

# University of San Andrés Fact Sheet

## Undergraduate

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<p>About Universidad de San Andrés</p>	<p>Founded in 1989 by the Scottish Community in Argentina and inspired by the pedagogical system of the liberal arts colleges, the Universidad de San Andrés is a privately-owned, not for profit institution with a complete academic offering in various fields. Its mission is to build an academic community of professors, students and alumni motivated by the search for truth and contributing to progress in Argentina and to the well-being of its citizens.</p> <p>With more than 2,000 students enrolled, Universidad de San Andrés provides the possibility of studying with professors who conduct cutting-edge research and who were trained at some of the best universities in the world. It is one of the few universities in Argentina with a large, full-time faculty who hold regular office-hours and are available to answer student questions and concerns. Most faculty members hold Ph.D. degrees from the finest international universities. A majority of faculty members have had experience teaching abroad.</p> <p>The university's main facilities are set on a picturesque and secure campus, just forty-five minutes from downtown Buenos Aires. Certain graduate level classes also take place at the San Andrés downtown building located six blocks from the Plaza de Mayo.</p> <p>UdeSA in numbers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Faculty: 294</li> <li>• Undergraduate students: 1,037</li> <li>• Graduate students: 949</li> <li>• Executive Education: 3,000</li> <li>• Undergraduate students receiving some form of financial aid during 2015: 40%</li> </ul>
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## ACADEMICS

Language of Instruction	<p>SPANISH:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The language of instruction is Spanish. To participate successfully academically, students must have the equivalent of at least <b>two years of college level Spanish</b> or a <b>B2 level</b> in the Common European Framework of Languages.</li> <li>If it is determined during the application process, that applicants may not have achieved this level, students will be denied admissions or in some cases required to take the Spanish Immersion program in the month prior to the beginning of the semester (see below for more information).</li> </ul> <p>ENGLISH:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Occasionally 1 or 2 classes per semester may be offered in English, but cannot be guaranteed.</li> <li>Please note that many courses have some reading materials in English. Therefore students should be proficient in English (B2 level) as well.</li> </ul>																									
Language Courses	<p>Intermediate and Advanced Spanish language courses are offered as part of the regular curriculum during the semester. Students whose Spanish is above these levels may take “Escritura y Prácticas Discursivas Universitarias”, a course on academic writing skills designed for Spanish native speakers.</p> <p>During February and July a for fee Intensive Spanish Immersion program is held for Spanish at the intermediate and advanced levels. See below for more information.  <a href="http://www.udesa.edu.ar/Study-Abroad/Semester-and-Summer-Programs/Summer-Programs">http://www.udesa.edu.ar/Study-Abroad/Semester-and-Summer-Programs/Summer-Programs</a></p>																									
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Areas of Study	<p>* Makeup exams are only permitted only by approval of professor and may be required in case a student fails a course.</p> <p>Undergraduate Majors: Accounting, Business Administration, Communication, Economics, Education, Humanities, International Relations, Law, Political Science.            In addition courses are available in: Art History, Cinema Studies, Gender Studies, History, Human Rights, Journalism, Latin American Studies, Literature, Math, Statistics, Spanish and Service Learning.</p>																									
Course Catalog	<p><a href="http://www.udesa.edu.ar/catalogo-de-cursos">http://www.udesa.edu.ar/catalogo-de-cursos</a> The catalog of courses in most cases includes a brief description, classroom contact hours, and a link to a recent syllabus for each course. In addition it indicates the semester in which the course is offered and year in degree when students take the course.</p>																									
Course Registration	<p>Students will be sent a final list of available courses approximately one month prior to the start of the semester. Students will enroll online approximately two weeks prior to the start of the semester. Exchange students are allowed to register in any undergraduate course provided they have sufficient academic background.</p>																									
Course Load	<p>Recommended 3 or 4 courses per semester. Minimum of 2 courses and maximum 4 courses per semester. 5 courses may be taken only with written permission from Academic Director of International Programs. Courses require between 4 and 6 hrs of class time per course per week (including lectures and tutorials).</p>																									
Grading System	<p>10 point scale, 4 is a pass.</p>																									

Credits	San Andres doesn't use a credit system. Students should estimate equivalencies using class contact hours and comparing with the number of credits provided at his or her institution per contact hour. Equivalencies should always be checked with academic advisors prior to exchange participation.
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## INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

International Programs Offered for Undergrad Students	<p><b>Exchange Programs:</b> semester or yearlong programs through exchange partner institutions. List of partners - <a href="http://www.udesa.edu.ar/Study-Abroad/Semester-and-Summer-Programs/Programs-under-Academic-Agreements/Academic-Agreements">http://www.udesa.edu.ar/Study-Abroad/Semester-and-Summer-Programs/Programs-under-Academic-Agreements/Academic-Agreements</a></p> <p><b>Direct Enrollment and/or Program in Latin American Studies:</b> semester or yearlong program which allows students who do not come from exchange partner institutions to directly enroll in courses at San Andrés. Students may take courses in any department or choose to specialize in a specific aspect of Latin American Studies and receive a certificate through the Program in Latin American Studies. This program has a fee. <a href="http://udesa.edu.ar/Study-Abroad/Semester-and-Summer-Programs/Study-Abroad-at-San-Andres">http://udesa.edu.ar/Study-Abroad/Semester-and-Summer-Programs/Study-Abroad-at-San-Andres</a></p> <p><b>Spanish Immersion Program:</b> four week program for undergrad and graduate students who wish to improve their Spanish skills. It takes place in Feb and July each year at UdeSA's downtown campus. It includes 4 hours of Spanish instruction per day. The program has a fee. Significant reductions are available for students from partner universities. <a href="http://www.udesa.edu.ar/Study-Abroad/Semester-and-Summer-Programs/Summer-Programs">http://www.udesa.edu.ar/Study-Abroad/Semester-and-Summer-Programs/Summer-Programs</a></p>
International Students	Approximately 50 per semester
Deadlines	Nomination deadline: Sem 1 (2017): Sept. 15, 2016 Sem 2 (2017): Mar 15, 2017 Application deadline: Sem 1 (2017): Oct. 15, 2016 Sem 2 (2017): April 15, 2017
Application Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Online Registration Form at <a href="http://bit.ly/UdeSAAppRegistration">http://bit.ly/UdeSAAppRegistration</a></li> <li>• Application – this includes Brief Essays, Health Form, Housing Form - <a href="http://udesa.edu.ar/Study-Abroad/Application-and-Requirements">http://udesa.edu.ar/Study-Abroad/Application-and-Requirements</a></li> <li>• Support Documents: Recommendation Letter, University Transcript, One page resume (CV), Recent certificates of student's Spanish level and/or Recommendation Letter certifying Spanish Language level</li> <li>• Passport Copy</li> <li>• In certain cases, UdeSA may require skype interview to check Spanish Language level.</li> </ul>
Visa	Those students who come for an entire semester will enter the country as a tourist and then apply for a resident/student visa with the help of the International Programs Offices. Most students coming from partner institutions do not need to apply for a tourist visa. However, please check with the closest Argentine embassy for more information. At the international student orientation, students will begin the process to obtain a resident/student visa.
Reciprocity Fees for Certain Countries	Passport holders from the Australia and Canada are required to pay a reciprocity fee to enter Argentina (varies \$100 -\$160 USD). This must be paid prior to departure and a printed receipt must be presented when going through Immigration. Please see more information at <a href="https://virtual.provincianet.com.ar/ArgentineTaxes">https://virtual.provincianet.com.ar/ArgentineTaxes</a> and click on SIGNUP. The reciprocity fee for US passport holders was temporarily suspended in Mar 2016. US citizens should check the latest information prior to departure for Argentina.
Orientation	Students must participate in the two day mandatory orientation which takes place the Thursday and Friday before classes start. It includes a Spanish Level Test as well as the first steps to obtain the student visa.

Health Insurance	The purchase of a local health insurance policy is required. Students may petition to waive this requirement if their international policy meets minimum requirements. After letter of acceptance is emitted, petitions will not be accepted. Estimated cost for a local policy is USD \$80 per month / \$360 per semester. Once admitted, UdeSA will send contact info for local policy which meets requirements including repatriation benefit and complete coverage at hospitals with international standards.
SABE Scholarship	Each semester the Office of International Programs offers the SABE Scholarship (San Andres Building Excellence) to offset tuition fees for students participating in the Program in Latin American Studies. Students are awarded the scholarship based on financial need and merit. The SABE application must be submitted with the application for admission.

## STUDENT LIFE

Arrival Assistance	Airport pick up is available for a fee. For students contracting with a host family or participating in PLAS or Direct Enrollment, this service is included in the cost of the program.
Housing	<p><u>Host families:</u> Students may opt to live with an Argentinean family during their stay. This option includes breakfast and dinner every day (except for dinner on Saturdays). Host families are screened by our staff and matched with students according to their preferences. The cost is USD \$900 per month. Students may elect a one-month stay for USD \$1000.</p> <p><u>Apartment:</u> Our staff provides information and resources so students can find their own housing in the city. Prices vary.</p> <p><u>On campus dormitories:</u> San Andrés has a limited number of spaces available in the on-campus dormitory. The residence hall provides shared rooms (doubles and quadruples) for over 120 students just steps away from the academic buildings. The building has 24 hr security and includes WIFI, shared kitchen, living room area with direct TV and cable, computer lab, coin operated laundry room, quiet study area, storage for suitcases, weekly cleaning, public telephone, backyard and terrace. Please contact our office for more information about the cost.</p>
Average Living Expenses (for one semester) <i>Please note, these will vary depending on student personal habits.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Housing (estimated cost per semester) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Homestay including breakfast &amp; dinner every day (except dinner on Sat)- USD \$4050</li> <li>▪ Room in Shared Apt (no meals included) - USD \$2000-\$3200</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Local Health Insurance (mandatory)- USD \$360</li> <li>• Public Transportation - USD \$300</li> <li>• Books and Supplies - USD \$150</li> <li>• Personal Expenses (lunches, laundry, cell phone, entertainment) - USD \$1000</li> </ul> <p>Please note, Argentina's inflation rate is currently approximately 40% per year. Estimates current as of July. 2016. Spending will vary by student personal habits.</p> <p><u>Examples of Typical Expenses:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 7 pesos - train or bus ticket</li> <li>• 138 pesos - complete lunch at university dining hall</li> <li>• 135 pesos - movie ticket</li> <li>• 150 pesos - dinner at a basic restaurant</li> <li>• 35 pesos - small bottle of Coke or cup of coffee</li> <li>• 50 - SIM Card</li> <li>• 65 pesos - beer at restaurant</li> <li>• 150 pesos - entrance to night club</li> <li>• 90 pesos – taxi for approximately 20 min (3 km)</li> </ul>
Campus Facilities and Services	The Campus in Victoria is well equipped with a library, computer labs, study rooms, dining hall, green spaces, soccer fields, dormitories, locker room, student counseling center, student lounge. Virtual tour: <a href="http://udes.edu.ar/Tour-Virtual/tour.html">http://udes.edu.ar/Tour-Virtual/tour.html</a>
Social and Volunteer Activities	San Andrés offers a plethora of extracurricular activities including an art workshop, choir, student magazine, and music groups. The university has many student organizations which international students are welcome to join which focus on environmental and social issues and provide volunteer opportunities. There are also groups for tango, photography, and

	Mandarin Chinese which charge a small fee.
Cultural Activities Package	Students can sign up during orientation to participate in a package of cultural activities including city tour, trip to the Delta, graffiti tour, tango activity, etc. For students participating in PLAS or Direct Enrollment, this service is included in the cost of the program. Exchange students are invited to participate at a reduced rate.
Sports Programs	San Andrés has a wide range of options for practicing sports. There are teams for football (soccer), basketball, grass hockey, swimming, archery, volleyball and running. Exchange students are invited to train with and join these teams. Internal and external tournaments are held for these sports, as well as tennis, chess and golf.
Buddy Program	A program called Anfitriones in which international students are assigned a local San Andrés student as a “buddy” is offered. There is a very active social calendar throughout the semester including a sports day and asado (barbeque).