



SPANISH II—May 26-July 1

Argentina has emerged as one of the top study abroad hot spots. Immerse yourself in the rich culture of Argentina for 4.5 weeks!

Cordoba is the second largest city in Argentina. Located in the heart of the country, Cordoba offers easy access to nearby majestic mountains, rivers, and lakes. The city itself has something for everyone, from a stellar nightlife to boutique shopping to beautiful colonial architecture.



course information

-SPAN 1512 / Spanish II - Continuation of SPAN 1511 with more advanced conversation, basic writing, listening and reading comprehension, vocabulary building, grammar, and culture. Earn 5 ACC credits.

-May 26-28, class in Austin. June 1-July 1, class in Argentina.

-Prerequisite: By the end of Spring 2009, students must have completed a first semester college Spanish course of at least four semester hours with a grade of C or better, or have equivalent credit by examination to enroll in SPAN 1512.

-Applicants will have an informal interview with the course instructor, but will otherwise be accepted first-come, first-served. There are 15 spots for this program. The deadline to apply is February 17, yet please remember: pending instructor approval, students will be accepted in the order of the date application was received.

program fee

\$1,380*, \$1555**

Includes:

- Pre-departure orientation
- Free pre-departure “castellano” prep class
- Airport welcome and transfers
- Homestays including two daily meals and laundry service
- Two excursions
- 8 Tango Lessons
- On-site coordinator
- Host Facility Fee & Currency Devaluation Deposit
- General fee (covers some instructor expenses)

Does not include:

- Roundtrip airfare
- ACC Tuition, Books
- One meal per day
- Personal expenses

*Double Occupancy
**Single Occupancy

itinerary

Day 1: Arrive in Argentina.
Meet host families.

Day 2: First day of class.
City tour.

Day 3: Class
Tango lesson.

Day 4: Class

Day 5: Class

Tango lesson

Day 6: Free Day

Day 7: Excursion.

Day 8: Free Day

Day 9: Class

Day 10: Class
Tango lesson

Day 11: Class

Day 12: Class
Tango lesson

Day 13-15: Free days

Day 16: Class

Day 17: Class
Tango lesson

Day 18: Class

Day 19: Class

Tango lesson
Day 20: Free day

Day 21: Two-day excursion

Day 22: Free day

Day 23: Class

Day 24: Class
Tango lesson

Day 25: Class

Day 26: Class

Tango lesson
Day 27-29: Free day

Day 30: Class

Day 31: Class

Day 32: Depart for US

Day 33: Arrive in Austin

information and applications

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class

The class is taught by an ACC instructor, and all students will be ACC students. There will be three class days in Austin prior to departure, to be held on May 26,27,28. In Argentina, class will take place Monday through Thursday, June 1-July 1. Class will last 3.5 hours including breaks.

René Vacchio is an adjunct Associate Professor of foreign languages at Austin Community College.

homestays

Participants will be placed in a carefully selected Argentinan home. The host families will provide the participant with a room, two meals per day, and laundry service. Students can choose between a private room and a shared room, depending on availability.

Homestays are an invaluable part of the study abroad experience, as students will be able to practice Spanish outside of the classroom while sharing the "Cordobeses' " every day life.

Most host families have previously hosted international students and are excellent resources when it comes to the surrounding area as well as the local culture. The homestays will be located in an upscale neighborhood, a short distance from the classroom by bus and a twenty minute drive, 45 minute bus ride to downtown Cordoba.

She has been to Argentina on several occasions, and is familiar with the customs and traditions, as well as the "castellano" form of Spanish that is spoken in Argentina.

This is René's first time to teach abroad with ACC.

excursions

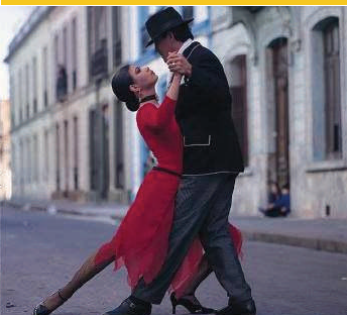
ALTA GRACIA & VILLA GENERAL BELGRANO & ATOS PAMPA & LA CUMBRECITA & PENON DEL AGUILA—2 days

- Alta Gracia: Visit the home of Che Guevarra and the Estancia Jesuitica
- Lunch in Villa General Belgrano
- Horseback riding
- Overnight stay in Cabanas Manantiales
- Adventure activities in Penon del Aguila
- Lunch in La Cumbrecita
- Hiking to waterfall
- Visit Villa General Belgrano
- Meals included; beverages are not included

NORTE CORDOBA & COLONIA CAROYA & JESUS MARIA—1 day

- Visit La Caroyense Bodega
- Lunch in Colonia Caroya, Macadam
- Visit to La Casona (production center of artisanal goods)
- Snack in San Pedro Viejo Estancia
- Lunch, snack included; beverages not included

Tango lessons



Argentine tango originated in the lower-class districts of Buenos Aires, and within a century has become one of the most recognized dances in the world. The tango is an improvisational dance based on the four building blocks of walking, turning, stopping and embellishments. The dance is like a puzzle that gets put together differently each time. Women and men bring their own styles and embellishments to the dance which contribute significantly to the excitement and unpredictability of the experience.

Learn how to dance tango in group lessons, twice a week!

funding

ACC Board of Trustees Study Abroad Scholarships

ACC Board of Trustees awarded \$50,000 in Study Abroad Scholarships to participants for the Spring/Summer of 2008. Scholarships are \$1,000 and can be used towards any program-related expense. Visit www.austincc.edu/intstudy for more information and an application. Deadline 2/24/2009

CAB Funding

The Campus Activity Board awarded over \$10,000 last year. CAB provides funding for travel opportunities that enhance the cultural and intellectual lives of students. Visit www.austincc.edu/intstudy for info and an application. Apply ASAP.

Cordoba ARGENTINA



What's Included in Your Program

What does the Program Fee include?

- Airport welcome and transportation to and from the Cordoba airport
 - Homestays. A private or shared room with an Argentinian host family.
 - 2 daily meals in the homestay.
 - Laundry service in the homestay.
 - Tango classes twice a week
 - Two excursions including transportation, fees, and a meal
 - Host Institute Facility Fee
 - On-site coordinator
 - General fee & Currency Devaluation Deposit
- What does ACC provide at no extra cost to me?**
- International Programs staff support
 - Pre-departure orientation
 - Castellano prep class
 - Emergency/Accident coverage on ACC-related activities abroad
 - International Support and Emergency Assistance
- What does International Support and Emergency Assistance provide?**
- 24-hour international helpline
 - emergency evacuation and repatriation
 - medical networks
 - crisis management and emergency response

What's Not Included

- 1 meal per day
- Local transportation
- Personal expenses
- Roundtrip airfare
- ACC Tuition and Fees
- Books
- International Health Insurance
- Argentina airport tax (about \$20)

How much should I budget for local transportation and lunches?

Plan for \$1-5 for transportation, depending on whether you take buses or taxis. Expect to spend between \$2-5 on a meal, depending on if you prepare your lunch at home or eat out.

How much is airfare?

Projected 2009 fares are about \$1500-200. Students may arrange their own flights, or contact the International Programs Office for assistance. A group flight may be arranged if fares are favorable.

What will I pay for tuition and fees?

In-district students will pay approximately \$270. Out-of-district students will pay approximately \$710.

How much are textbooks?

\$50-65

What is the General Fee?

The general fee is a contribution towards the instructors airfare and housing expenses.

What is a currency devaluation deposit?

The currency devaluation deposit is a designated amount of money intended to cover any changes in cost due to the fall in value of the dollar. It will also be utilized to cover any unforeseen expenses. Any amount unused will be returned to students following the conclusion of the program.

Group Travel

In the event that ACC arrange group travel:

How does group travel work?

ACC will work with an airline to reserve seats for program participants on a single flight. Once the reservation is made, participants will need to pay a flight deposit, between \$40-100. The deposit can be applied to the cost of the flight, or will be refunded upon return. The cost of the flight will be due in full, usually within 30-90 days following the reservation. Group travel is mandatory for this program, unless special permission is granted for independent travel.

Can I request to be seated with my friend on the group flight?

Seats are assigned by the airline upon check-in.

Can I earn frequent flier miles?

This depends on the policy of the airline.

Are the tickets refundable?

Group flight tickets are usually non-refundable. If ACC can secure a replacement if a participant drops out, they will be refunded the money less any differences in cost.

What airline does ACC use?

ACC's priority is booking both a low fare and convenient flight schedule. In the past, we've generally booked flights with American, Continental, Delta, and United. However, we are not limited to these airlines.

Will we have direct flights?

We try to obtain the most direct route to Argentina, however we cannot guarantee the absence of layovers or connecting flights.

Accommodations

Students will stay with host families. Rooms are either shared or private, depending on request and availability.

Can I request a specific roommate?

Yes, please submit roommate requests to the International Programs Office with your application or as soon as possible thereafter. No guarantees.

Can I share a room with someone of the opposite sex?

No.

Passports, Visas, Insurance

Am I responsible for obtaining my passport?

Yes, students are responsible for obtaining their own passports. Students should submit a copy of their passport or a copy of the completed passport application with the program application.

How can I get a passport?

You must fill out a passport application and bring it along with a certified birth certificate, two passport photos, and fee to a passport acceptance facility. Passport acceptance facilities include most U.S. Post Offices and also the International Office: Passport & ID Services at UT-Austin. Visit www.travel.state.gov for a passport application. Typical passport processing times are 3-6 weeks.

Do I need a visa for Argentina?

U.S. citizens do not need a visa for Argentina. Please contact the International Programs Office if you are not a U.S. citizen.

Insurance

Do I need to obtain insurance to go abroad?

Participants must have some type of international coverage. There are three basic options:
1) purchase a \$22 International Student ID Card (SIC), which provides basic medical coverage while abroad. 2) check with their current insurance provider for information on out-of-area/overseas coverage
3) visit www.hthstudents.com to sign up for temporary international coverage. Proof of insurance is required with the program application.

Course

The study abroad course for Spanish in Argentina is Spanish II.

Are there any prerequisites?

Participants must have successfully completed Spanish I or have obtained equivalent credit by exam.

How many credits can I earn?

5 ACC credits

Who is teaching the course?

ACC faculty member Renee Vacchio.

Cell Phones

Internet and public phone booths are extremely accessible and economical. Students should use a calling card when calling internationally from host family home. Students should make local calls from "telefonicas" or ask permission from the host family to make local calls, as telecommunica-

tions in Argentina can be quite expensive for the locals.

Will my cell phone work in Argentina?

Check with your service provider. International rates and roaming charges may apply.

Can I rent a cell phone in Argentina?

Yes.

Payment

The program fee is due upon acceptance into the program.

Are payment plans or payments in installments possible?

Yes. Please contact Ellen Aoki 223-7688 or eaoki@austincc.edu.

When do I register for the course itself?

The International Programs Office will register students for the course. Tuition/fees are due by Friday of the week in which the student is registered.

Refund Policy

\$100 deposit is non-refundable, unless a student is not accepted into the program. The deposit will be applied to the program fee.

Pre-Departure

If a student withdraws prior to departure, the student is responsible for all costs that are nonrecoverable. Non-recoverable costs may include nonrefundable airline tickets, deposits, costs paid to the host institution, housing costs, and other costs that occur as a result of the student's withdrawal.

Any costs recovered will be returned to the student, less any amount to be applied if he/she has an outstanding balance with ACC. All refund checks are mailed 2-6 weeks after the request has been processed.

Post-Departure

If a student withdraws from or is released from the program while abroad, all costs are nonrefundable.

ACC Board of Trustees Study Abroad Scholarship

Scholarship is for the amount of \$1,000.

Withdrawal or Involuntary Drops

If a student withdraws from or is released from the program at any time, the student must return the full amount of the scholarship to ACC. If the student fails to do so, disciplinary action will follow.

Program and Scholarship Applications

Applications can be downloaded at www.austincc.edu/intstudy or picked up at the International Programs Office at HBC #513, 5930 Middle Fiskville Road.

The Spanish in Argentina Program Coordinator is Ellen Aoki. Please contact her with any questions at: 512.223.7688 or at eaoki@austincc.edu