Global Exchange Program

Buenos Aires, Argentina
University of Palermo

USC’s exchange program in Argentina is designed to expose students to Argentinean life and culture. The program is located in the capital city of Buenos Aires, situated in eastern Argentina beside the Río de la Plata. Students will attend the University of Palermo. The University’s main campus is located in the Palermo neighborhood, an area known for its squares, gardens, shops, and various cafes. Only USC undergraduate students are eligible to participate in this program.

The program offers specific courses for international students in Spanish language, Argentine literature and culture, Latin American business, and Latin American history. Students with advanced level Spanish may also enroll in standard university courses with local and other international students. Such courses are offered in the humanities and social sciences, communications and design, tourism and hotel management, business, law, engineering, and architecture. All courses are taught exclusively in Spanish.

As a prerequisite, students must have attained junior standing prior to attending the University of Palermo. Students must also have completed four semesters of college level Spanish or its equivalent. A minimum 3.0 GPA is required. Note: This program is very competitive and typically only allows for 1-2 USC students to attend each semester.

Courses and Credits
Students typically earn 15 credit hours per semester. Listed below are a few examples of subjects offered.

Subject Offerings
Advertising International Relations Psychology
Art History Journalism Public Relations
Business Literature Sociology
Graphic Design Political Science Tourism

Living Arrangements
Students can choose to live with Argentinean host families to help provide maximum exposure to the Spanish language and to experience everyday life and culture in Buenos Aires. Residence halls and apartments are also available. Students pay in-state tuition and fees to USC. Room and board costs are paid to the host institution.
Budgeting
For housing (including food), students should budget between $1500 and $2000 pesos per month. Students are responsible for all of their extra personal expenses including books, local transportation, entertainment, etc. The amount below is provided as a guide; the actual amount needed will vary depending on courses and personal spending habits. Your extra personal expenses per month, including books, are estimated at: US$ 350/400/month.

Insurance
Per university policy, all USC students will be charged emergency medical, evacuation and repatriation insurance for their time abroad. If you have questions, please contact the Study Abroad Office.

Orientation
Orientation is mandatory at the University of Palermo for all international students. Students will go through an orientation to the city as well as to the campus that includes information on the transportation system, currency issues, banking and bank location, telephone calls, safety issues, as well as transportation to and from the university, location of the schools within the urban campus, library location, registration, meeting with professors and authorities, class schedule and rooms, internet access, e-mail address at the University of Palermo, sports facilities, etc.

Excursions
For an additional fee, in the past, the program has organized excursions to other sites within Argentina. Recent excursions have included trips to the Patagonian provinces, Iguazu Falls, Mendoza and San Juan vineyards, and Cordoba. Students also have the opportunity for individual travel.

Visa
Students who will be in Argentina for more then 90 days will need to apply for a student visa. Detailed information will be sent to students about the visa from the University of Palermo. Students who are US citizens and are staying for less than 90 days do not need to apply before they leave. Staff at the University of Palermo will assist students in securing the necessary paperwork upon arrival.

Footnotes
USC students can attend the University of Palermo during the fall semester, spring semester or academic year. Visit the University of Palermo’s website at http://www.palermo.edu.
For specific information for the exchange program, please see http://www.palermo.edu/studyabroad/ and http://www.palermo.edu/info_para/int_students/academic_offering.html

For more information on Argentina, please visit the Tourism Argentina web site at http://www.turismo.gov.ar/eng/menu.htm