



International Students/Factsheet 2021/2022

University	
Name	Pontifical Catholic University of Argentina
Location	Buenos Aires, Argentina.
Campus	UCA has the most modern urban campus in Argentina, made up of four impressive buildings, the first of which opened in 1996. There are five computer labs with full Internet access for the students, four university cafeterias, and a beautiful esplanade along the River Plate. The facilities also include a church, four multimedia auditoriums, banking and ATM services, health center, Xerox machines, a comfortable open-shelf library and Argentina's best on campus TV and Radio studios. All the buildings are connected by an underground tunnel.
Schools & Departments	Economics, Business Administration, Psychology, Education, Political Sciences, International Relations, Journalism, Advertisement, Law, Agriculture, Engineering, Philosophy, History, Literature, Music, Theology, Human Resources, Nutrition, Nursing School and Medicine. The International Office also offers the Latin-American Studies Program (PEL), with courses taught in English and in Spanish focused on Latin America topics.
Contact	www.uca.edu.ar
UCA International (DRICA)	www.uca.edu.ar/internacional
Academic Calendar 2021/2022	
Fal 2021 (August – December)	Mandatory orientation: July 29 & 30, 2021 Courses: August 2 – November 19, 2021 Exams: November 23 – December 20, 2021 <i>Dates may vary depending on each School and Department</i>
Spring 2022 (March – July)	Mandatory orientation: March 10 & 11, 2022 Courses: March 14 – June 24, 2022 Exams: June 27 – July 29, 2022 <i>Dates may vary depending on each School and Department</i>
Fal 2022 (August – December)	Mandatory orientation: July 28 & 29, 2022 Courses: August 1 – November 18, 2022 Exams: November 22 – December 20, 2022 <i>Dates may vary depending on each School and Department</i>
Orientation	The International Office offers " Orientation & Registration Sessions ", where information about Argentina, living in Buenos Aires, Studying at UCA, courses, registration sessions, etc. is given to exchange students. Attending the Orientation is mandatory .
Application Procedure	
Dates	Nomination deadline: Spring= November 15 th / Fall= May 15 th Submit all documentation by: November 15 th / May 15 th
Admission Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be a regular student at home university • Have completed at least 2 school years (4 semesters) • Be in good academic standing • Advanced Spanish Language Level (if courses with locals)
Nomination & Application (online/University)	The University should complete the online form: Fall 2021 Spring 2022 Fall 2022
Required Documents (online/University)	The University should send via email the following documentation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student's photo (JPG or PNG) • Passport Copy • Academic Transcript • Statement of Purpose (in Spanish) • Recommendation letter from Professor/Advisor (in Spanish OR English) <p>*IMPORTANT: Send all above docs in ONE single file to applications@uca.edu.ar (ej. JONES.pdf)</p>
Free Movers (online/Student)	Apart from the above required documents, you should provide a letter from your Institution (International Relations Office), that accepts your semester abroad at UCA and will transfer its credits.

Language Requirements

Spanish Language Requirements	<p>Almost all courses at UCA are taught in Spanish, so all candidates are required a B2.4-Spanish language level according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages. As a result, the Spanish Placement exam from UCA is mandatory to ALL exchange students and it has NO COST. Phase 1 LINK Phase 2 (onsite interview if needed). Students will receive an email.</p> <p>Those students who do not have a B2.4-Spanish language level are required to enroll in a Spanish level course taught by our Spanish as a Second Language Center (Level and Skill Courses). ALL ELE courses have a fee (check on UCA/ELE for updated info). No exceptions to these rules are applicable because this requisite responds to the exchange experience UCA offers from its academic project.</p> <p><i>*Native Spanish Speakers with Spanish-Speaking Country Passport are excepted (not applied to Heritage Speakers)</i></p>
UCA/ELE Spanish as a Second Language	<p>All UCA/ELE courses are for credit and they have a flat fee (see updated fees UCA/ELE). Free movers have it included in their semester fee.</p> <p>Spanish Level Course: there are 5 Spanish levels, from Beginners to Advanced, which are offered on a regular basis. Each course has 32 sessions throughout 16 weeks (60hs= 5 credits).</p> <p>Spanish Skills Course: there are courses focused on specific skills (such as reading, writing, professional speaking, academic writing, etc.). Each course has approx. 16 sessions throughout 16 weeks (26/48hs= 3 credits).</p>
UCA/ELE Intensive Course	<p>Before the beginning of each semester, we offer a Spanish Intensive Course (check fees on UCA/ELE). It lasts four weeks, with a total of 60 hours (4 hours per day Monday through Friday).</p> <p>Dates-Intensive Spanish Course: First Semester: February – beginning of March Second Semester: end of June – July Check website for specific dates</p>
Courses	
Programs	Economics, Business Administration, Psychology, Education, Political Sciences, International Relations, Journalism, Law, Advertisement, Agriculture, Engineering, Philosophy, History, Literature, Music, Theology; Latin-American Program (PEL).
Course Catalogue	Available by February 2022
Full Time Status	In order to be considered a full-time international student, UCA requires students to take a minimum of 12 class hours per week (an equivalent to 12 credits).
Credit System	<p>*1 (one) UCA credit= 1 class contact hour per week (1 class hour=45 minutes)</p> <p>*Exchange students encouraged to take at least one course with locals.</p> <p>*Each UCA semester has 16 weeks, except for the School of Economics and Social Sciences with 17 weeks.</p>
Courses in English	<p>The Latin American Studies Program (PEL) offers courses taught in English, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Intercultural Communication ● Macroeconomics ● Valuation in Emerging Markets ● Comparative Politics & Government ● Argentina in the World Today ● Identity and Stereotypes in the Americas
Course Requirements	<p>In order for a student to approve the courses, he/she should complete these requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 75% minimum class attendance ● Pass grade on Midterms, Papers, and course forms of assessment ● Pass grade on Final Exam
Transcripts	Transcript of academic records will be sent to the student home university approximately one month after the end of classes.



Additional Information

Student VISA (mandatory)	Students are required to obtain a Student Visa. Up to June 2019, the procedure is completed onsite. However, official changes will be applied to 2020, so once accepted at UCA, students will receive updated information.
Housing	UCA does not provide housing on campus. UCA has no agreements with Housing Providers or Students 'Houses. Each student should seek its own housing option. We recommend students to book a hostel for the first weeks and rent their housing after being onsite.
Health Insurance (mandatory)	International and exchange students must bring medical insurance from their home countries or hire a local medical coverage. This is a mandatory requirement at UCA. We recommend students to make sure that this Insurance covers emergency hospitalization, general check-ups with a doctor and repatriation as well. Students will need to provide us with a copy of the health insurance before the course registration. Further COVID-19 requirements will apply.
PAL Program (optional)	A PAL is an UCA student who volunteers as a helper to be the person of contact or reference of a foreign student during the exchange experience in Buenos Aires

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