Visa Instructions

First, check if you need a Visa to enter Argentina clicking here.

If you need a visa, you will need a permit to enter Argentina. Please let us know about this situation when you apply, as this permit might take up to 3 months to have it issued.

Before you get started, there are some important aspects to consider:

- If you are staying more than 90 days, you must get the visa (called residencia) at the Immigration Office in Buenos Aires.
- If you come from Mercosur countries, or countries affiliated to the Mercosur, you can get the visa by yourself (you do not need any documents from the University) and you can request the residencia temporaria at the Argentine Consulate in your country.
- If you are staying more than 180 days in Argentina, you must bring a background check/criminal record from your country of residence. **Required documents:** Valid passport and police records from your country/ies of residence over the past 5 years. Each must have the Apostille. If these records are issued in a language other than Spanish, they will have to be translated and legalized in Argentina (translations done overseas will not be accepted). Please note that some police records have an expiration date; to be valid, yours should expire no sooner than 60 days after your arrival in Argentina.
- Depending on the duration of your stay and type of program, you will get a transitory residence or temporary residence.
- You should start the visa process within 30 days of arrival.
STAGES IN THE VISA PROCESS

I) Background Check (Certificado de antecedentes penales)

1. Make an appointment at Reincidencias on the Web.
2. Go to Reincidencias in person.
3. Print out the background check.

1. Making an appointment

The background check is issued by the Dirección Nacional del Registro Nacional de Reincidencias, an office that depends from the Ministry of Justice. To request it, you need to:

   a. Go to: http://www.dnrec.jus.gov.ar/InicioTramite/
   b. Select the country (país): Argentina, and the province (provincia). Note: C.A.B.A. stands for Ciudad Autónoma de Buenos Aires, that is, Buenos Aires city
   c. Select an office location: Tucumán 1353 (Ciudad de Buenos Aires)
   d. Click on Siguiente
   e. Pick the date and time when you want to attend
   f. Type your passport number (if your passport includes letters, just write the numbers). Type your phone number, e-mail.
   g. The cost will depend on how fast you want the result.
   h. Complete personal information
   i. Print out the appointment info, or write down the number under the bar code. This information is necessary to identify your turn, or to cancel it if necessary.

   Comment: we recommend making the appointment ahead of time, the first week of classes or even prior to arrival.

2. Going to Reincidencias

a. Go to the office you selected on the date and time you choose. There are several locations. The closest to Austral in downtown Buenos Aires is: Tucumán 1357, Ciudad de Buenos Aires (also known as Capital Federal)
b. Bring with you:
   - Your Passport.
   - Photocopies of the first two pages.
   - The fee applicable to the time-frame you choose.
   - The appointment print-out.
c. Bear in mind that:
   - You will be requested to fill out a form
   - Your fingerprints will be filed
   - The process may take longer than the usual 45 minutes.

II) Certificado de Domicilio

Buenos Aires:
At the police station closest to the place where you live, please, request a Certificado de Domicilio. It is a certificate stating your address in Buenos Aires. If you have a rent contract, bring a copy to the police station.

Pilar:
Those students living in Pilar should get the Certificado de Domicilio in the Registro Civil de Derqui, located in Av. de Mayo 133, Presidente Derqui (Pilar)
Opening hours: From Monday to Friday (8:00am-1:00pm)
Tel: (0230) 448-6211

III) Migrations Office (Dirección Nacional de Migraciones)

1. Make an appointment on DNM’s website
2. Go to the Migrations Office in person
3. Print out the visa

   1. Making an appointment

      Go to: http://www.migraciones.gov.ar/turnos/verificar_jurisdiccion.php
      It is not possible to make an appointment without the background check.

   2. Going to the Immigration Office

      a. The day of your appointment, you must go to Migraciones: Av. Antártida Argentina 1355
      b. Students from Mercosur countries should request a Residencia Temporaria at the corresponding area. Students from non-Mercosur countries must look for the area called Departamento Gestión de Trámites NO MERCOSUR, and request a Residencia Transitoria.
      c. You must bring the following documents:
         - Passport
         - Certificado de Antecedentes Penales (background check) issued by Argentina
         - Background check issued by the student’s country and a notarized translation to Spanish (only for students staying more than 6 months)
         - Two pictures (front, white background, 4cm by 4cm)
- The **Certificado de Domicilio** (Address Certificate)
- The **Constancia de inscripción electronica**, which you will receive from Universidad Austral – unless you are Mercosur student; you do not need it then.
- Depending on your student status at Austral you may need to bring a copy of the Exchange Agreement, or a letter stating you are a degree-seeking student, etc. You will receive it from Austral.
- **Fee in AR$ in cash**

3. *Picking up the Visa*

Eventually, you will have to print your visa from the DNM’s web.