

FACT SHEET 2024/25

UNDERGRADUATE

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ABOUT UNIVERSIDAD DE SAN ANDRÉS

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.

With more than 7,500 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.

Our main Campus is located in Victoria, 40 min from Buenos Aires. With 7 green hectares, nature and technological innovation are combined to create an environment ideal for high performance within a true university spirit. Since 2019, we are bringing our educational quality also to the City of Buenos Aires at 4 centrally located sites: Riobamba 1276, Peru 352, Suipacha 1333 and Callao 1055.

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15 UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS	28 GRADUATE PROGRAMS	8 ACADEMIC DEPARTMENTS	17 RESEARCH CENTERS
7500 STUDENTS	+9500 ALUMNI	791 FULL TIME PROFESSORS	12.5 to 1 STUDENTS/FACULTY RATIO
53% STUDENTS RECEIVE SCHOLARSHIP	10% STUDENTS LIVE IN CAMPUS	2131m² DORMS IN CAMPUS	7 hectares GREEN AREAS IN CAMPUS

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ACADEMICS

UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES: Business Administration ■ Accounting ■ Finance ■ Digital Business ■ Political Science and Government ■ International Relations ■ Communication ■ Economics ■ Education ■ Teacher Training in Elementary Education ■ Behavioral Sciences ■ Humanities ■ Design ■ Artificial Intelligence Engineering ■ Law

LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION: The primary language of instruction is **Spanish**. Students must have the equivalent of at least **two years of college-level Spanish or a B2 level** 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 admission or in some cases required to take the Intensive Spanish Program prior to the start of the semester.

During the Aug-Dec semester each year, a limited number of courses are offered in English. In addition, many courses have some reading materials in English. **Students should be proficient in English (B2 level).**

LANGUAGE COURSES: 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 & July** a fee-based **Intensive Spanish program** is held for Spanish at the intermediate level. **IMPORTANT:** Students interested in July ISP should submit application as early as possible.



CREDITS: UdeSA 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.

GRADING SYSTEM: 10 point scale, 4 is a pass.

COURSE CATALOG: 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.

COURSE LOAD: Recommended **3 or 4 courses per semester** (Min 2 courses - Max 4 courses). Courses require between 4 and 6 hrs. of class time per course per week (including lectures & tutorials).

COURSE REGISTRATION: Students will be sent a final list of 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 on the list provided they have sufficient academic background.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

	Int. Student Orientation	Term Dates	Final Exams	Makeup Exams*	Transcripts Released
SEM 1/24	Feb 22 - 23	Feb 26 - Jul 6	Jun 24 - Jul 6	Jul 8 - 12	Sept
SEM2/24	Ago 1 - 2	Ago 5 - Dec 14	Dec 2 - 14	Dec 16 - 20	Feb
SEM 1/25*	Feb 20 - 21	Feb 24 - Jul 4	Jun 23 - Jul 4	Jul 7 - 11	Sept
SEM2/25*	Jul 31 -Aug 1	Ago 4 - Dec 12	Dec 1 - 12	Dec 15 - 19	Feb

*Dates subject to change

INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

EXCHANGE PROGRAMS: Semester or year long programs through exchange partner institutions. UdeSA received approximately 90 exchange students per semester.

DIRECT ENROLLMENT: Semester or year long program, which allows students who do not come from exchange partner institutions to directly enroll in courses at UdeSA.

FREE MOVER: If there is no formal agreement on student exchange between your university and Universidad de San Andrés and you wish to attend, you can apply as a free mover.

INTENSIVE SPANISH PROGRAM: Intensive program for students who wish to improve their Spanish skills. It takes place in Feb and July at UdeSA's downtown campus. The program fee is reduced for students from partner universities.

VISA: Students who will be in the country more than **90 days:** 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. **Students from Mercosur and ALL students who will stay longer than six months:** In addition to the above requirements, these students must provide an apostilled certificate of criminal background check of the countries in which they have resided for more than 1 year during the previous 3 years. **Students who will be in the country for less than 90 days:** Students in the country for less than 90 days may stay on a tourist visa throughout their stay.

REQUIREMENTS	DEADLINES	APPLICATION
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At least 18 years of age. • Be in good standing at your home university. • At least 2nd 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 	<p>NOMINATION DEADLINE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sem 1 (March-July): Sept 15 • Sem 2 (Aug-Dec): Feb 15 <p>APPLICATION DEADLINE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sem 1 (March-July): Oct 15 • Sem 2 (Aug-Dec): March 15 <p>IMPORTANT: Students interested in July Intensive Spanish Program should submit app as early as possible (latest Mar. 15).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application Instructions • Online Registration Form • Brief Essays, Housing Form, Health Form, Consent Form • Passport Copy, Photo • Support Documents: University Transcript, One page resume (CV), Recent certificates of Spanish level and/or Recommendation Letter certifying Spanish level • In certain cases, UdeSA may require an interview to check Spanish language level.

ORIENTATION: Students must participate in the mandatory orientation, which takes place the Thursday & Friday before classes start.

HEALTH INSURANCE: The purchase of a local health insurance policy is required for all international students. Students may not petition to waive this requirement. Estimated cost for a local policy is USD \$425 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.



SABE SCHOLARSHIP: Excellence Scholarship is offered to offset tuition fees for students participating in the ISP or come on Direct Enrollment/Free movers. Students are awarded the scholarship based on financial need and merit. The SABE application must be submitted with admissions application.

STUDENT LIFE

FACILITIES/ SERVICES: 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.



HOUSING

RESIDENCE HALL: A limited number of spaces are available in the university housing. UdeSA has an on-campus dormitory and the Jacaranda Residence 18 blocks away from campus. The residence hall is for undergraduate students only. Please contact our office for more information about the cost of the university residence halls.

HOST FAMILIES: Students may wish to live with an Argentine family during their stay. UdeSA staff provides a list of families who have hosted 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.

APARTMENTS: UdeSA staff provides information and resources so students can find their own housing in the city or close to the Victoria Campus. Prices vary.

SOCIAL & VOLUNTEER: UdeSA offers 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.

SPORTS: UdeSA has a wide range of options for practicing sports. There are football, basketball, field hockey, swimming, archery, volleyball and running teams. Exchange students are invited to join these teams. Internal and external tournaments are held for these sports, as well as tennis, chess, archery and golf.

CULTURAL ACTIVITIES: Students can sign up to participate in cultural activities including city tour, trip to the Delta, graffiti tour, tango activity, etc.

BUDDY PROGRAM: The “Programa de Anfitriones” pairs a local student from Universidad de San Andrés 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.