

# 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 5,000 students enrolled, Universidad de San Andrés provides the possibility of studying with professors who conduct cutting-edge research and 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 provide personal attention to answer student questions and concerns. Most faculty members hold Ph.D. degrees from international universities, and a majority 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 in the lovely Recoleta neighborhood.</p>
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## ACADEMICS

<p><b>Language of Instruction</b></p>	<p><b>SPANISH:</b> The primary language of instruction is Spanish. 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. Students with an intermediate level of Spanish may be considered on a case-by-case basis and depending on their individual study plan while at UdeSA. If determined during the application process that applicants have not achieved the appropriate level, students will be denied admissions or in some cases required to take the Spanish Intensive Program prior to the beginning of the semester (see below for more information).  <b>ENGLISH:</b> During the Aug-Dec academic semester each year, a limited number of courses (approximately 10) are offered in English. In addition, many courses have some reading materials in English. Students should be proficient in English (B2 level). UdeSA cannot guarantee that exchange students will be able to register only in courses taught in English.</p>																																								
<p><b>Language Courses</b></p>	<p>Two levels of 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.          During February &amp; July a fee based Intensive Spanish program is held for Spanish at the intermediate level. See below for more information. <b>IMPORTANT:</b> Students interested in July Intensive Spanish Program should submit app as early as possible</p>																																								
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<b>Areas of Study</b>	Undergraduate Majors: Accounting, Business Administration, Communication, Design, Digital Business, Economics, Education, Humanities, International Relations, Law, Political Science and Government, Behavioral Science, and Artificial Intelligence Engineering. 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.
<b>Course Catalog</b>	<a href="https://www.udesa.edu.ar/catalogo-de-materias">https://www.udesa.edu.ar/catalogo-de-materias</a> . The catalog of courses includes a brief description, classroom contact hours, and a link to a recent syllabus as well as the semester in which the course is offered and year in degree when students take the course.
<b>Course Registration</b>	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.
<b>Course Load</b>	Recommended 3 or 4 courses per semester. Min 2 courses - Max 4 courses. Five 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).
<b>Grading System</b>	10 point scale, 4 is a pass.
<b>Credits</b>	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

<b>International Programs Offered for Undergrad Students</b>	<p><b>Exchange Programs:</b> Semester or yearlong programs through <u>exchange partner institutions</u>. Direct Enrollment and/or Program in Latin American Studies: 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.</p> <p>Intensive Spanish Program: A four-week program for students who wish to improve their Spanish skills. It takes place in Feb and July at UdeSA's downtown campus and includes 4 hours of Spanish instruction per day. The program fee is reduced for students from partner universities.</p>
<b>International Students</b>	Approximately 50 per semester
<b>Deadlines</b>	<p>Nomination deadline: <b>Sem 1</b> : Sept 15 - <b>Sem 2</b>: Feb 15 Application deadline: <b>Sem 1</b>: Oct 15 - <b>Sem 2</b>: Mar 15</p> <p><b>IMPORTANT:</b> Students interested in July Intensive Spanish Program should submit app as early as possible.</p>

<p><b>Application</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Application Instructions</a></li> <li>• Online <a href="#">Registration Form</a></li> <li>• Brief Essays, <a href="#">Housing Form</a>, <a href="#">Health Form</a>, <a href="#">Consent Form</a></li> <li>• Passport Copy, Photo</li> <li>• Support Documents: University Transcript, One page resume (CV), Recent certificates of Spanish level and/or Recommendation Letter certifying Spanish level</li> <li>• In certain cases, UdeSA may require an interview to check Spanish language level.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Eligibility Requirements</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At least 18 years of age.</li> <li>• Be in good standing at your home university.</li> <li>• At least 2<sup>nd</sup> year standing in undergraduate program when program begins. • A minimum of four semesters of college-level Spanish or the equivalent. • Prior coursework related to intended studies at the Universidad de San Andrés</li> </ul>
<p><b>Visa</b></p>	<p><u>Students who will be in the country more than 90 days:</u> International students studying in Argentina for longer than 90 days must acquire a Student/Resident VISA for their exchange period. Students should apply through the nearest Argentine consulate as soon as they have received their letter of acceptance as the visa process may take up to three months. Those accepted to UdeSA with less than a three-month margin should contact the Office of International Programs for further instructions. More information about the visa process can be found at: <a href="https://www.cancilleria.gob.ar/en/services/visas/student-visa-365-days">https://www.cancilleria.gob.ar/en/services/visas/student-visa-365-days</a> <u>Students from Mercosur countries and ALL students who will stay longer than six months:</u> in addition to the above requirements, these students must provide an apostilled certificate of good conduct (criminal background check) of the countries in which they have resided for more than 1yr during the previous 3yrs.</p> <p><u>Students who will be in the country for less than 90 days:</u> Students in the country for less than 90 days may stay on a tourist visa throughout their stay.</p>
<p><b>Orientation</b></p>	<p>Students must participate in the mandatory orientation which takes place the Thurs &amp; Fri before classes start. It includes a Spanish evaluation for placement into the semester Spanish course.</p>
<p><b>Health Insurance</b></p>	<p>The purchase of a local health insurance policy is required. Students may petition to waive this requirement if their international policy meets minimum requirements. Petitions will not be accepted after the letter of acceptance is emitted. Estimated cost for a local policy is USD \$350 per semester. 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><b>SABE Scholarship</b></p>	<p>The SABE Scholarship (San Andres Building Excellence) to offer to offset tuition fees for students participating in the Program in Latin American Studies or Direct Enrollment. Students are awarded the scholarship based on financial need and merit. The SABE application must be submitted with the application for admission.</p>

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**STUDENT LIFE**

<p><b>Arrival Assistance</b></p>	<p>Airport pick up is available for a fee. For students participating in PLAS or Direct Enrollment, this service is included in the cost of the program.</p>
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<p><b>Housing</b></p>	<p><u>Host families:</u> Students may wish to live with an Argentine family during their stay. UdeSA staff provides a list of families who have hosted international students in the past. This option usually includes breakfast and dinner every day (except for dinner on Saturdays). These arrangements, as well as cost, shall be finalized between students and their host family.</p> <p><u>Apartment:</u> UdeSA staff provides information and resources so students can find their own housing in the city. Prices vary.</p> <p><u>On campus dormitories:</u> A limited number of spaces are available in the on-campus dormitory. The residence hall provides shared rooms (doubles &amp; quadruples) for approximately 120 students just steps away from the academic buildings. The building has 24hr 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>
<p><b>Average Expenses (1 sem)</b> -varies depending on student personal habits.</p>	<p><u>Estimates current as of update of Fact Sheet. Spending will vary by student personal habits.</u></p> <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)- approximately USD \$350 per semester. • Public Transportation - USD \$200</li> <li>• Books and Supplies - USD \$150</li> <li>• Visa Expenses – USD \$200</li> <li>• Personal Expenses (lunches, laundry, cell phone, entertainment) - USD \$1200-\$2500</li> </ul>
<p><b>Facilities/ Services</b></p>	<p>The Campus in Victoria is well equipped with a library, computer labs, study rooms, dining hall, green spaces, soccer fields, dormitories, locker room, counseling center and student lounge.</p>
<p><b>Social and Volunteer Activities</b></p>	<p>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.</p>
<p><b>Cultural Activities Package</b></p>	<p>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.</p>
<p><b>Sports Programs</b></p>	<p>San Andrés has a wide range of options for practicing sports. There are teams for football (soccer), basketball, field 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.</p>
<p><b>Buddy Program</b></p>	<p>The San Andrés “Programa de Anfitriones” pairs a local student from Universidad de San Andrés, a buddy (anfitrión in Spanish), with an UdeSA international student for a semester. The opportunity seeks to encourage interaction among students, assist international students as they adapt to Argentine culture and academic system and promote internationalization among UdeSA students.</p>