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VISA REQUIREMENTS



CÓRDOBA
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IMPORTANT TO KNOW:

- Students who will be in Argentina for less than 90 days do not need a visa.
- Students who will be in Argentina more than 90 days, but less than 180 days, will apply for the visa from within Argentina with the help of Spanish Studies Abroad staff.
- Students who will be in Argentina for over 180 days will apply for their visa from within Argentina but will need to secure a background check and Apostille to bring with them to Argentina to secure their visa (see next page for details).

If you are not a citizen of the U.S., you should check immediately with the appropriate Argentine embassy for your home country to learn about what requirements you must complete for a student visa.

For details on current visa regulations, contact the Embassy of Argentina in Washington:

<http://www.eeeuu.mrecic.gov.ar/en>

SEMESTER STUDENTS

For academic programs lasting longer than 90 days, the Argentine government requires that you obtain a student visa. Argentine regulations allow students from countries for which Argentina does not require an entry visa (such as the U.S. and others) to enter Argentina as tourists and, before the 90-day limit elapses, apply for a student visa.

The necessary documentation for obtaining the student visa (application, program acceptance letter, Argentine police record, etc.) and the exact procedures will be provided once you arrive in Córdoba. The Spanish Studies Resident Director and Universidad Nacional de Córdoba (UNC) staff will assist you in completing this process.

You should budget approximately \$145 USD for visa costs.

ACADEMIC YEAR STUDENTS

Academic Year students have two options: the U.S. academic year or the Argentine calendar year.

Students planning on applying for a year-long student visa must bring along a certificate of lack of a criminal record from the FBI with an apostille. Students should bring this certificate for each country of residence over the past five years. Obtaining a lack of criminal record from the FBI can be a very lengthy process.

Academic year students must get a head start on their visa applications. All Argentine consulates now require an background check with Spanish translations and apostilles for students staying in Argentina longer than 6 months.

Police Criminal Record clearance must be verified by fingerprints. It cannot be older than 3 months from the application date. You must get a police record from the countries you have lived during the past 5 years.

How do I obtain an FBI Background check?*

For detailed instructions on how to obtain an FBI background check, visit the FBI's website: <https://www.fbi.gov/services/cjis/identity-history-summary-checks>.

Please follow all the instructions carefully. Spanish Studies Abroad can only advise you on the process, but all up to date information on this should be taken from the FBI's website and instructions. Your application may be returned to you if it is incomplete or incorrect, delaying the receipt of your official background check.

According to the FBI website it can take up to 14 weeks to obtain an FBI background check, so be sure to submit your application, fingerprints, and payment as soon as possible.

What is an Apostille and how do I obtain one?

Once you receive the background check from the FBI, it must be certified with an Apostille by the Office of Authentications in the U.S. Department of State, located in Washington, D.C. An Apostille is an internationally recognized means of ensuring the legality of a document that will be used outside of the United States.

There is a charge per document and it can take between 2 to 3 weeks to process the Apostille. For details on how to obtain an Apostille for your FBI background check, visit the Office of Authentications' [website](#) for detailed instructions.

***Please note that local police background checks will NOT be accepted.**