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# Argentina

**Geography** – Argentina is located in South America. It borders with Uruguay, Brazil, Paraguay, Bolivia and Chile. It is the eighth largest country in the World, second largest in South America. Argentina spreads about 5.000 km (3,125 mi) North to South and 1.100 km (687 mi) East to West. The country features great diversity in its geography: grasslands known as the *pampas*, mountains, deserts, lakes, glaciers, subtropical rain forests...

**Population** – Argentina's population is over 40 million people. It is a scarcely and unevenly populated country, where a handful of cities concentrate half of the total inhabitants. Argentina was a Spanish colony until its independence in the early 19<sup>th</sup> century. At the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, it welcomed millions of immigrants, mainly from Europe, who became part of Argentina's identity. The indigenous heritage is more noticeable in the provinces than in Buenos Aires.

**Climate** – Because of its size and the differences in latitude and relief (altitude, vegetation proximity to the ocean or not), the climate changes significantly from one region to another. As a rule, the South of the country is colder and windier. The North is hotter. And closer to the Andes mountains, on the West, the weather is usually drier.







Salta & Jujuy



San Juan & La Rioja



Mendoza



Bariloche



El Calafate



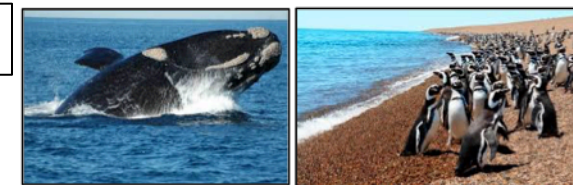
Iguazú Falls



Esteros del Iberá



Puerto Madryn



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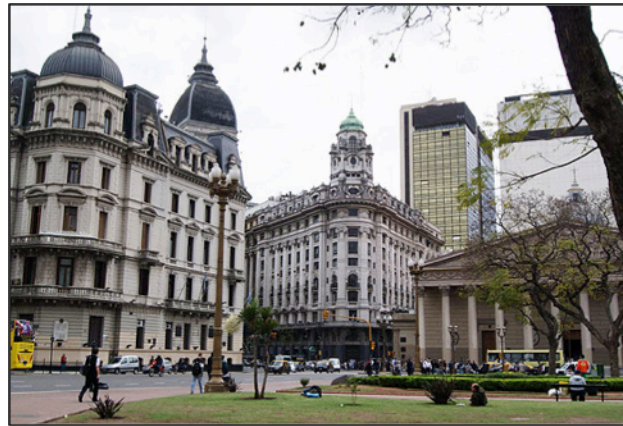


# Buenos Aires

**The City** – It is the capital of the country. Its epicenter in the 16th-century was *Plaza de Mayo*, the main square where the city was founded. But Buenos Aires is a sprawled city with many different areas with their own style and flavor. The city showcases dozens of parks, monuments and fountains. Buenos Aires is a vibrant, cosmopolitan city, with clear traces of European influence. Its vast cultural offering rendered it the Cultural Capital of South America.

**Population** – Buenos Aires city, the federal district, is roughly 2.9 million people. When including area known as the Great Buenos Aires (the outskirts), it amounts to over 12 million people.

**Climate** – The weather In Buenos Aires is quite benign. There is no dry or rainy season so there are many sunny days even in Winter. The temperatures are not extreme either. January and February in the city tend to get hot and muggy. The coldest days are in July and August but it is never too cold. The historical temperature averages for each season are the following: ➡



	Summer	Autumn	Winter	Spring
	Dec-Mar	Mar-Jun	Jun-Sep	Sep-Dec
Maximum temperature (avg)	29.9 °C	22.8 °C	15.4 °C	25.2 °C
Minimum temperature (avg)	18.9 °C	10.4 °C	7.6 °C	12.7 °C



# The People

The population is predominantly Caucasian. The massive immigration in the late 19th and early 20th centuries left a noticeable European imprint. The Argentine identity is a blend of different ethnic and cultural backgrounds.

The people from Buenos Aires are known as *porteños* because the city is a port. The archetypical *porteño* is considered to be cultivated and sophisticated. *Porteños* are nostalgic, and can be somewhat cynical and ironic. But they are passionate and they take pride in their city and their country – quite a bit sometimes.

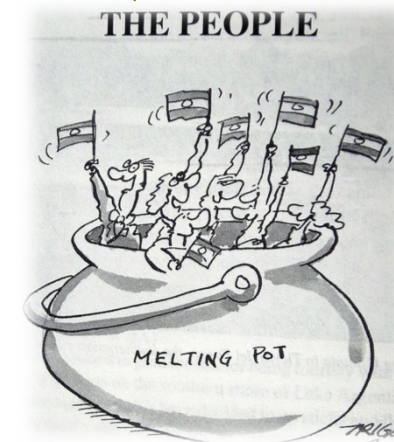
The country has no history of religious or racial conflict. The diversity of origins is part of the local identity and it this is a given – after all there were more immigrants than locals by 1920. And while people have diverging ideas on different topics, there are no real schisms.

Argentineans are welcoming and friendly – more evidently so in the provinces. They are laid-back, and they try to enjoy life. Family and friends occupy a central place in people's lives.

*"If you choose to stay or seek your fortune in Argentina, you won't be alone. The country is a nation of immigrants who have generated a fiery blend of European sophistication and Latin passion in the heart of South America. The happy result of this blend is that everyone has brought along **their own slice of culture**, be it a dashing British polo or divine Italian pizza..."*

Fiona Adams, [Culture Shock! Argentina](#)

*An Argentine is an Italian who speaks Spanish, thinks he is French, and would secretly like to be British.*



# The University

Universidad Austral is a private, non-profit university with a young yet thriving history. The IAE Business School opened its doors in the late 70's but the University per se was born in 1991 when a few other Schools were created: Law, Management, Communication, Biomedical Sciences, Engineering and Education.

Austral encompasses several Schools, a university hospital, a tech park and a technology transfer center. The institution also holds ties to the public and private sector in Argentina, building bridges between academia and the professional world.

Universidad Austral seeks to provide a suitable environment for advancing scientific knowledge and for educating students as high-quality professionals and well-rounded individuals. Excellence and social responsibility are two of the main values cherished and fostered within Austral's academic community.

The University is locally accredited and some Schools are internationally accredited as well. In just a few years, Austral has become a renowned institution in the country and in the Region. It is considered the second best university in Argentina, and it is among the top-20 Latin American higher education institutions.





# Universidad Austral in Figures

5,920

Students

3,900 (66%) Undergraduate  
2,020 (34%) Graduate

658

International Students

170 Exchange  
198 Undergraduate  
290 Graduate

56

Programs

21 Undergraduate  
35 Graduate

596

Professors

Full and part-time  
72% with Ph.D. degrees

170

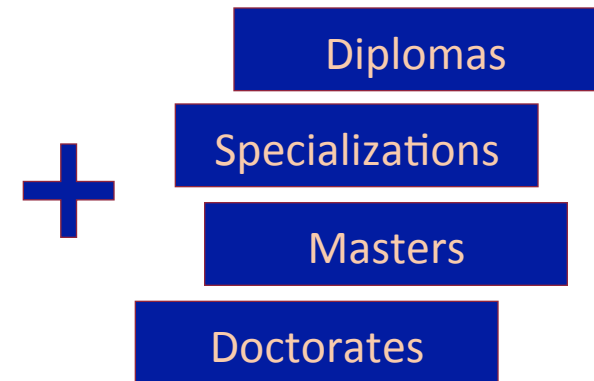
Researchers

41 Researchers at CONICET.  
300 published articles, papers  
and lectures every year



# Schools and Programs

- School of Education (Teaching Degree, BA in Educational Organization & Administration)
- School of Law (Law, Political Science, International Affairs, Public Policy)
- School of Communication (Social Communication)
- School of Biomedical Sciences (Medicine, Nursing, Psychology)
- School of Engineering (Industrial, Computer)
- School of Management (Business, Agribusiness, Accounting)
- IAE Business School (EMBA, MBA; PhD in Business Administration)





# Campuses

**PILAR** – A 96-hectare campus (243 acres) houses the IAE Business School, Austral Hospital, Austral Tech Park, the School of Engineering's Innovation and Transference Center and the facilities for undergraduate students (programs in Spanish). Pilar campus is located 1 h 15 m from downtown Buenos Aires.



**BUENOS AIRES** – Located in beautiful Recoleta area, the early 20<sup>th</sup>-century building is conveniently located and easily accessible by metro and bus. The central location renders these facilities ideal for graduate programs and also for the international programs taught in English every semester.



**ROSARIO** – Argentina's third largest city with 1.2 million people and the center of the agribusiness sector. In this thriving city, key for Argentina's economy, the School of Management several programs, including an MBA in Agribusiness and a Doing Business in Latin America Summer Program.



# Programs and Courses

<http://www.austral.edu.ar/international/course/>

## SPRING/FALL SEMESTER PROGRAMS

You may opt to take **classes in Spanish** at any of our Schools. You can combine classes from any program available at Austral: Business, Accounting, Law, International Affairs, Political Science, Communication, Psychology, Nursing, and Engineering.

You can also choose to take your **courses in English**. There are several classes taught in this language every semester. These courses are organized by the Department of International Programs and are open to international and local students alike.

You may combine courses in Spanish and in English too!

And you can also take a Spanish language course!

## SUMMER PROGRAMS

### Doing Business in Latin America.

Earn credits by taking two business-related courses in English from mid June to mid July. The program is taught in Rosario, one of Argentina's main cities. It features company visits and a Spanish course.

### Law Summer Semester.

Benefit from the many courses offered by the School of Law during the Boreal Summer. The program is run in Buenos Aires and classes are conducted in Spanish. There is a wide range of courses in legal fields such as: Criminal Law, Business Law, IP, Tax Law, Judiciary Law, Administrative Law, etc.



# Courses in English

## Fall Semester

South American Identities, Societies and Cultures: a Sociological and Ethnographic Approach

Immigration, Cultural Identity and Multiculturalism in Contemporary Film

Literature of the Americas

Art and Politics

Spanish I, II, III, IV

International Arbitration

Taxation of International Transactions

Inter-American Human Rights System

Sports Law

Common Law Institutions

International Finance

International Economics

## Spring Semester

Business Planning

Interdisciplinary Project

Economics

Microeconomics

Marketing

Current Issues in Latin American Journalism

Statistics / Research Methodology

International Development Cooperation

International Business Transactions

Etc.

*Please, check our website for updates!*

[http://www.austral.edu.ar/  
international/courses-in-english-2/](http://www.austral.edu.ar/international/courses-in-english-2/)

# Calendar 2017: Spring Semester

## SPRING SEMESTER (FIRST SEMESTER)

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Throughout the semester, there are several holidays and days off that students can use to travel without missing classes.

Application: by Nov 30

Add-Drop Period: 1 week

Start Date: Mar 6

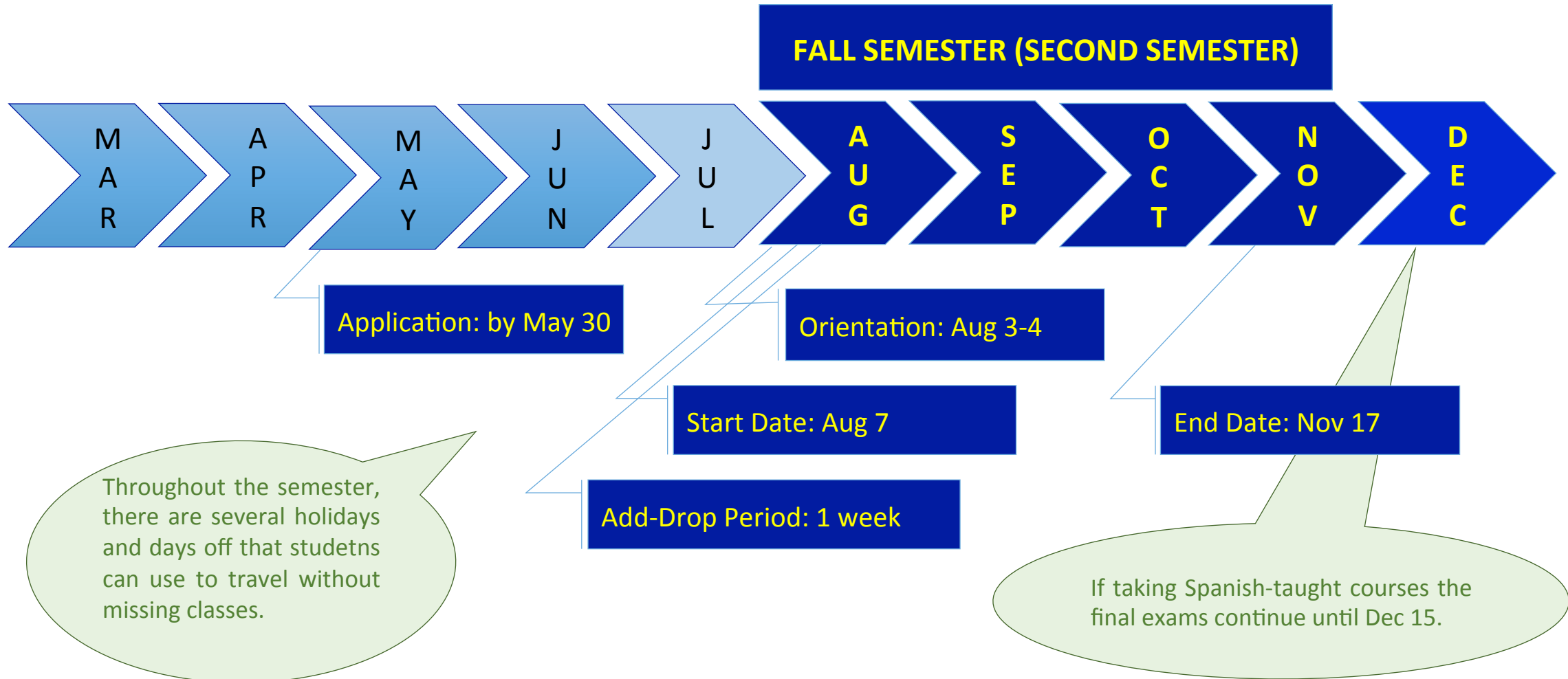
End Date: Jun 16

Orientation: Mar 3-4

If taking Spanish-taught courses the final exams continue until July 15.



# Calendar 2017: Fall Semester



# Calendar 2018: Spring Semester

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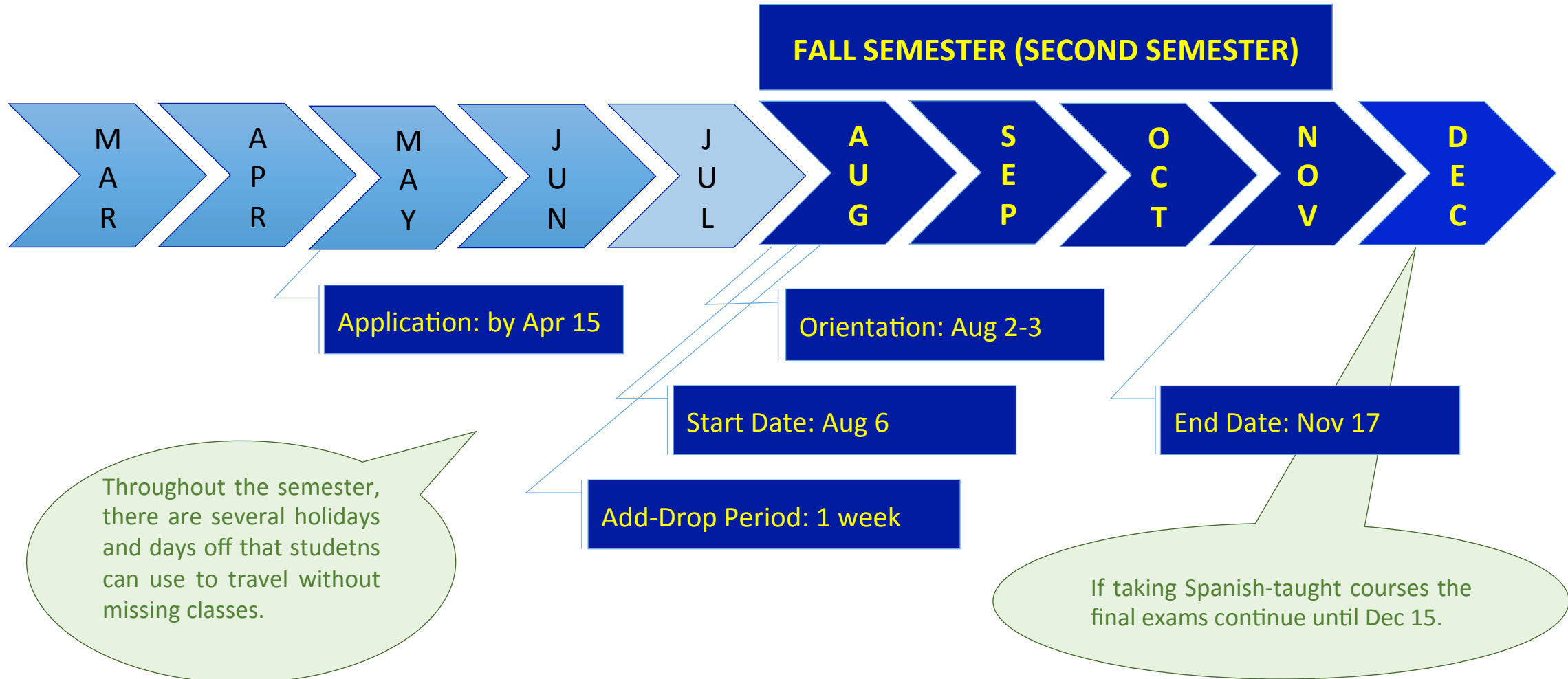
Start Date: Mar 5

End Date: Jun 16

Orientation: Mar 1-2

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# Calendar 2018: Fall Semester





# Activities organized by the University

Spring Semester

**MARCH**

**Tigre**



**APRIL**

**Tango**



**MAY**

**Teatro Colón Tour**



**JUNE**

**Peña Folklórica**





# Activities organized by the University

*Fall Semester*

AUGUST

Teatro Colón guided tour



SEPTEMBER

Tango

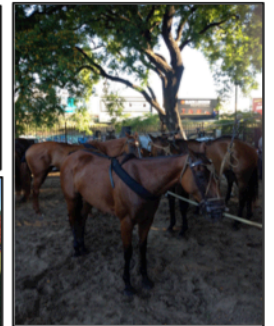


OCTOBER



NOVEMBER

Polo game



# Activities in the city



And more...

In addition to the dozens of festivals, exhibitions and events in Buenos Aires, the City Government offers every semester several activities exclusively for international students: a welcome event, tours, sports, etc.

## City's Festivals

### Spring Semester

March: Dance in urban landscapes  
April: Independent Film Festival  
May: Circus Festival, Tango Contest  
June: Green City (ecology and sustainability)

### Fall Semester

August: Tango  
September: Emerging City (culture, music, art)  
October: International Festival  
November: Jazz  
December: Contemporary Dance

## Other Events

Museums Nights  
Asado Contest  
Books Fair  
Etc.

# Application

## Requirements

- Having completed two semesters of studies at the home university
- English language proficiency for non-native speakers: B2.2 level (Common European Framework of Reference). Applicants must score at least 72 points in the TOEFL (IBT) or 6.0 in the IELTS. They can also submit other international examinations to attest their command of the language.
- Spanish language proficiency for non-native speakers: B2.2 level (Common European Framework of Reference). Applicants must submit proof of their language level.

## Documents

- Application Form (online): <http://www.austral.edu.ar/international/apply/>
- Passport
- Picture
- Proof of language proficiency
- Transcript of record

Acceptable documents are:

1. An international exam
2. A certificate from a language school/institute
3. A letter from the student's University after being assessed by the Language Department.



# Cost of Living

## Housing and Meals

- Shared apartment: USD 400-450
- Daily expenses: USD 180-200 per month

## Transportation

- Bus and Metro: USD 0.40 per trip
- Taxi ride: USD 7.00 – Uber is available
- Taxi from EZE airport: USD 35.00-40.00

## Night Life

- Beer: USD 4.00-4.50, Drinks: USD 8.00-10.00, Nightclub: USD 12.00+

These are average costs. It is possible to find cheaper housing but it will depend the area in the city, how many people are sharing the apartment, etc.

Students spend monthly about USD 180-200 on home-cooked meals, public transportation, etc.

If you take some courses on Pilar campus but you live in Buenos Aires you may prefer to take a shuttle and/or spend the night in Pilar:

- Shuttle: USD 12.5 round trip
- Hotel Room: USD 35.00 (double) or 60.00 (single), with breakfast, wifi, pool, amenities

# Info Pack

- Arrival directions
- Class schedule and calendar, including holidays and days off
- Housing
- Currency exchange and banking
- Tips: safety, health, culture
- Things to do in the city: museums, tango, etc.
- Cafes, restaurants, bars, night clubs...
- Visa (nationals from most countries in Europe, the Americas, and Oceania get their visa upon arrival; citizens from some Asian and African countries must request it prior to their trip to Argentina)
- Acceptance letter

All applicants receive a few emails with information on different topics so that they can plan their studies at Austral.

Upon arrival, the two-day orientation will allow the staff to cover some topics more extensively. It also will be a great opportunity for students to get to know each other.

Students may also find useful information at [www.austral.edu.ar/international](http://www.austral.edu.ar/international), and they can always email their questions to the staff.



*We look forward to  
seeing soon!*

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