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The city

Buenos Aires is a beautiful and dynamic city where Latin American and European influences merge in a unique blend of architecture, music, literature, dance, and cuisine. Walking through the streets of Buenos Aires immediately gives you a sense of Argentina’s fascinating political and social history and its diverse cultural life. San Telmo’s colorful architecture, La Boca’s famous tango dancers, and Palermo’s beautiful parks are just a few of the interesting “barrios” in Buenos Aires. Though each street corner has its own intimacy, with its local shops and people, the city seems endless when it comes to its museums, restaurants, social sciences. It draws students from throughout South America with its reputation as a small, private, and highly selective institution.

The universities

The Universidad de Buenos Aires, or UBA, is the oldest public university in Argentina and is consistently ranked as one of the top universities in the country. UBA, a large, urban university, is free to Argentines and represents a wide cross section of people. It offers a wide range of courses in the social sciences and humanities.

Universidad del Salvador, or USAL, is a comprehensive urban university with a commitment to personalized education and is ranked as one of the best private universities in Latin America, offering a strong variety of courses in the humanities and social sciences.

Università Torcuato Di Tella, or UTDT, focuses on the social sciences with strong options in economics and political science. It draws students from throughout South America with its reputation as a small, private, and highly selective institution.

Universidad Católica Argentina, or UCA, is a private university of about 15,000 students with a campus in the city; it is known for its small classes and personal attention and offers a range of courses in the humanities and social sciences.

Housing and meals

Students live with Argentine families, and Palermo’s beautiful parks are just a few of the interesting “barrios” in Buenos Aires. Though each street corner has its own intimacy, with its local shops and people, the city seems endless when it comes to its museums, restaurants, and specific sites (cultural centers, ethnic neighborhoods, museums, monuments, spaces of memory) into the curriculum. In addition, all students will enroll in an internship or independent study for credit, depending on language ability, which is also administrated by the Trinity faculty coordinator. The internships and independent studies place students in NGOs or other institutions where they will work closely with the Argentine people while exploring an academic topic of interest related to their placement. Possible topics include human rights, education, government and democracy, radio production, corporate social responsibility, and fine arts.

Students will receive their remaining credits by enrolling in courses at one or more of the program’s four host universities. Students in the Intermediate Track take university classes at the Universidad del Salvador (USAL), and students in the Advanced Track can choose from one of four universities.

Intermediate Track

Students with two to four semesters of Spanish

Course

Intensive Spanish Language…...

1.0 credit

at UASL (first two weeks only)

Trinity Core Class...

1.0 credit

BNAR 300: Buenos Aires: The Urban Experience, Human Rights and Cultural Production (in English)

Trinity Independent Study...

1.0 credit

Contemporary Civilization and Culture at UASL...

1.0 credit

One additional course of UASL...

1.0 credit

Advanced Track

Students with five+ semesters of Spanish

Course

Trinity Core Course...

1.0 credit

BNAR 300: Buenos Aires: The Urban Experience, Human Rights and Cultural Production

Advanced Spanish Language...

1.0 credit

and Argentina Culture at IFSA

Trinity Internship...

1.0 credit

One or two additional courses at one of four universities...

1-2 credits each

Program prerequisites

The program is open to students with two semesters or more of Spanish and a GPA of 2.8 or higher. Students should take Spanish the semester before they go on the Trinity-in-Buenos Aires program.

Program dates

Fall semester (Semester II in Argentina)

Mid- to late July to late December

Spring semester (Semester I in Argentina)

Mid-February to mid-July

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IFSA Resident Director Mario Cantarini and the other IFSA staff in Buenos Aires complement the academic responsibilities of the Trinity faculty-in-residence by providing student support services throughout the semester. The IFSA staff will make the homestay arrangements, assist with course registration, provide excursions, and offer overall support as needed throughout the semester.

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