



NOTES OF GUIDANCE FOR YOUR EXCHANGE DESTINATION

Universidad de San Andrés, Argentina

Fast Facts:

Website:	Universidad de San Andrés (udesa.edu.ar) International Programs Universidad de San Andrés (udesa.edu.ar)															
Language of instruction:	Spanish Students must have the equivalent of at least two years of college level Spanish or a B2 level in the Common European Framework of Languages.															
Semester dates:	Semester 1 (Primavera/Spring term): August - December (Semester 2 in Argentina) Semester 2 (Otoño/Autumn term): March - mid-July (Semester 1 in Argentina)															
Number of students currently enrolled	6,000+															
General Costs	<p>These estimates are subject to change, and depend on the students' lifestyle. These costs are estimates per semester.</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Housing (homestay incl. breakfast and tea)</td> <td>\$4050</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Housing (in a shared apt, no meals)</td> <td>\$2000-\$3200</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Health Insurance (mandatory)</td> <td>\$425 per semester.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Public transport</td> <td>USD \$200</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Books and Supplies</td> <td>USD \$150</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Visa expenses</td> <td>USD \$200</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Personal expenses (lunches, laundry, phone, entertainment)</td> <td>\$1200-\$2500</td> </tr> </table>		Housing (homestay incl. breakfast and tea)	\$4050	Housing (in a shared apt, no meals)	\$2000-\$3200	Health Insurance (mandatory)	\$425 per semester.	Public transport	USD \$200	Books and Supplies	USD \$150	Visa expenses	USD \$200	Personal expenses (lunches, laundry, phone, entertainment)	\$1200-\$2500
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About the University

Universidad de San Andrés was founded in 1989 by the Scottish Civil Educational Association of San Andrés (ACEESA), and it is already recognized as one of the most prestigious universities in Argentina and the region. It offers graduate and postgraduate programs on Business, Humanities and Social Sciences. Our faculty brings together highly renowned local and international professors and researchers.

The University of San Andres is located in the north of Buenos Aires, in an area called Victoria. With seven green acres and more than 10 thousand square meters of infrastructure, the University Campus is equipped to give you an intensive education and to enhance your university experience.

Study outdoors, take part in extracurricular activities with your classmates and spend your days working in a place that invites you to enjoy.

What to expect

Application process

You apply for study exchanges through SWAY. You can find out more about our [study exchange routes here](#), and more about the [application process here](#).

After applying, if you are allocated an exchange place at the Universidad de San Andrés, you will be officially nominated by the International Programmes Team. We will then provide you with your detailed application instructions. **You can ONLY apply to any exchange destination if you have been allocated a place there, and if you are officially nominated by us.**

Academics

For support with the academic side of your exchange, your best point of contact is your Exchange Coordinator, [found here](#). The Exchange Coordinator is a member of academic staff who will be a key contact throughout your exchange.

Course Load and Credit Load

You are normally **required** to take whatever constitutes a full academic credit or course load at your host university.

The page linked below contains a copy of the **International Exchange Credit Requirements**. This outlines the number of

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	<p>credits you are required to take at your host institution. There are also more answers to frequently asked questions about the academic side of your exchange.</p> <p>Academic matters The University of Edinburgh</p>
Courses	<p>UdeSA's programme allows you to enrol directly in classes at the Universidad de San Andrés together with local students. All of the courses are taught in Spanish by full-time faculty. Students are allowed to register in any course provided they have sufficient academic background. You can find a list of courses here.</p> <p>**Please be aware, there may not be an up-to-date course catalogue available at this exchange destination. Please use the information available to get an idea about what you can study while on exchange**</p>
Academic Restrictions	<p>Students are allowed to register in any course provided they have sufficient academic background.</p> <p>Please note: These are guidelines. It is your responsibility to research whether the partner provides appropriate courses for your degree programme. Even if there are not restrictions on your degree subject, it does not mean that there are appropriate courses for you. Please check.</p>
Orientation	<p>An obligatory orientation will take place around the end of July, before the start of semester 1.</p> <p>Orientation sessions cover topics related to health and safety, transportation, communications and cultural adaptation. They will also take a Spanish evaluation to place them in one of the Spanish Language courses.</p> <p>Students will be sent more information about orientation closer to the time.</p>

Accommodation

Finding accommodation that you are happy with on your year abroad is very important and there are often many aspects to consider when looking for somewhere to live.

Many host institutions do offer university accommodation but please do note, **this is not always guaranteed**. You may also need to pay for things like agent or administrative fees that is not always the case here in Edinburgh. It is a good idea to do your research so you do not have any surprises!

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<p>University Accommodation</p>	<p>The University of San Andres has 2 university residences. One is located in the suburb of Victoria, San Fernando, and the other is 18 blocks from the campus. There is a limited number of spaces, so UdeSA cannot guarantee availability of space.</p> <p>University residence rooms consist of a few single rooms, and shared rooms between 2, 3 or 4 people. The residence has 24 hour security, wifi, a common room with a TV, a computer room, laundrette, a study space, garden, terrace and weekly cleaning.</p> <p>One semester in a double-room costs about \$2250 (USD). Students must also pay a deposit of \$350 (USD), which will be returned at the end of your studies if nothing has been broken or lost.</p> <p>This option doesn't include food. There are shared kitchens for students to use, as well as a dining hall on campus, and various restaurants and supermarkets close-by.</p>
<p>Private Accommodation</p>	<p>Some exchange students prefer to live in a house or flat share with other people. The cost of this varies depending on the type of apartment, where it is located etc. As UdeSA is not in the centre of Buenos Aires, it is important that you consider looking for a place to stay where you will be able to get to the campus easily if you decide to live in private accommodation.</p> <p>UdeSA has a database of possible private rental accommodations. They also offer a list of private rental options including https://es.airbnb.com/ https://buenosaires.craigslist.org/ https://baexpats.org/ https://www.spareroomsba.com https://www.selina.com/es/argentina/palermo-soho/ https://www.roomgo.com.ar/</p> <p>These sites are not affiliated with either the University of San Andrés or with the University of Edinburgh. Please remain aware of potential scams when looking for accommodation abroad.</p> <p>Students can also opt to stay with an Argentinian family during their stay. To do so, students get in touch with UdeSA's International Office. The department has a list of families who have hosted international students in the past. This option usually includes breakfast and tea every day except Saturdays. These arrangements, as well as the cost, is finalised between the student and the family themselves.</p>

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Costs

It is important to budget for different expenses while on exchange. Your exchange destination may be more expensive than Edinburgh, and different expenses may be required. For example, rent may be higher; you might need to take public transport more; essentials may be more expensive or different, like sun cream in warmer climates or woolly socks in colder climates! These costs will add up so it is good to have an estimate of how much money you might need.

<p>Tuition Fees</p>	<p>While on exchange, you will continue to pay fees to the University of Edinburgh, as appropriate, and your fee status will determine how much you pay.</p> <p>Consult our webpage here and follow the link to consult the university's information on tuition fees for students studying abroad.</p>																		
<p>Estimated Cost of Living (In \$ Argentine Pesos)</p>	<p>Examples of Typical Expenses: in Argentine Pesos.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="512 913 1385 1234"> <tr> <td>Train or Bus Ticket</td> <td>\$18-23</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Lunch at the university</td> <td>\$285-330</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Movie Ticket</td> <td>\$644</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dinner at a restaurant</td> <td>\$800</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Monthly Gym Membership</td> <td>\$3000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>A Soda or cup of coffee</td> <td>\$125</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1 month phone/internet plan</td> <td>\$1550</td> </tr> <tr> <td>A 15 minute taxi (approx. 5km)</td> <td>\$260</td> </tr> <tr> <td>One basket of laundry</td> <td>\$380</td> </tr> </table> <p>This information can be found in the Undergraduate Factsheet, here. The estimated cost of a visa is USD\$200 and the estimated cost of health insurance is USD\$425 per semester.</p> <p>You may also be required to pay for administrative fees at your host institution. This can include paying for your transcript to be sent to us at the end of your exchange.</p>	Train or Bus Ticket	\$18-23	Lunch at the university	\$285-330	Movie Ticket	\$644	Dinner at a restaurant	\$800	Monthly Gym Membership	\$3000	A Soda or cup of coffee	\$125	1 month phone/internet plan	\$1550	A 15 minute taxi (approx. 5km)	\$260	One basket of laundry	\$380
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<p>Insurance</p>	<p>All international students in Argentina must have local medical insurance to fulfil UdeSA's requirements. Students are not able to waive this requirement.</p> <p>William Hope Servicios de Salud is the chosen provider of UdeSA. This costs about \$85 per month. Once admitted, UdeSA will send contact info for local policy, which meets requirements including repatriation benefit and complete coverage at local hospitals with international standards.</p>																		
<p>Student Loans and Grants</p>	<p>Consult our funding webpages for more information about the Funding available to you through SWAY while on your year abroad.</p>																		

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	<p>If you receive a student loan or grant, you may still be eligible to receive them during your exchange. Contact your funding providers for more information on the availability and eligibility of funding during your exchange, as well as any additional support they may offer. For example: some loan providers offer travel grants to students.</p>
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Other

Passports	<p>Make sure that your passport will be in date for the entirety of your stay, and for any additional required time after the end of your exchange for entry requirements and visa purposes.</p> <p>If you need to apply for a new passport during the application process to your host institution, this may delay the application and visa processes.</p>
Visas	<p>The visa process will vary from country to country, and your own citizenship will influence the visa process you need to undertake. You must make sure to enter your host country on the appropriate visa.</p> <p>All international students in Argentina for longer than 90 days need a student visa. You will need to start this process before getting to Argentina, and as soon as you receive your acceptance letter from your host. By obtaining the visa before getting to Argentina, you won't have to do any further migratory procedures upon your arrival. You can find a list of embassies and consulates here.</p> <p>Depending on your nationality or citizenship, there are 2 main visas.</p> <p>Students who are nationals of States Parties or Associates of MERCOSUR countries (Mercado Común del Cono Sur: Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay and Uruguay) can find more information here.</p> <p>Other students can find more information here. Student on this visa can stay for less than 365 days, and at the moment, this visa costs around \$150 / €150, but this may be different depending on the consulate.</p> <p>For both visa types, you will need to provide proof of sufficient funds to cover your stay, and will need to provide an apostilled or legalized certificate of good conduct issued by the competent authority of the countries where they resided for more than one year over the previous three years.</p>

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	<p>Here in SWAY we cannot give specific visa advice. Please research using the relevant embassy and government websites for more information. There is more information on our webpage about things to consider regarding visas here.</p> <p>Once you have received an offer from a host institution, you will be given more advice from them about the visa processes.</p>
Disability Statement and Accessibility	<p>Some destinations may be more accessible than others for disabled students. If you require any adjustments due to disability or specific learning difficulties or disabilities and you wish to study abroad please contact The International Programmes Team via email: international.outgoing@ed.ac.uk.</p> <p>We will work together with you to explore the help available at your host institution. It may also be helpful if you discuss this with your Personal Tutor and the Disability and Learning Support Service as well.</p>

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