



UCA INTERNACIONAL

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International Students/Factsheet 2023/2024

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 2023	
Spring 2023* (March – July) <small>*Dates TBC</small>	Mandatory orientation: March 9 & 10, 2023 Courses: March 13 – June 30, 2023 Exams: June 27 – July 29, 2023 <i>Dates may vary depending on each School and Department</i>
Fall 2023* (August – December) <small>*Dates TBC</small>	Mandatory orientation: August 3 & 4, 2023 Courses: August 7 – November 24, 2023 Exams: November 27 – December 20, 2023 <i>Dates may vary depending on each School and Department</i>
Spring 2024* (March – July) <small>*Dates TBC</small>	Mandatory orientation: March 7 & 8, 2024 Courses: March 11 – June 28, 2024 Exams: July 01 – August 02, 2024 <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: Spring 2023 Fall 2023 Spring 2024
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) <small>*IMPORTANT: Send all above docs in ONE single file to applications@uca.edu.ar (ej. JONES.pdf)</small>
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-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. Students will receive an email after nomination deadline is due.</p> <p>Those students who do not have a B2-Spanish language level are required to enroll in a Language Practice Course (courses have a fee). No exceptions to these rules are applicable because this requisite responds to the exchange experience UCA offers from its academic project.</p> <p>All UCA Language courses are part of the Global and Intercultural Communication Program (GIC). They grant academic credit and they have a flat fee (US\$ 350). Free movers have it included in their semester fee. Details on course offering will be given during the Orientation</p> <p><small>*Native Spanish Speakers with Spanish-Speaking Country Passport are excepted (not applied to Heritage Speakers)</small></p>
UCA/ PEL & GIC Pre semester introductory course	<p>Starting in 2023, UCA will be offering pre-semester introductory courses on Latin America Studies and on Language and Communication. Details on this offering will be available by the end of 2022.</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 2023
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 ● Creativity and Business ● Comparative Politics & Government ● Argentina in the World Today ● Identity and Stereotypes in the Americas
Course Requirements	<p>In order for a student to pass 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.



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Additional Information

Student VISA (mandatory)	Students are required to obtain a Student Visa at the Consular Office in their home country. Necessary documentation will be sent in June for Fall students and December for Spring students. It is mandatory to obtain your student VISA. Contact your closest Consular Office for further 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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