

# Bilateral Exchange: Universidad del Salvador

## Buenos Aires, Argentina

### Specifics of the North Park Exchange

#### Dates

Southern Hemisphere Calendar

- Semester 1: March-June
- Semester 2: August-November
- Intensive Language Program in July (not included in Exchange, but may be added to the Semester 2 (US Fall) exchange).

#### Eligibility

- 45+ credit hours by start of program
- Cumulative GPA of 2.75
- Spanish Language GPA of 2.5
- GPA of 2.5 in semester preceding program
- Completion of SPAN 3150 or above; all classes are taught in Spanish.
- Attendance at NPU for at least two semesters by start of program
- 18 years of age



#### Chance of Placement

Chance of placement is excellent for qualified candidates.

#### Courses Offered

Course offerings in English vary by year. See the University website for more information: [http://www.salvador.edu.ar/vrid/dcii/opii\\_int\\_cursos\\_sugeridos.htm](http://www.salvador.edu.ar/vrid/dcii/opii_int_cursos_sugeridos.htm). In the past, North Park students have taken the following types of courses:

Argentine History	Argentine Literature	International Politics	Public Relations
Hispanic-American Art	Political Processes of Argentina	International Economics	The History of Tango

#### Costs

Student pays North Park the current rate for full-time tuition, shared dorm room, and 15 meal plan. All financial aid applies.

#### Additional Fees

Airfare	Passport Fees	Residence Permit/ Visa Fees	International Student ID Card
Textbooks	Health Insurance	Discretionary Spending	

## About USAL

- Universidad del Salvador (USAL) is one of the most prestigious educational institutions in Argentina. It prides itself on providing students a comprehensive education within the Jesuit spirit of its founders.
- USAL is an urban institution, located in the cosmopolitan city of Buenos Aires. Its offices occupy 25 buildings in the downtown area, which allows students to fully explore the commercial and cultural activity in this huge metropolis.
- The University has 16,000 students who study numerous undergraduate and graduate degrees. The most prominent departments are the faculties of Philosophy, History and Literature, Medicine, Psychology and Psychology, and Social Sciences. The courses that generate more interest among international students are those related to politics, history, literature, economics, business and sociology, and local and regional culture.

Information for international students at USAL is available online:

[http://www.salvador.edu.ar/vrid/dcii/opii\\_int\\_english\\_fags.htm](http://www.salvador.edu.ar/vrid/dcii/opii_int_english_fags.htm).

## About Argentina and Buenos Aires

- Comprising almost the entire southern half of South America, Argentina is the world's eighth largest country, covering an area of 2.8 million square km. It is about the size of the U.S. east of the Mississippi River.
- Argentina's unit of currency is the peso, which has held steady for a few years at about three to one against the US dollar.
- Argentina is the world's capital of beef, and Buenos Aires the capital of Argentina. *So does Buenos Aires have the world's best steak?* It's hard to say no after your first bite into a tender morsel of deeply flavored, grass-fed beef, carefully charred by an open fire.
- Buenos Aires has 48 *barrios* (neighborhoods)—each with its own character and history.
- Each city block is 100 meters long, and addresses are based on the building's measured position from the corner (i.e. 180 Calle Florida is 80 meters from the corner, and 100 meters from 80 Calle Florida).
- Like their Italian ancestors, many porteños gesture, rather than speak, half of their conversation. Brushing your chin outward with your hand means "I have no idea." Bunching up your fingers is "What on earth are you talking about?" Pulling down the skin under one eye says "Watch out."
- Samba and tango are both popular dances in Argentina. They can be found anywhere from the dance floor to an open plaza to a park.
- The religions practiced in Argentina include Roman Catholic 92% (less than 20% practicing), Protestant 2%, Jewish 2%, other 4%.

**Please consult the Study Abroad Handbook for information on how to apply for this program.**