Multisite Argentina & Chile
UCEAP Advising Notes

Objective

This document is an advising tool written by a Berkeley Study Abroad (BSA) Adviser to review program specific details that may impact a student’s decision to apply for a UCEAP program. The document is not a summary of eligibility requirements, academic, housing, application and other logistical details freely available to students on the UCEAP and BSA website. If any concerns you have are not addressed on the UCEAP website or the Advising Notes document, please contact the BSA Adviser for this program.

COVID-19 Information

The COVID-19 pandemic continues to present challenges related to health concerns and international travel. Please check UCEAP’s Pandemic Updates for the most up-to-date information about program cancellations for the 2023-24 academic year and additional resources and information.

Human Rights and Cultural Memory Program

The multisite program in Human Rights and Cultural Memory is offered in the fall where students spend the first half of the program in Buenos Aires and the second half of their time in Santiago.

Five courses are required for the program:
● Human Rights and Cultural Production in Argentina
● Human Rights in Argentina
● Human Rights, Poverty, and Development in Chile
● Memory and Human Rights: Chilean Literature, Film and Media
● Spanish for Human Rights

More information and sample syllabi for courses can be found on the UCEAP’s program Academics page.

Those who have high-level proficiency in Spanish are encouraged to consider an immersion program in Chile, Mexico, or Spain because course offerings and choices will be much greater. The immersion programs will also allow proficient Spanish speakers to engage more deeply in the same topics and material more widely available in Spanish.

Limited Capacity

The Human Rights and Cultural Memory program has limited spaces available and qualified applicants are accepted on a first-come, first serve basis.

The fall 2023 application opens on November 1, 2022 at 9am and the UCEAP application submission is the timestamp for consideration of admission to the program.

All students, regardless of what term they are applying for, must submit both the UCEAP and Berkeley Study Abroad applications. Please consult the application instructions and the Argentina/Chile Adviser if you have questions about the application process.

Students with Disabilities

While in Argentina and Chile, you may find accessibility and accommodation very different from what you experience in the US. Review how to request disability related accommodations on the I am a Student with a Disability page.

Argentina

Specific laws mandate access to buildings, but many provinces have not adopted the laws and have no mechanisms to ensure enforcement. There is no specific legislation enforcing Argentinian universities to offer special services to students with disabilities. UCEAP does not have any control over the host university’s lack of services and resources.

Chile

While conditions are in the process of improving, many public places are not accessible. Visit Chilean National Disability Agency (in Spanish) - for information on accessible places in Santiago and other locations.
LGBTQIA+ Students

Argentina
Threat to safety in the LGBTQIA+ community is minimal. Societal tolerance ranges from tolerance to acceptance.

Chile
Threat to safety in the LGBTQIA+ community is low. Societal tolerance ranges from mixed tolerance to tolerant. Visit Movimiento de Integración y Liberación Homosexual (MOVILH, in Spanish).

Review tips and resources for LGTBQIA+ Identifying Students.

Working Abroad
Students are not allowed to perform any paid or unpaid work under a tourist visa in Argentina or Chile.

Resources

Center for Latin American Studies

Being informed about the history and current affairs of Argentina, Chile, and Latin America, can lead to a more fulfilling study abroad experience. In addition to keeping up with Spanish language study prior to departure, you are also highly encouraged to attend lectures and events put on by the Center for Latin American Studies at UC Berkeley. You can join CLAS email list for event reminders.