND FOREIGN RELATIONS** http://www.state.gov/r/pa/ei/bgn/26516.htm

Check out the **TIME ZONE**
http://www.timeanddate.com/worldclock/city.html?n=51

Check out the **WEATHER**
http://www.wunderground.com/global/stations/87582.html

Check out **LOCAL NEWS** about your host country
http://www.buenosairesherald.com/

Check out the **LOCAL NEWSPAPER**
http://www.newspapers24.com/world-cities/buenos-aires-newspapers/index.html

Spanish is the official language of Buenos Aires. For language lessons, check out the following website:
http://www.studyspanish.com/

Check out **CULTURE AND CUSTOMS**
http://www.kwintessential.co.uk/resources/global-etiquette/argentina.html

Check out info on **ELECTRICITY**
http://www.argentina.gov.ar/argentina/portal/paginas.dhtml?pagina=1190

Check out your host countries **HOLIDAYS**
http://www.the-allure-of-argentina.com/argentinatraditions.html

Information about **VOTING WHILE ABROAD**

http://www.capa.org/student-resources/voting-while-abroad

FINANCES

Students will **pay tuition, room, board, and an insurance fee to Merrimack College**, and students will be eligible to all financial aid.

EXTRA COSTS THAT ARE NOT INCLUDED:

- Airfare
- Passport & visa
- Books and supplies
- Local transportation
- Personal items
- Travel while abroad

Check out the **LOCAL CURRENCY** at:
http://www.xe.com/

HEALTH AND SAFTY

EMERGENCY CONTACTS

In the event of an emergency, Carmen, your Resident Director in Argentina, should be your primary contact.

CELL PHONES AND CALLING ABROAD

- All API students receive a free phone with discounted calling packages for students in Argentina.
- When in Argentina, incoming calls are free for students.
- To call Argentina from the U.S.: http://www.howtocallabroad.com/argentina/

VACCINATIONS

- Check out the health information for your host country to find **RECOMMENDED VACCINATIONS**
  http://www.mdtravelhealth.com/destinations/samerica/argentina.php

PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION

- If you take prescription medication, you must bring enough to last the duration of your program. It may be difficult and expensive, or impossible to fill prescriptions while abroad. Students may not be able to find the exact equivalent of their medication. Medicines shipped abroad may be blocked by customs, making it impossible to retrieve them
- All prescription medication and copies of the prescriptions should be packed in your carry-on luggage, in case your checked luggage is delayed. Prescription medication

must always be carried in the original container so it can be clearly identified as belonging to you. Pharmacies abroad sell all over-the-counter medications, such as aspirin, cold medicine, antihistamine, Dramamine, etc. which students can purchase without a prescription. It is a common myth that pharmacies in other countries can administer prescription medication without a prescription (such as antibiotics); this is not true.

MEDICAL AND NATURAL DISASTER EVACUATION INSURANCE

All students will be covered through **HTH WORLDWIDE:** http://www.hthstudents.com

EMBASSY

- Find out where the **LOCAL EMBASSY** is located: http://www.usembassy.gov/
- **REGISTER** with the nearest U.S. embassy or consulate: https://travelregistration.state.gov/ibrs/ui/