



International Students/Factsheet 2026

University	
Name	Pontifical Catholic University of Argentina/UCA
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, printing services, 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.
Academic Calendar 2026	
SPRING 2026 (March– July)	Pre-Semester: February 25 to March 04, 2026 Mandatory orientation: March 05 & 06, 2026 Courses: March 09– June 26, 2026 <i>Dates may vary depending on each School and Department</i>
FALL 2026 (August– December)	Pre-Semester: July 22 to July 29, 2026 Mandatory orientation: July 30 & 31, 2026 Courses: August 03– November 27, 2026 <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 to ALL incoming students (no exceptions granted) .
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 2026 Fall 2026
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.



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Other Requirements	
Spanish Language Requirements	All candidates are required a B2-Spanish language level according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages. The Spanish Placement exam from UCA is mandatory to ALL exchange students and it has NO COST. Information on the exam will be given after all applications are processed. Students who do not have the B2-Spanish language level, are required to follow a Language Course for credit (flat fee USD \$300). Language practice will offer all Spanish levels and focused on specific skills (such as reading, writing, discourse analysis, etc.).
Spanish Language Immersion	Students can also register in a full intensive four-weeks Spanish immersion experience during February or July (a cost of \$900 dollars). This includes the Pre-Semester as well.
UCA/PEL Pre semester introductory course	One week before Orientation Days, the PRE-SEMESTER starts to introduce new students to the City of Buenos Aires, local culture, and traditions. Those registered in this course can complete a cultural project and obtain 1 credit hour. (Course fee USD \$250)
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).
Full Time Status	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	*1 (one) UCA credit= 1 class contact hour per week (1 class hour=45 minutes) *Exchange students should take at least one course with locals. *Each UCA semester for international students is 16 weeks, including all assessments.
Courses in English	The Latin American Studies Program (PEL) offers courses taught in English, such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Argentina in the World Today ● Intercultural Communication ● Creativity and Business ● Communication and creativity
Course Requirements	For a student to pass the courses, he/she should complete these requirements: <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	Sent ONLY to home university one month after the end of classes.
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 advise students to get initially a hostel and rent housing while onsite.
Health Insurance (mandatory)	International and exchange students must bring medical insurance from their home countries. This is a mandatory requirement at UCA. We recommend students to make sure that this Insurance covers emergency hospitalization, general check-ups, 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.
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