

AHA International Argentina: Quick Facts

Academics

- *Admission Requirements*
 - 2.5 minimum GPA
 - Sophomore standing +
 - Semester: One term of college level Spanish OR two years high-school level Spanish completed
Summer: no Spanish language required
- *Program Academics*
 - Semester:
 - A normal class load is 3-4 courses
 - Courses are between 40-60 contact hours each. This typically translates to 4 Alma College credits.
 - Academic focus: business & the humanities, human rights
 - Two Language courses are mandatory –Spanish grammar & Spanish conversation
 - Language & Humanities courses are taught in Spanish
 - Business & Human Rights courses are taught in English
 - Two specialty courses/semester taught by visiting faculty
 - AHA Fall Semester: Fulfills “S” course requirement
 - AHA Spring Semester: Fulfills “S” course *spring term* requirement when it runs through May. Students must confirm this with Registrar upon publication of program dates
 - Summer:
 - One mandatory Spanish language course (taught in Spanish)
 - One course in Human Rights (taught in English)
 - Each course typically translates to 4 AC credits
 - Student fulfills “S” course requirement
 - Alma College allows pass/fail for a course provided it meets guidelines published in the Academic Catalog. Refer to the Pass/Fail Option form (provided with Step 4) for complete instructions. Pass/fail must be requested within nine weeks after the class begins.
 - Incomplete grades must be replaced by letter grades within six weeks from being recorded on the Alma transcript, or they convert to “E”. contact the Registrar for assistance when you have received and Incomplete grade.

Housing

- Host family
- All meals included in program cost

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. *What travel documents do I need to go to Argentina?*

- A passport is required for international travel and must be valid at least 180 days beyond the last date of the program.
- A student visa is not required for visits to Argentina under 90 days.
 - Semester programs last 89 days. If you plan on extending your stay or coming early for personal travel, you will need to apply for a visa.
- An entry fee of \$131 will be requested if you pass through the Ezeiza International Airport.

2. *Can I use my cell phone in Argentina?*

- Using a U.S. cell phone abroad to make local and/or international calls can be very costly. Check with your service provider for details.
- One option is purchasing phone cards once you arrive in Argentina. It is not recommended to purchase international calling cards while in the United States because they often will not function once you are abroad.
- PicCell Wireless and other such companies allow students to rent a phone with a global SIM card and charger appropriate for Argentina.
- The cheapest option is to set up Skype or QQ, a free internet-based calling service. Look online for details.

3. *Will I have internet access at school? Should I bring my laptop?*

- The university offers free internet, but the computer labs are busy and there is often a time limit for use.
- Cyber cafes, conveniently located throughout the city, offer internet access at approximately \$1/hour. The program fees include free internet access at a local cyber café Monday through Friday.
- The AHA site has wireless internet, and you are welcome to bring your laptop. However, its safe-keeping and insurance will remain your personal responsibility.

4. *What kinds of public transportation options will I have?*

- Fares on public buses roughly cost \$.50 (1.70 peso argentino) each way.
- Taxis are readily available throughout the city and are not too expensive.