



UCA INTERNACIONAL

DIRECCIÓN DE RELACIONES INTERNACIONALES Y COOPERACIÓN ACADÉMICA

Fact Sheet for Exchange Students 2017

University	
Name	PONTIFICIA UNIVERSIDAD CATÓLICA ARGENTINA (UCA)
Location	Buenos Aires, Argentina.
Campus	UCA has the most modern urban campus in Argentina, made up of four impressive buildings, the first of which opened in 1996. There are five computer labs with full Internet access for the students, four university cafeterias, and a beautiful esplanade along the River Plate. The facilities also include a church, four multimedia auditoriums, a bank, medical attention, Xerox machines, a comfortable open-shelf library and Argentina's best on campus TV and Radio studios. All the buildings are connected by an underground tunnel.
School/Faculties	Economics, Business Administration, Psychology, Education, Political Sciences, International Relations, Journalism, Advertisement, Law, Agriculture, Engineering, Philosophy, History, Literature, Music, Theology and Medicine. The International Office also offers the <i>Latin-American Studies Program</i> , which offers courses focused on Latin America topics.
University website	www.uca.edu.ar
International Office website	www.uca.edu.ar/internacional
Academic Calendar 2017	
First Semester	Courses: March 6/13 - June 16/23, 2017 Exam Session dates: July 3- July 31, 2017 <i>Dates may vary depending on the Faculty</i>
Second semester	Courses: July 31/August 7 - November 17/24, 2017 Exam Session dates: November 27 - December 22, 2017 <i>Dates may vary depending on the Faculty</i>
Orientation	The International Office offers an "Orientation & Registration Week", where information about Argentina, living in Buenos Aires, Studying at UCA, courses options, registration sessions, etc. is given to exchange students. Although it is not compulsory, we strongly suggest attending it. <u>Dates 2017</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Semester: March 1 - March 3, 2017 • Second semester: July 24 - July 28, 2017
Application procedure	
Application deadline	First Semester: November 15 th Second Semester: May 15 th
Academic Requirements for	- To be a regular student at home institution. - To have completed at least two years of previous studies at the home

admission to the Exchange Program	university - To have a good academic performance.
Application Procedure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students should complete the application form. • Once completed, the form should be signed by the Study Abroad/Exchange representative from the home university. • It should be sent along with the student's supporting documents. • The form can be downloaded from: http://www.uca.edu.ar/uca/common/grupo39/files/Formulario_Incomin_g_2014.pdf
Supporting documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Passport copy • Transcript of grades • Letter of motivation (in Spanish) • Letter of recommendation from a professor or academic authority • Proof of Spanish Proficiency (at least, three semesters of studies of Spanish) • A written proof of a valid local medical insurance (compulsory)
Language	
Spanish language requirements	<p>Almost all courses at UCA are taught in Spanish. When applying, non native Spanish speaking students must send a certificate that verifies his/her Spanish level. A Spanish placement test at UCA upon arrival is compulsory for all these students, <u>unless they submit an official certificate (issued or validated by Home institution) indicating that they have a B2-Spanish language level according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages.</u> In these cases students shall be exempted from the placement test and from taking a required Spanish course during the semester.</p> <p>The students who do not submit the B2 level certificate, have to take the placement test upon arrival. If they don't reach the B2 level in the test, must attend a Spanish course during their exchange period. This course can be taken at UCA at a reduced rate for exchange students or at any private institute.</p>
Courses in English	<p>At the moment, UCA only offers these courses in English:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>PEL (Latinamerican Program):</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Intercultural communication -Creative thinking: Boost your imagination -Valuation in emerging markets -American Geopolitics -Identity and stereotypes in the Americas -Argentina Today
Spanish Intensive Course	<p>Before the beginning of each semester we offer a Spanish Intensive Course. It lasts three weeks, with a total of 60 hours (4 hours per day Monday through Friday).</p> <p><u>First Semester:</u> February 6 - February 24, 2017 <u>Second Semester:</u> July 3 - July 21, 2017</p>
Courses	
Schools/Faculties open to exchange students	Economics, Business Administration, Psychology, Education, Political Sciences, International Relations, Journalism, Advertisement, Law, Agriculture, Engineering, Philosophy, History, Literature (with restrictions), Music, Theology; Latinamerican Program (PEL).
Website for	http://www.uca.edu.ar/uca/common/grupo39/files/Contenidos%20M%C3%A

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Registration	During the "Orientation and registration week" students can make preliminary registrations in any course they wish to take. The following 2/3 weeks is the "Add & Drop period" during which they can drop or change courses. After that, the students must register definitely in those courses they will take for the whole semester.																		
Academic Load	In order to be considered a full time international student, UCA requires students to take a minimum of 12 credits per week.																		
Credit System	1 UCA credit = 1 course hour per week (1 course hour = 45 minutes) One semester at UCA is 16 weeks of classes (except the School of Economics that has 17 weeks).																		
Assessment	In order for a student to approve the courses, he/she must complete all the course work which includes the following pre-requisites: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum attendance of 75% of the classes • Complete and approve all midterm, papers or any other form of evaluation required by the professor • Approve the final exam 																		
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Transcript	Transcript of academic records will be sent to the student home university approximately two months after the end of classes.																		
Additional Information																			
Student Visa (compulsory)	Students enter to the country as tourists, which grants them 90 days in the country, and then go to Immigrations and apply for a student visa. UCA orientates and assists students during all the procedure.																		
Local Medical Insurance (compulsory)	<p>Every exchange student at UCA must hire a local prepaid health coverage for the whole period of his or her exchange. This is a mandatory requirement to be able to subscribe to the courses the student wishes to take (contract signature as a deadline). Foreign international coverages or traveler insurances will not be accepted.</p> <p>We will only accept the following health care coverages:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -William Hope: http://www.whopesalud.com.ar/alumnos-de-intercambio/ - OSDE: http://www.osde.com.ar/index.html#!osde-nuestros-planessalud.html?display=Neo - Galeno: https://www.e-galeno.com.ar/Pages/default.aspx - Medicus: https://www.medicus.com.ar/cobertura.php?s=2&sb= - Swiss Medical: https://www.swissmedical.com.ar/smgnewsite/prepaga/solicite_un_asesor.php - Hospital Alemán: http://www.hospitalaleman.org.ar/planmedico/ - Hospital Británico: http://www.pshb.com.ar/plan-college.php <p>Important: During the first two weeks of class the student will have to present a copy of the contract signed with the selected company. It is very important to emphasize that it is mandatory and necessary to hire a local coverage to take courses at UCA.</p>																		
PAL (optional)	A PAL is an UCA student who volunteers as a helper to be the person of contact or reference of a foreign student during the exchange experience in Buenos Aires.																		

Housing Policy

- There is no campus housing at UCA.
- UCA International Office does not provide housing services on a regular basis: International students need to arrange their own housing.
- UCA does NOT have agreements with housing companies, hostels or real estate agencies.
- The International Office provides students with a list of accommodation options to guide students in their search for housing suitable to their preferences and budget.
- The list includes the following categories: private housing companies, real estate agencies, for rental flats, home-stay, student residences and hostels.
- All forms of accommodation of our list are located in the city of Buenos Aires
- UCA keeps a complete record of every person once included in the list, including personal information, id, contact information, description of the accommodation and an estimated price.
- Failure to deliver proper service or treatment to International students will cause the permanent exclusion of that given provider from the Housing Options list.
- UCA International Office team does NOT visit the apartments on a regular basis.
- We recommend students to book a hostel for the first few weeks in Argentina and only arrange their permanent housing once in Buenos Aires.
- Shall a particular university require further housing orientation, we can visit, interview and preselect a number of home-stay options and provide this information to students in order for them to decide where to live.

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