

## UMN-Fundacion Ortega/Gasset Buenos Aires, Argentina

### Spanish Language and Latin American Culture

The one-semester program is offered jointly by the Fundación Jose Ortega y Gasset and the Learning Abroad Center. The Fundación, located in the heart of downtown Buenos Aires, is in one of Argentina's most elegant and prestigious buildings. Students learn Spanish as well as global and cultural issues focused on Latin America in general and Argentina in specific. A diverse Argentine faculty brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the classroom. Extracurricular activities include experiencing Argentine culture, including sampling local food, discussing literature, and experiencing music and dance (tango!).

Website link:

<http://www.umabroad.umn.edu/programs/AMERICAS/buenosAires/index.html>

### Semester Dates (approx.)

Fall                    late August–early December  
Spring                mid-January–early May

### Application Deadline

Mar 1                for Fall study  
Oct 1                for Spring study

### Location Facts

The elegance of Europe and the spirit of South America live side by side in Buenos Aires. Founded by immigrants along the shores of the Rio de la Plata, Buenos Aires built its identity on Spanish, Italian and French influences, as seen in its grand boulevards, expansive parks and magnificent architecture. Nearly 40% of the Argentine population lives in the capital, making this "Paris of the Americas," a city of more than 13 million.

For **Argentina Map** and other information: <http://geology.com/world/argentina-satellite-image.shtml>

**Academics:** Students take two courses in the appropriate level of Spanish and up to three elective courses (electives are taught in English). The faculty is Argentinean, specialists in their academic fields and in teaching foreign students, chosen by the Fundación.

Courses taught in Spanish include:

- \* *Beginning Spanish I & II*
- \* *Intermediate Spanish III & IV*
- \* *Advanced Spanish Composition and Communication*
- \* *Colloquial Spanish*
- \* *Argentina: Stereotypes and Identity*

Courses taught in English include:

- \* *Politics & Society in Latin America*
- \* *Globalization, Business & Economy in Latin America*
- \* *Buenos Aires: City of the Arts*
- \* *Topics in Argentine History*
- \* *Latin American/Argentine Literature and Cinema*
- \* *Service Learning*

More information about current course offerings can be found on the UMN website:

<http://www.umabroad.umn.edu/programs/AMERICAS/buenosAires/courses.html>

**Language of Instruction:** Spanish and English

**Eligibility:**

- \* Sophomore standing and above
- \* Winthrop students annual enrollment limit of 10 students
- \* Minimum 2.5 GPA
- \* Language requirement- SPAN 101 recommended

**Housing and Meals:** Students have two housing options.

Apartments - Students live in comfortable, well-equipped apartments, a five-minute walk from the Fundación. Two to four students share an apartment, which includes single or double bedrooms, a bathroom, common living area and kitchen. Breakfast, dinner and weekly cleaning service are included in the program fee. There are numerous cafés and bars within walking distance.

Homestays - Students live in their own room in an Argentine home and become part of an Argentine family. The family provides two daily home-cooked meals, breakfast and dinner. Most homestay placements are within walking distance to the Fundación campus.

**Excursions:** Several planned tours and day trips show the city's and country's historical and cultural highlights. Destinations include San Isidro, Tigre, San Antonio de Areco, Luján, and, in Uruguay, the historical city of Colonia del Sacramento. Students will also attend cultural fairs in Buenos Aires, including San Telmo's in Buenos Aires' art quarter; Matadero, the only folk and gaucho fair inside the city; and Parque Avellaneda.

**Costs:** Amounts in US dollars. Checked (√) items included in Winthrop tuition, room, board fees:

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| 200  | Study Abroad Application Fee                            |
| 325  | Study Abroad Participation Fee                          |
| √    | Tuition   |
| √    | Housing   |
| √    | Meals as described above                                |
| √    | On-site Orientation and Program Excursions              |
| √    | Study Abroad Health Insurance                           |
| 100  | Books/Academic Supplies                                 |
| 1500 | Personal Spending Money (not including off-site travel) |
| 1500 | R/T Transportation to Location                          |
| 100  | Passport  |
| 185  | Student Visa  |

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