Dickinson in South America Program
Visa Application Process

Fall 2016

-IMPORTANT: DO NOT LOSE THIS CHECKLIST-

For the Ecuador portion of the program: US passport holders will enter Ecuador on a tourist status and remain as a tourist for the duration of stay in Ecuador. For the Argentina portion of the program: US passport holders enter Argentina as a tourist and must apply for a student visa in Argentina within 30 days.

If you are intending to stay for the academic year, you will need to obtain additional items for your visa.

Below are instructions from Argentina's Washington, D.C. consulate for US passport holders.

If you are **NOT** a US passport holder, you will need to research the visa requirements for your nationality.

What You Will Need TO DO:

- **READ** information on this instruction sheet and the visa forms.
- **GATHER** the supporting documentation for your visa application and **PAY** the immigration fee.
- **PRESENT** all required documentation to the *Dirección Nacional de Migraciones* in Argentina within 30 days for a student visa. Eliana Torres, Resident Director of the South America program will help you with this process.

Step 1: Prepare by Collecting Necessary Documentation

- Consult these instructions and the consulate website: http://embassyofargentina.us/embassyofargentina.us/en/consularsection/tramites/studentvisa.htm

Step 2: Complete the Visa Application and Gather Supporting Documents

- **Pay Immigration Fee before leaving the US**
  Currently US$160 and valid for ten years. Go to the *Provincia Pagos* payment system, register, pay with a credit card, print the receipt, and bring the receipt with you to prove payment.
  - http://www.migraciones.gov.ar/accesibleingles/?inicio: click "Reciprocity Fee." On the next page, click "Continue," "Sign Up" at the bottom of the page and complete the form with all required info (name, passport, etc.). Fill out a second page with additional information (gender, arrival date, etc.). Pay the fee with your credit card. Print out your receipt. **Remember to bring the paper receipt with you when you travel to Argentina.** Present the receipt at Immigration Control where it will be scanned and processed.
    - SPECIAL NOTE! Any time you re-enter Argentina, even if your passport is stamped, you will need to produce this receipt and proof of payment to enter.

Step 3: APPLY!

- **Long-term studies** (more than 90 days): students will enter as "tourists", but must bring the required documentation listed below, to adjust their immigration status while in Argentina.
- Within 30 days of enrollment at UNCuyo, applicants must submit the documents listed on the checklist to the *Dirección Nacional de Migraciones*. The on-site director will assist with this process.

CHECKLIST FOR YOUR VISA APPLICATION

Items you will need to submit to the *Dirección Nacional de Migraciones* for a complete visa application:

Required Items	Provided by:	Notes
Official letter of admission for UNCuyo	UNCuyo	You will receive this letter on-site in Mendoza. *Currently not required but may be subject to change
One (1) completed and signed Visa Application form^	You	Form found online at: http://embassyofargentina.us/embassyofargentina.us/en/consularsection/tramites/studentvisa.htm
Valid, Signed passport	You	Must be valid AT LEAST 6 months AFTER the end date of the program.
A photo ID (i.e. Driver's License)		Must be on white background
Reciprocity Fee Payment Receipt	You	Currently US$160 and valid for ten years. Go to the *Provincia Pagos* payment system, register, pay with a credit card, print the receipt, and bring the receipt with you to prove payment. http://www.migraciones.gov.ar/accesibleingles/?inicio: click "Reciprocity Fee." On the next page, click "Continue," "Sign Up" at the bottom of the page and complete the form with all required info (name, passport, etc.). Fill out a second page with additional information (gender, arrival date, etc.). Pay the fee with your credit card. Print out your receipt. **Remember to bring the paper receipt with you when you travel to Argentina.** Present the receipt at Immigration Control where it will be scanned and processed.
*Clear criminal record certificate (for home country)	You	***ONLY NEEDED FOR STAYS OVER 6 MONTHS**. A clear criminal record certificate from each state/country you have resided in during the last 5 years; must be legalized with the Hague Convention "Apostille." Research online the process for your home state/county.
Clear criminal record certificate (for Argentina)	You	Issued by the Argentine Federal Police Department or the "Registro Nacional de Reincidencia (to be requested once you are in Argentina)
Payment for visa equivalent to 600 pesos (approx. $70 USD)	You	This fee is paid to the Dirección Nacional de Migraciones in Mendoza, Argentina.

^Note you may never be asked to submit this form, but we recommend completing it and having it ready incase it is asked of you

*** Do not forget to pay the Immigration Fee online before arrival in Argentina ***

OBTAINING A VISA ON-SITE IN MENDOZA

You will be assisted in this process by the Resident Director, Eliana Torres. You should prepare to be flexible and work with the fluid landscape of obtaining the visa in Argentina. Note: If you are going to Argentina for the full year, please do not disregard the need for the apostilled criminal record certificate. You must follow all of the instructions and keep abreast of changes in the Argentine law. Failure to have all of the proper documents could prove very costly for you and your family.

In order to obtain the Argentine visa you will need to plan to wake up one morning very early and wait in line at the RENAR. Before doing this Eliana will advise you to make a bank payment beforehand. The RENAR only accepts a small number of applicants per day and people begin lining up at 7am or earlier. You will need to be sure to have any and all paperwork and identification you have with you when going. When you get one of the spots and are processed, be sure to keep the paperwork you are given.

Next you will need to make an appointment online with migrations and take the paperwork you have to the national bank, which will also be a long line, and pay the fees for the visa.

Once the fees are paid you are all set to be seen at your appointment in the migrations office (which can take a few hours with wait time included) to complete the process. Note that after you are waited on you will be asked to go make copies of the visa down the street and return either later that day or the next morning to finalize and distribute copies of the visa.

Only after all of these processes are completed correctly will you be issued the Argentine visa necessary for studying there.

Please contact the Center for Global Study and Engagement (CGSE) with any questions.

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