Founded in 1958 the Catholic University of Argentina offers its students a significant academic experience in a privileged setting; where academic values harmonically combine with the dynamic life of a cultural capital: the city of Buenos Aires.

In a constantly changing context, UCA expands its international and local ties to provide students with the best conditions for the development of their full potential, to become integral persons and solid professionals, with strong academic credentials and ready to make the best of themselves in the service of the common good.

With over 20,000 students, and over 800 international students per year, UCA has a very wide range of programs. There are ten major faculties teaching Humanities, Psychology, Economics, Agriculture, Social Sciences, Law and Canonical Law, Engineering, Theology, Medicine and Musical Arts. Although the strong mainstream academic programs are taught in Spanish, you can also find within our academic offer English short terms programs.

UCA has established bilateral agreements with a large number of other universities all over the world. UCA International oversees and co-ordinates all students exchanges within these bilateral agreements.

Although UCA has a main campus of 100,000 m² in Buenos Aires, we also have other campi in others cities of the country. Your students may also find an extraordinary academic experience at Rosario, Mendoza and Paraná.
Design your own path at UCA.

International students can take courses alongside with local students, choosing their own package among the hundreds of subjects in any of the disciplines UCA offers. Students may choose from Economics, Business Administration, Psychology, Education, Political Sciences, International Relations, Journalism, Advertisement, Law, Agriculture, Philosophy, History, Engineering, Literature, Music and Theology.

Also they can combine these modules with those courses offered through the Latin American Studies Program.

Entrance requirements.

In order to be accepted at UCA as exchange student, students must first be selected by their university and nominated for exchange. Then the home university will apply for student’s acceptance and to guarantee a vacancy at UCA.

If a university does not have an exchange agreement with UCA, students can always apply through special Study Abroad programs or as a free mover. In this case, student will pay academic fees for the period of studies spent at UCA. All incoming students must have completed at least 4 semester studies and be in good academic standing at their home universities.

Grading scale and UCA credits.

The criteria and grading system used at UCA are common to all Argentinean institutions, although students may find they vary from those applied in other countries: 10 (outstanding), 9 (excellent), 8 (very good), 7-6 (good), 5 (satisfactory), 4 (sufficient), 3-1 (fail). The lowest passing grade is 4.

In order to be considered a full time student, international students at UCA are required to take a minimum workload of 12 credits per week, which means an average of 3 to 4 courses. One UCA credit equals to one course hour per week (one course hour means 45 minutes). Also, one semester at UCA is 16 weeks of classes (except the School of Economics that has 17 weeks)

Language requirements.

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, unless they submit an official certificate (issued or validated by Home institution) indicating that they have a C1-Spanish language level according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages. In these cases students shall be exempted from the placement test and from taking required Spanish course during the semester.

The students who do not submit the C1 level certificate, have to take the placement test upon arrival. If they don’t reach the C1 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.

Visa and insurance.

All international students accepted for a semester/year study at UCA will enter Argentina with a tourist visa and, once in the country, must apply for a student visa within 90 days. The requirement for the student visa will vary depending on the country of origin. UCA International will assist each student personally during the visa application process; which includes a compulsory personal presentation to migrations authorities.

All international students are required to have appropriate health insurance and also it is recommended they have general liability insurance. Before you come to Argentina, make sure your health insurance will cover the entire period of your stay. If it does not, you can either chose to take complete travel assistance or private students insurance in Argentina. No enrollment will be allowed to students without proof of proper insurance.

Pedagogic guidance and PAL.

PAPEE aims to improve international student’s performance at UCA, fostering an academic and educational guidance that promotes a better quality learning process and outcome. The academic counselors are advanced students from our School of Psychology and Education specially trained to help in the academic path at UCA.

PAL program in connecting international students attending UCA with regular students from the university. A PAL will be the source of information before and after arriving to Argentina. Once in the city, he/she will counsel the international student on argentine culture and the university as well.

Housing.

Although UCA International does not provide housing services on a regular basis every semester we give the international students a list of accommodation options to guide them in their search for housing suitable to their preferences and budget.

Website for the international students.

UCA International website gives our international students information about several subjects: practical matters (insurance, visa and accommodation matters), academic matters (PAPEE, admission requirements, courses, etc) and student life. Find it at www.uca.edu.ar/internacional.

Academic calendar.
Second semester 2014.
Orientation week: July 28 – August 1
Courses: August 1 – November 28
Exam Session dates: November 25 – December 30

First semester 2015.
Orientation week: February 23 – 27
Courses: March 9 – June 26
Exam Session dates: July 1 – 31

**Deadlines for the academic years 2014/2015.**
- May 15, 2014 for second semester applicants and full year applicants.
- November 15, 2014 for first semester.

Please let us know if you have any question…

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