



Exchange Students/Factsheet 2018

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 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 2018	
First Semester	Courses: March 12– June 29, 2018 Exams: July 2 – July 31, 2018 <i>Dates may vary depending on each School and Department</i>
Second Semester	Courses: August 6 – November 23, 2018 Exams: November 28– December 22, 2018 <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 . Dates 2018 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> First Semester: March 7 – March 9, 2018 Second Semester: August 1 – August 3, 2018
Application Procedure for 2018	
Dates	Application: First Semester: 15 de October/ Second Semester: 15 de April Late Application: First Semester: 15 de November/ Second Semester: 15 de May
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 (see ApplicationForm)
Required Documents (online/University)	<p>The University should send via email the following documentation:</p> <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 application@uca.edu.ar (ej. JONES.pdf)</p>
Free Movers (online/Student)	Contact uca_internacional@uca.edu.ar to receive application instructions for Free Movers



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 exchanged students and it has NO COST. Phase 1 (online), 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 on 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 en UCA/ELE). It lasts three weeks, with a total of 60 hours (4 hours per day Monday through Friday).</p> <p>Dates 2018 First Semester: February 14– March 6, 2018 Second Semester: July 10– July 31, 2018</p>
Courses	
Programs	Economics, Business Administration, Psychology, Education, Political Sciences, International Relations, Journalism, Law, Advertisement, Agriculture, Engineering, Philosophy, History, Literature (with restrictions), Music, Theology; Latin-American Program (PEL).
Course Catalogue	Available by February 2018
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>Each UCA semester has 16 weeks, except for the School of Economics and Social Sciences with 17 weeks.</p>
Course 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 • Creative Thinking: Boost your imagination • Valuation in Emerging Markets • American Geopolitics • Argentina 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 two months after the end of classes.



Additional Information	
Student VISA (mandatory)	Students enter to the country as tourists, which grants them 90 days in the country, and then go to Immigrations and apply for a student visa. UCA orientates and assists students during all the procedure.
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 courses registration.
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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