



INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

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FACT SHEET 2018-2019

Setting

The Universidad Torcuato Di Tella is located in the residential neighborhood of Belgrano, in the northern part of the city of Buenos Aires.

Ranked as the best student city in Latin America and among the top student cities in the world, Buenos Aires is known for its rich artistic and cultural scene, its friendly inhabitants and for being the gateway to Argentina's spectacular landscapes.

History

Founded in 1991, the Universidad Torcuato Di Tella is a non-profit institution established on the pillars of two cornerstone organizations in Argentina: the SIAM factory (1910) and the Instituto Torcuato Di Tella (1958).

SIAM was the country's largest industrial company of its time and also the first Argentine organization to have commercial presence in several Latin American countries and Europe. Innovative and with a global perspective, it produced over 250 different products, ranging from household appliances to gas pumps and cars.

The Instituto Torcuato Di Tella (ITDT) was home to the artistic vanguard of the late 50s through the 60s. Also center of outstanding research in the Social Sciences, ITDT brought together some of Argentina's most influential intellectuals and artists.

Inheriting SIAM's entrepreneurial and innovative spirit and ITDT's vanguardist essence, the University's mission is to educate the country's new business, political, academic, social and artistic generations, and to foster basic and applied knowledge in an environment of academic excellence, pluralism of ideas and equal opportunity.

USEFUL LINKS

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ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Courses

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Semester dates

Undergraduate: First semester: first week of March – end of June
Second semester: first week of August – end of November
Note: Students taking courses other than those offered by the International Programs Department will have final exams anytime during the first three weeks of July, if coming in the first semester, and during the first three weeks of December, if coming in the second semester. Since final exams are required to pass a course, these students should plan to stay until the last day of the corresponding final exam period.

Graduate: First quarter: March – June
Second quarter: June – September
Third quarter: September - December

Academic load

Undergraduate: 3 courses per semester

Graduate: 4 courses per quarter

Grading system:

A	Outstanding	10
A-	Outstanding minus	9
B+	Very good plus	8
B	Very good	7
B-	Very good minus	6
C+	Satisfactory plus	5
C	Satisfactory	4
D	Fail	2
F	Fail	1
U	Absent	u

The lowest passing grade is C (Satisfactory).

Exams:

All courses have two evaluation instances. Satisfactory passing is a requirement for course approval. Most courses do not have make up exams. Thus, missing an exam implies failing the course.

Transcripts:

Will be sent to the home university coordinator approximately one month after the last day of exams.
Students taking Master's in International Relations courses should expect this time to double.

APPLICATION

Application

Language requirements:

A minimum of two years of college level Spanish or B2 for students who want to take courses in Spanish and/or B2 English for students whose mother tongue is not English and want to take courses in English.

Application process:

Upon nomination by their home universities, students must submit:

- › Application form
- › Official University transcript in English or Spanish including the most recent semester grades and an explanation of the grading system used at the home University
- › Proof of language proficiency
- › One page CV (Resumé)
- › Copy of personal passport information page (if you have multiple passports, please only send copy of the one you will use to enter Argentina)
- › Passport size photo for picture ID
- › Architecture students must also submit a 5-20 page portfolio in .pdf format weighing less than 10 MB. They will also be required to have an admissions interview in Spanish, via Skype.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Orientation Program:

Each semester a compulsory program is offered the Friday before the semester begins. This activity aims at helping students learn how to navigate the University, become familiar with social and academic resources/ programs, receive academic advice, enroll in classes, meet new people, begin to make connections and get questions answered. Optional cultural and social activities are offered on the Saturday after the orientation (a small fee applies).

Extracurricular activities:

Outside the classroom, the University offers a wide array of activities that allow international students to feel more integrated into the campus culture, as well as to meet Argentinian students and practice their Spanish in a more social atmosphere.

Students are encouraged to participate in extracurricular activities, such as the University's sports teams including: Basketball, Soccer, Field Hockey, Volleyball, Tennis, Golf, Running and Swimming. The University also holds various tournaments for students throughout the year and competes with several university groups within Argentina and internationally.

Other extracurricular activities include music classes, choir and singing groups, chess team, theater groups, walking groups, concerts, volunteer opportunities and writing contests.

Students are also encouraged to attend weekly art exhibits, seminars, workshops and social activities held by the different academic units and the student center (CEDIT).

Housing:

As a commuter campus, UTDT does not offer on-site accommodation. Accepted students receive housing information with their acceptance packages.

Health insurance:

UTDT requires all exchange students to be covered by a health insurance that includes medical diagnosis and treatment, preventive medicine, hospitalization, surgery and transplants, dental care, first aid and transportation to a hospital or clinic, medical equipment and appliances, treatment of chronic diseases, paramedical services and repatriation of mortal remains.

The insurance **must be obtained prior to arrival in Argentina** and must be valid from arrival until departure from Argentina. The University suggests the plan provided by William Hope. For details on the coverage, please download the **Plan Description**. Information on how to obtain this insurance will be sent in the admission letter. For questions about the plan, please contact Fernando Ceccardi: fernando_ceccardi@whopecom.ar
To obtain the insurance, please complete this **form**. The monthly cost for 2018 is: U\$D 90.

Alternative suggested providers are CEMIC, OSDE, Swiss Medical, Galeno, Medicus and any other local insurance that covers all the requirements listed above.

Students with pre-existing conditions should indicate this in their applications and contact us upon acceptance to discuss their medical needs and insurance coverage.

Students who fail to show proof of an adequate health insurance by the first week of classes will not be allowed to enroll at the University.

Visa:

Students from countries that do not need a tourist visa to enter Argentina and who will stay for up to 6 months:

if you have a passport issued by any of **these countries**, you will not need to obtain a visa prior to entering Argentina. Also, the only document you will need to obtain the residence permit in Argentina will be your passport.

Within 90 days of your arrival you will have to obtain the "Permiso de residencia". We will assist you in this process, which will be explained in detail during the mandatory Orientation Program.

Students from MERCOSUR countries and all students staying for more than 6 months:

you will need to bring police records from the country/ies you lived in during the past 5 years. Each must have the Apostille and, should these be issued in a language other than Spanish, they will require translation by a certified translator upon arrival in Argentina (translations done elsewhere won't be accepted).

Within 90 days of your arrival –and before your police records expire– you will have to obtain the "Permiso de residencia". We will assist you in this process, which will be explained in detail during the mandatory Orientation Program.

Students from countries that require a visa to enter Argentina:

after being accepted by UTDT, you will need to contact the Argentine Consulate with jurisdiction in your city of residence to enquire about their requirements to obtain the student visa (as they vary in the different countries). Please note that obtaining the visa is usually a lengthy process. Thus, we recommend that you do this promptly.

Students from Canada:

before entering Argentina, you will have to pay the reciprocity fee. Please see **this link** for step-by-step instructions on how to make this payment

Estimated monthly living costs:

Estimated living costs are included merely as a guide, as the lifestyles of students vary greatly. When budgeting, students should also consider pre-departure expenses relating to clothing, equipment, transportation to Argentina, etc.

- › Room and board: U\$D 800
- › Health insurance: U\$D 90
- › Transportation: U\$D 30
- › Books and supplies: U\$D 40
- › Personal expenses: U\$D 200

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