Need to Know: Argentina

Objective of the “Need to Know” Document
The Need to Know document is an advising tool written by a Berkeley Study Abroad adviser to review program specific details that may impact a student’s decision to apply for an EAP program. The document is not a summary of eligibility requirements, academic, housing, application and other logistical details freely available to students on the UCEAP and BSA website, and reviewed by a student in the Program Self-Assessment. The best source of detailed program information is always the UCEAP Program Guide from the prior academic cycle. If any concerns you have are not addressed on the UCEAP website, in the Program Guide or Need to Know document, please contact the BSA adviser for this program.

Advisor Contact Information
For BSA Adviser name, email and drop-in advising hours, visit http://studyabroad.berkeley.edu/contact/advising

A Note to Advancer Students of Spanish
Both the summer and semester programs offered through UCEAP in Argentina are meant for students who have completed 2 years or less of university level coursework in Spanish.

Univ. of Tocuato di Tella
There is no Spanish language minimum requirement for the program. However, there is a maximum of 3 semesters of university-level Spanish (or its equivalent). Please refer to the UCEAP Language Prerequisite Guide: Spanish & Portuguese for further information. If you believe you will be overqualified for the program, please meet with the BSA adviser.

The University Tocuato di Tella option is not appropriate for most students with advanced Spanish skills. The courses offered at the advanced level focus on refining and strengthening students’ written and verbal communication skills. Advanced Spanish students can consider the program if they are satisfied with only having access to Spanish language-learning and Argentine culture and history courses and are looking to perfect their understanding of Spanish language (syntax, grammar, etc).

Students who have already completed Spanish 4 at Berkeley or who are looking for coursework in Spanish are advised to consider one of UCEAP’s immersion programs in a Spanish-speaking country (e.g. Chilean Universities, UNAM in Mexico, or Spain Immersion) instead of the Intensive Spanish Language program.

EAP students for the Intensive Language Program will be tested and placed into the appropriate class by the Department of Spanish as a Foreign Language at UTDT at the start of the program.

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Currently, the only Spanish language course offered in the summer is at the beginning level. It is meant to help students without previous Spanish training to get around the city. Students with higher language abilities should expect to take all courses in the Latin American studies curriculum.

Please review the course descriptions in the MyEAP Course Catalog for more details.

Housing
All programs in offered through UCEAP in Argentina have a required homestay arrangement.

Program Administration
The EAP program at the University Torcuato di Tella is administered in partnership with Expanish, a study abroad provider. Expanish provides logistical assistance for the program, including coordination of housing, excursions, emergencies and related concerns. You are encouraged to explore the Expanish website for details on housing, excursions, and volunteer opportunities.
EAP Alums
EAP alumni are one of your best resources for information about the program. If you would like to be put in touch with alums, simply send the BSA Adviser an email with your list of questions and the contact information of returnees who have agreed to be contacted will be shared.