



Hauser Global Law School Program

University of Palermo Buenos Aires, Argentina

Exchange Program Information Package
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We are pleased you are interested in New York University School of Law's overseas exchange program with the University of Palermo in Buenos Aires, Argentina. This package gives a general description of the program as well as details about some of its more important aspects. The information in this pack was taken from a variety of sources made available by the university, such as their website – <http://www.palermo.edu.ar/handbooks>, and other informational guides. Carefully review this information before deciding whether to apply.

Please plan to attend an information session. If you can't, or if you have additional questions about the program, please feel free to stop by the Hauser Global Law School Program Office (FH 340) to speak with Christine Jensch, Coordinator for Global Fellows and Exchange Programs.

Important Application Dates

November 14 and 15	Information Meetings
January 21	Application deadline
Mid-January to Mid-February	Applicants screened
Mid to late February	Selections made
March 16	Palermo application deadline

I. Program Description and Information

A. About the Program

Up to two NYU Law students may study at the National University of Palermo Faculty of Law per academic year for one semester. The program is open to second- and third-year students only who have spent at least one full-year at NYU School of Law. **All courses at Palermo are taught in Spanish.**

The exchange program with Palermo is designed to offer a serious study of law in an international setting. This is definitely not the same thing as a college semester abroad. If you are looking for a semester abroad with a light course load and plenty of time to sightsee, this is not the program for you. This is not to say that you will have no time to sightsee and familiarize yourself with Argentine culture. You will. But we do want to emphasize that this program is much more academically rigorous than many overseas programs at the undergraduate level.

B. University of Palermo

Founded in 1986 and granted official status as a private university in 1990, the Universidad de Palermo (UP) has become one of the most innovative and vigorous educational institutions of Argentina. The library is the center of academic life at the university. Campus research centers include the Center for Research in Architecture and Laboratory for Research in Urban Architecture and City Planning, Management Research Center, Center for Legal Postgraduate Studies, and the Center for Communication Studies and Visual Research. Total enrollment: 6,800 including 180 international students.

UP, an urban campus, is located in the neighborhood of Palermo, Buenos Aires. Many of the embassies, squares, beautiful parks, museums, and cultural centers are located in Palermo, whose main avenues feature a variety of shops, restaurants, pubs and movie theaters.

C. The City of Buenos Aires

Buenos Aires is the most European of all Latin American cities. With its wide boulevards, leafy parks, grand buildings and varied culture and nightlife, the city is reminiscent of Paris or Barcelona. The Porteños ('people of the port'), as the residents of Buenos Aires are called, seem more European too but this is hardly surprising considering that most are descended from European immigrants who settled here in the 19th century. With them came a culture and a cuisine that still flavors the city and can be enjoyed in countless art galleries, theatres and museums, as well as fine restaurants. But the city has also spawned its own art forms, notably the tango, for which Buenos Aires is famous.

Buenos Aires is the third largest city in South America and comprises 47 barrios (neighborhoods) in which nearly nine million people live. Situated in the east of Argentina beside the Rio de la Plata and surrounded by seemingly never-ending flat land known as the Pampas, the vast sprawling conurbation is a true 24-hour city. There is always something going on to occupy the senses. The downtown area is as noisy and congested as any other major city but the city is really a pleasant place to walk around, designed as it is along a grid system that is soon easy to master.

Buenos Aires was founded by the Spaniard Pedro de Mendoza in 1536. It was named after the patron saint of sailors, who is said to be responsible for the good wind or "buen aire".

With several museums and a continuous agenda of cultural attractions and events, there is much for the visitor to see and do. Argentina is also home to some of the best soccer teams in the world. Buenos Aires has a mild climate and is a year-round destination. The University of Palermo's main campus is located in the Palermo neighborhood, famous for its squares, gardens and unique shops. Easily accessible by public transportation, the neighborhood offers a variety of cafes, restaurants and bookstores where students share their daily experiences.

D. Program Dates

Fall 2010 Semester*

First Day of Classes	August 18, 2010
Last Day of Classes	November 21, 2010
Exams	December 2010

Spring 2011 Semester*

First Day of Classes	April 6, 2011
Last Day of Classes	July 10, 2011
Exams	July, 2011

*dates to be confirmed

E. Course Offerings and Selections

The full course listing and description can be found on for the University of Palermo's website:

http://www.palermo.edu/derecho/descripcion_cursos.html#28

Students typically take 5 classes per term, though students not proficient in Spanish are advised to take fewer classes. NYU students are required to take a minimum of four classes (each worth 3 credits). Prior to finalizing their courses for the semester, students must submit a list of courses (along with the days of the week and times the class meets, and total number of class meetings during the semester) to the Hauser Program Office for approval. Students are expected to take post-graduate level courses while at Palermo. With permission, students can take classes in the final two years of the LLB curriculum.

F. Exams and Grades

Your exams will be graded in the first instance by Palermo faculty in accordance with the Palermo grading system. Because grading standards between NYU and Palermo may differ, a direct translation to NYU's letter grading system is extremely difficult. Therefore, participating NYU students will, upon successfully completing a course, receive a designation of "pass/fail" for the course on their transcripts. **All students must receive the equivalent of a letter grade C in order to receive credit for the class.**

ACCEPTANCE OF ANY CREDIT OR GRADE FOR ANY COURSE TAKEN IN THE PROGRAM IS SUBJECT TO DETERMINATION BY NEW YORK UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW. We expect, however, that all credits earned at Palermo will count towards New York University School of Law credits.

A transcript will be sent to NYU at the end of your exchange.

G. Program Cancellation Policies

We expect the program to go forward as planned and anticipate no obstacles to implementation. However, in the highly unlikely event that the entire program has to be canceled, students selected for the program will be informed immediately by telephone, email, or in person, and notices of cancellation will be posted on the Hauser Global Law School Program website. In addition, individual meetings will be arranged with any student who wishes one. If in the even more unlikely event that the Program is canceled after students have arrived in Buenos Aires, Christine Jensch, Coordinator for Global Visitors and Exchange Programs will contact all participating students by telephone, if possible, or by email. Should particular courses be canceled or rescheduled, students selected for the program will be informed by email, telephone, or in person to the extent that we are made aware of these changes.

II. Palermo's Staff and Facilities

A. Program Staff

The Director of the International Program at Palermo is Professor Marcelo Alegre. He is the main contact for visiting exchange students and handles all of the orientation and student affairs-related issues. His contact information is:

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Another contact at the Faculty of Law is Ms. Virginia Menendez. Her contact details are:

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The coordinator of the exchange programs is Professor Natalia Amelotti. She can be reached at

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B. Facilities

Library

The Library at the University of Palermo is considered to be the center of academic life and one of the most valuable resources of the university. It is organized in such a way as to offer direct access to its books and magazine collections. The collection holds 52,600 volumes, a video room and 2,800 subscriptions to periodical publications by CD-ROM. The library holds volumes in several languages including versions in Spanish, English, French and other languages.

Computer Lab

Computer laboratories are distributed throughout the campus and students are assigned an email address. Students are also able to access the university's main system from home (UP provides free dial-up Internet access to the students)

III. Preparing for Your Trip

A. Anticipated Tuition, Fees and Living Costs

Tuition

Because this is a revenue-neutral exchange program, participating NYU Law students will pay New York University the normal tuition for a 12 credit-hour semester at NYU Law.

Cost of Living

Below is a table that gives you some idea of how much you might spend personally and on every day items in Buenos Aires. Compared to other major cities around the world, the cost of living in Buenos Aires is relatively inexpensive. 1 Argentine peso is approximately 30 cents US.

Housing including food	1400-1800 pesos/month
Books, transport, entertainment, personal spending	1000 pesos/month
Bus ticket	1 peso
CD	35 pesos
Haircut	3-10 pesos
International newspaper	17 pesos
Night club entry	5-20 pesos
Cup of coffee	5 pesos
Burger meal	13 pesos
Steak dinner	8-25 pesos

We estimate that you should budget at least US\$1,200 per month for rent and living expenses, taking into account the fact that you are abroad and will therefore potentially spend more money than during a typical semester at NYU. If you are planning to travel

around the country and South America, you will need to budget more for additional expenses.

B. Student Housing and Living Arrangements

The program at Palermo allows students to be placed with an Argentine host family in order to allow students to truly experience everyday life and culture in Buenos Aires. Residencies and apartments are also available. For information about reserving a place in a home stay, please contact international@palermo.edu

C. Visa Information

Students on long-term studies (more than 90 days) can enter Argentina as "tourists", but must bring their passport and proof of clear criminal record, to adjust their immigration status while in Argentina. Within 30 days of enrollment, applicants must submit to the Dirección Nacional de Migraciones the following documents:

1. Official letter of admission/enrollment from recognized school/educational institution in Argentina.
2. Student exchange program certified by the organizing educational institution in Argentina (if applicable)
3. Valid passport
4. A clear criminal record certificate from each country/city the applicant has resided in during the last 5 years (for applicants who are 16 years of age or older only; other exceptions may apply): must be legalized with the Hague Convention "Apostille", or authenticated by the Argentine consulate abroad (*).
5. A clear criminal record certificate issued by the Argentine Federal Police Department or the "Registro Nacional de Reincidencia" (to be requested once in Argentina).
6. Immigration fee (if applicable).

(*) Information about getting your criminal record certificate legalized with the Hague Convention "apostile" is available at http://travel.state.gov/family/family_issues/divorce/divorce_591.html#countries. This can also be done at the Argentine consulate.

The Argentine Consulate General of New York:

12 West 56th Street
New York, NY 10019
Telephone: (212) 603 0400
Fax: (212) 541 7746

The Student Visas Department is open Monday through Friday from 9:00am to 1:00pm. The Consulate is closed on Argentine and United States holidays. For further information or to contact them, please visit their website at: <http://www.congenargentiny.com/New%20Folder/student%20visas.html>

IMPORTANT: Requirements may vary according to the applicant's citizenship, length of studies and nature of the course. It is the responsibility of the Argentine host school to provide prospective students with detailed information regarding the visa requirements of their specific situation and to assist them in adjusting their status upon arrival in Argentina. To avoid inconveniences, you are strongly advised to contact the University of Palermo well before making any travel plans.

D. Health Insurance

Students must prove that they have health insurance which covers you in Argentina. You can purchase health insurance from the University of Palermo or ask whether your current policy covers you during your stay in Palermo.

If you are insured through NYU's Student Health Insurance, you are covered for emergencies when traveling more than 100 miles from your campus address through Assist America. Do carry your Assist America card with you when traveling. In case you do get into an emergency, you are to contact Assist America to arrange all medical services. You will not be reimbursed for any services that are not arranged through Assist America. Reimbursement is the same as the NYU-sponsored Basic plan of 80%/20% co-insurance. For more information, visit http://www.chickering.com/stu_conn/travel_assistance.aspx.

It is possible to waive your NYU Student Health Insurance. In order to do this, you must have an insurance policy that is comparable to NYU's Basic plan. For more information, visit http://www.nyu.edu/shc/about/waiving_plans.htm or contact NYU Student Health Insurance Services at 212-443-1020. **Your waiver will not be processed until Student Health Insurance Services confirms that your insurance plan meets the University's criteria.** To avoid being obligated to pay for two health insurance plans, please do not purchase another health insurance plan before it is approved by Student Health Insurance Services.

E. Provisions for Students with Disabilities

The Palermo Law School facilities are accessible to individuals with disabilities. If you are interested in the program and will need some special assistance due to a disability, please speak with Ms. Christine Jensch, Coordinator for Global Visitors and Exchange Programs, who will contact Palermo to obtain information about the availability of needed services.

F. Resources for Living in Buenos Aires and Traveling

Below are websites you can get more information about living and traveling in Buenos Aires.

www.bue.gov.ar/home/index.php?lang=en
www.turismo.gov.ar/esp/menu.htm
www.roughguides.com
www.lonelyplanet.com

Student Travel Agencies

When buying your flight, you should consider using a student travel agent. Not only might you get a better price, you may also get a more flexible ticket that allows cancellation or date changes. The fees for these are often less than other agents or the airline itself.

STA Travel. There are branches around the city and all over the world. Also online at www.statravel.com

Travel CUTS. There is an office on MacDougal Street. Also online at www.travelcuts.com.

www.studentuniverse.com. Online only. You do not need an ISIC card to purchase products from this site. You must have an active university email address.

Getting Around

Budget Airlines

<http://www.voegol.com.br/> - This is a Brazil-based company that flies from Argentina.

By Train

<http://www.sateliteferroviario.com.ar>

<http://www.ferrobaires.gba.gov.ar/>

By Bus

Andesmar (www.andesmar.com) and Chevallier (www.nuevachevallier.com) service the entire country

El Rápido International (www.elrapido.int.com.ar) makes trips to Buenos Aires, Mendoza, Córdoba and Rosario and has an International service to Santiago and Viña del Mar, Chile, and Lima, Peru.

Via Bariloche (www.viabariloche.com.ar) serves most destinations in La Pampa province, the Lake District and Patagonia.

Student Discounts

International Student Identity Card. This is the only internationally recognized student identity card. It is available at student travel agencies. An ISIC card costs \$22 and is valid for a calendar year. ISIC cards purchased in September are valid through the following calendar year. With an ISIC card, you can get discounts on flights, tour packages, entry to attractions, and more. Visit www.isic.org to find out what discounts are available in the country you are going to.

IV. Semester Follow-Up

Please note that all NYU School of Law students selected to participate in a study abroad program will be requested to submit to the Hauser Global Law School Program upon completion of their studies abroad:

1. A one or two-page report evaluating their experiences in the program
2. A Student Questionnaire Form at the end of their studies to be used to provide a resource for future students interested in the program with the University of Palermo, Faculty of Law.

V. How to Apply

If you decide to apply to the Exchange Program at Palermo, you must complete a written NYU application available from the Hauser Global Law School Program website: <http://www.law.nyu.edu/global/intlprograms/studyabroadprograms/index.htm>

In screening applicants, we will look for such things as a strong academic record, serious interest in international and comparative law, and experience with different cultures and overseas travel. The timetable for the application process is as follows:

January 21	NYU Application deadline
Mid-January to Mid-February	Applicants screened
Mid-late February	Selections made and applicants notified
March 16	Palermo application deadline

If you are nominated by NYU to participate in the exchange program with Palermo, you will be given their application to complete and

submit to the Hauser Office by **March 12, 2010**. We will then forward your application to Palermo where it will be considered for admission. Should you be accepted by Palermo, you will receive an acceptance letter and instructions for obtaining your visa.

VI. Additional Information

One of the resources we offer to our students to provide further information on our exchange programs is a collection of questionnaires that have been completed by our past students about their experiences while studying at each of our partner institutions. If you are interested in looking at these questionnaires, please feel free to stop by our office (Furman Hall, Suite 340) between the hours of 9 AM and 5 PM.

Additionally, we maintain a list of past students at each program who have indicated their willingness to speak with interested students about their experiences while abroad. Should you be interested in receiving a copy of this document, please either stop by our office or send us an email at: law.global@nyu.edu.