MENDOZA...
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...THE LAND OF SUN ‘AND GOOD WINE’
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...HOME TO ONE OF THE SEVEN SUMMITS, Aconcagua Mountain
MENDOZA...

...HOME TO UNIVERSIDAD DE CONGRESO’S MAIN CAMPUS
NUMBERS & FACTS

- 1 main campus
- 4 smaller campuses
  - City of Cordoba (North-East of Mendoza)
  - City of San Juan (North of Mendoza)
  - County of San Carlos (Central West Mendoza)
  - County of San Rafael (Southern Mendoza)
- 3100 undergraduate students
- 150 international exchange students per year
- 6 to 1 ratio of students per professor
- 30 to 1 ratio of students per administrative staff
- 5 to 13% annual growth in undergraduate enrollment
- 23% of students receive UC scholarships
14 UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAMS

- Accounting
- Architecture
- Business Administration
- Communication Studies
- Economics
- Environmental Management
- Human Resources
- International Commerce
- International Studies
- Law
- Marketing
- Marketing with International Orientation
- Psychology
- Tourism
5 ACCREDITED GRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAMS

- Estrategic Environmental Management
- Agribusiness
- Communication Studies & Digital Journalism
- Law & Economics
- M.A. in Environmental and Territorial Management
PUENTE PROGRAM

ACADEMIC SEMESTER,
INTENSIVE LANGUAGE
& INTERNSHIP
COURSES
PUENTE PROGRAM

Program Credits: 14-18 credits per semester

- Spanish for Foreigners language course (64hr – 4 credits)
- Internship Experience class w/2 month internship (172hr – 4 credits)
- 2 Puente Program courses (3 credits each) (96hr – 6 credits)
- 1 regular UC course (in Spanish) (48hr – 3/4 credits)
ENGLISH TRACK (3 credits)
A. Environmental Studies

- Agribusiness
- Population Ecology
- Water Resource Management in an Arid Climate
- Regional Economics and Rural Development
- Sustainable Development
B. Economics, History, Politics & Society

- Overview of Argentine Economy
- Public Health in Mendoza
- Social Policy and Community Development
- Gender and Sexuality of the 21st Century in Argentina
- Gender Issues in Argentina
- Human Rights
C. Culture

- Environment, Politics and Identity in Argentine Fiction
- Personal Development Skills for the Labor Market
- The Culture of Wine Production & Wine
- Creative Writing
COURSES TAUGHT IN ENGLISH

Future

A. Environmental Studies
   ▪ Health and the Environment

B. Economics, History, Politics & Society
   ▪ Economic Challenges and Alternatives in Argentina
   ▪ Healthcare Policy and Management in Argentina

C. Culture
   ▪ The Culture of Argentina
   ▪ Introduction to Tango and Argentine Folklore
COURSES TAUGHT IN SPANISH

SPANISH TRACK (3 credits)

A. Economics, History, Politics & Society
   - Environment, Politics and Identity in Argentine Fiction
   - Social & Political History of Argentina
   - Women Human Rights
   - Gender Violence
SPANISH LANGUAGE COURSES

SPANISH FOR FOREIGNERS

- Regular Spanish Courses: A1-C2 levels. 4 hours per week, 16 week course. *(4 credits)*
- Preparation for international proficiency exams: DELE & CELE

**Optional Activities:**

- Intensive Spanish Courses: A1-C2 levels. 20 hours per week. 4 week course. *(4 credits)*
- Business Spanish: B1 level required. 20 hours per week. 3 or 4 week course. *(4 credits)*
- Argentine movies
- Conversation lessons with locals

**Placement Test:**

http://elearning.intercultural.com.ar
REGULAR COURSES AT UC

IN SPANISH (3 - 4 credits)

US students currently enjoy these and more courses:

- Population Ecology
- Evaluation and Management of Natural Resources
- Sustainable Development
- History of International Relations
- History of Argentina within the Latin American Context
- Argentine Foreign Policy
- Contemporary International Politics
- Theory of International Relations
INTERNSHIP EXPERIENCE
Internships are an essential part of the Puente Program. We work diligently to help place students in a variety of internships across Mendoza.

All of our internships are:
- **Part-time**
- **Quarterly** (lasts two months)
- **Credit granting**
- **Unpaid** (the organization may offer a monetary bonus as an incentive)
The types of internships we offer are the following:

- **Research internship**
  The student does research for a particular company or institution.
  - Cultural heritage research
  - Historical research
  - Environmental management research
**Work experience internship**

The student gains work experience in their field of study or interest. There are various types of internships that are classified by industry, as follows:

- Accounting
- Architecture & Design
- Communications
- Construction Industry
- Cultural Management
- Environment
- Finance
- Hospitality & Tourism

- Journalism
- Legal
- Logistic
- Marketing
- Office & Administrative
- Software industry
- Technology
- Wine Industry
SOME EXAMPLES …

- UNO MEDIOS is a multimedia company with presence in many Argentine provinces, whose owners are two Mendocinean families.
- It is the most important media group outside of Buenos Aires, reaching more than 10 million people. It has a graphic media (newspapers, etc.), AM and FM radios, cable TV, internet and an advertising company.
- UNO MEDIOS has had a constant expansion policy at a national level from its start, through sustained investments in technology, human resources and development of new markets and products.
Brigitte and Philippe Subra came from France in 1998 and created CarinaE Viñedos & Bodega in January of 2003. Since then, CarinaE has been producing high quality wines in Mendoza.

This “boutique” winery has a vat capacity of 260,000 liters and concentrates on producing high quality wines.

The total wine process, from the management of the vineyards to bottling, is supervised by Michel Rolland’s team in Mendoza, via his consultant firm.
• The Cecchin family immigrated from Italy in 1910. They learned to work the soil and care for the earth.
• In 1959, family members purchased a vineyard and built a winery, making the family dream come true with the lessons instilled. Today, it is still owned by the same family.
• This winery produces only organic wines.
Founded in 1993, Belatrix focused on industrial process automation for automotive companies in Argentina. In order to further develop some of their products, software programming, it was necessary in order to reach a fully automated process, a match that was later to proven essential.

Since 2002, Belatrix Software's growth has been remarkable. The company’s sweet spot has been developing innovative and high quality software development and quality assurance outsourced services. Their leadership has always strived to achieve high quality standards (ISO, CMMi-3, Certified Gold Partnership with Microsoft and Oracle) and to focus on human capital through empowerment and training, providing almost two thousand hours of on-site training to its staff per year. Belatrix was a pioneer in Latin America in adopting agile methodology (Scrum) into development as well as testing processes. Actually 20% of employees are Certified Scrum Master.
ARRIVAL & ORIENTATION

TRANSFER FROM AIRPORT TO HOST HOUSE
UPON ARRIVAL TO MENDOZA
ARRIVAL & ORIENTATION

• Personal presentation game
• General presentation
• Migrations information
• Security information
• Chopin Arts Institute presentation
• Intercultural Language Institute presentation
• “Mate” (traditional infusion) presentation
• Walking City tour
• “Buddy System” presentation
• UC tour
ARGENTINE COOKING CLASS
AT THE FOOTHILLS OF THE ANDES
VINES AND WINES
Visit to a large industrial winery and to an organic one. Transportation, lunch and tasting included.
CULTURAL EVENTS

OPEN AIR BUS – CITY OF MENDOZA GUIDED TOUR
CULTURAL EVENTS

ANNUAL WINE HARVEST FESTIVAL (Spring Semester)
CULTURAL EVENTS

THANKSGIVING DINNER (Fall Semester)
CULTURAL EVENTS

FAREWELL DINNER
THREE DAY WEEKEND TRIP TO CORDOBA

Includes accommodations, meals and excursions to La Cumbrecita, Alta Gracia and a Walking Citytour.
OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES

- A Day at the Spa in the heart of The Andes (Cacheuta)
- Museums and Arts in Mendoza
- Tango Classes
In Mendoza, students live with carefully chosen local host families, one student per home.
Host families serve as a **unique introduction into Argentine culture**, and may be made up of a traditional two-parent household; a retirement-age couple, or a single woman with or without children. Students are provided with three meals per day (seven days a week), as well as laundry service once per week.
Students live downtown or in neighborhoods close to Universidad de Congreso, which at most means they’ll have a 15 to 20 minute commute.
ADDITIONAL SERVICES

We also offer:

- Highly qualified, trained and experienced English-speaking on-site staff 24/7
- Experienced professors and instructors - Tutoring upon request
- Community Service opportunities
- Visa Application Process Advice
- Re-entry services: materials and support, post-program evaluation and transcript issued by UC.
• Transportation is arranged for program activities, cost included in the fee charged. Vans are rented to take the students to and from the sites. They are fully licensed, comfortable and modern vehicles.

• Computer and Internet access at Program Center.

• Transcript: Upon successful completion of the program, a transcript will be issued by UC.
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Community Service opportunities
Many of these opportunities are linked to UC’s commitment to excellence in environmental studies.
Learning Service activity trip

One full day.
Visits to a farm and boarding school in Northern Mendoza, where many Huarpe community (natives to region) decedents live.
Activities at the school include: planting trees, painting walls, fixing benches, playing with the children, helping the English teachers, etc.
UC GIVES BACK

FUNDAVITA Foundation

A clinic for children with leukemia. Helping patients with program activities.
UC GIVES BACK

Wool and Love

Knitting blankets, socks and hats for newborns. While they can knit as much as they want, the students must meet the knitting group once a week for 2 hours, just to check on the work, chat and interact. At the end of the study abroad session, students will go to the hospital and give their work to the mothers & babies.
UC GIVES BACK

Soup Kitchen for Children

Once a week, for 4 hours, students will help cooking and preparing food for children with disadvantages. After that, students will interact and play with the children and help the teachers with the class assignments.
UC GIVES BACK

Environmental protection agencies

Maintenance of Andes mountain areas, as well as rural and urban areas. Working with local citizens groups to promote environmental programs; working to help resolve conflicts, promoting free access to information about environmental issues so that locals can become more educated and involved in decision-making. This also involves working with local government, educational institutions and businesses.
UC GIVES BACK

Animal Protection Programs

• Recover and rehabilitate wild animals that have been stolen or surrendered, principally from zoos. Work with teams of volunteer veterinarians, biologists and other animal health care workers.

• Oversee the welfare of the mules that work in the Aconcagua State These mules face many physical challenges, crossing rivers, climbing mountains, etc.

• Circus without Animals Program: prevent abuse of animals forced to perform in circuses; educate the public, especially children, to not see animal suffering in unnatural situations as an entertainment; work toward developing laws to completely prohibit circuses with animals.

• Work with the “Animals Matter to Me” project which considers the mistreatment , whether direct or indirect, of animals as a link to delinquency, family violence, sexual abuse and even homicide, by tracking and reporting cases of animal abuse.
REQUIREMENTS

- Undergraduate student in good standing enrolled at a foreign university or college
- Minimum 2.75 G.P.A. (US)
- Language requirements:
  - No previous study of Spanish is required
  - Adequate proficiency in Spanish for students planning to take regular classes at UC (a placement test may be have to be taken)
- Completed application (downloaded from web)
- University Contact Information Form
- One letter of recommendation
- Official transcript
US Spring Semester 2018

Arrival deadline: Wednesday, January 31st
Orientation: Friday, February 2nd
First day of class: Monday, February 5th
Last day of class: Thursday, May 24th
End of the Program: Saturday, May 26th

Application due by December 1st, 2017
Payment due by December 18th, 2017
US Spring Semester 2018

Arrival deadline: Wednesday, August 1st
Orientation: Friday, August 3rd
First day of class: Monday, August 6th
Last day of class: Thursday, November 22nd
End of the Program: Saturday, November 24th

Application due by June 29th, 2018
Payment due by July 22nd, 2018
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