



PRE-DEPARTURE LOCATION ORIENTATION

Buenos Aires, Spring 2024



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ORIENTATION OVERVIEW



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**CARE TEAM
CIRCLE**
JANUARY 17

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MEET YOUR SPEAKERS

We're excited to support you as you prepare for a Verto semester.

We're joined here today by:



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STUDENT LIFE COORDINATOR



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ACADEMIC SUCCESS
COORDINATOR



MATTEO

COMMUNITY MANAGER



AGENDA

- Breakout Warm-Up
- Preparation and Arrival Process
- Program-Specific Expectations
- Your Academic Experience
- Living Life In Buenos Aires
 - Housing
 - Staff
 - Academic Facility
 - Packing & Budgeting
 - City Transportation, Food & Spots
- Next Steps & Questions

Reminders: Complete attendance survey at the end & course schedules/housing assignments will be shared soon!

MINI-BREAK

Share Out in Chat

**What are you most
excited about?**

**What do you have
questions about?**

*Also mention your name,
pronouns, where you are from,
and where you are going for your
study abroad experience!*





BIENVENIDOS A BUENOS AIRES

We're excited for you to study abroad in the beautiful city of Buenos Aires!

PREPARING TO GO



PRE-DEPARTURE DOCUMENTS

These can be found on the Enrolled Participants Page:

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 - Code of Responsibility
- **Arrival Guide** will be sent via email

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Carry on:

- All documents for customs
(we'll go over that in a moment)
- All electronics & outlet adapters
- All prescription medicine and doctor's notes
- A change of clothes (for 2 days) in case your luggage gets lost
- Toothbrush & daily toiletries



Packing Tips: Advice from Alumni

- Do research on the local weather and fashion
- Throw in a pair of fuzzy slippers
- Travel sized toiletries
- Medicines & contact lens solution
- Neutral and interchangeable clothing & comfortable shoes
- Embrace a minimalist lifestyle



Packing Tips: What To Avoid

WE RECOMMEND YOU DO NOT BRING:

- Prized possessions: heirloom jewelry, irreplaceable tokens, etc. It's not worth the risk of losing an item.
- Too many clothes - chances are you'll want to acquire some new stuff!
- Anything you can't carry
- Locked cell phones



Documents for Customs

REMEMBER TO CARRY:

- Your Passport!
- Photocopies of your PASSPORT and printout of your CISI (medical insurance) card.

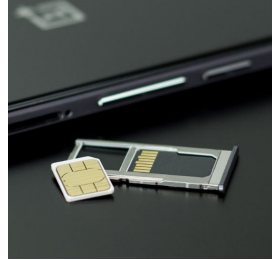
Note: Stamps in your passport are digital



Staying in Contact While Abroad

CELL PHONE PLAN:

- Students **MUST** have a cell phone number where they can be contacted while studying in Buenos Aires.
- Having a working cell phone is a requirement for program participation
- **You've got Options:**
 - International Plan (You get this from your US provider)
 - Getting a local SIM Card (The staff will provide you with a local SIM Card)
- **Unlock your phone prior to travel**



Money Matters

- Inform Your Bank That You'll Be Abroad
 - If you don't they may block your card for suspicious activity
- Bring at least 400 U.S. dollars in cash (bills of 100 USD)
- Credit cards are accepted, but at a different exchange rate



Have a Plan: Budgeting Guidelines

Develop A Personal Budget:

- Expenses are dependent upon your lifestyle! Some students will spend less and others more. To create your budget, think about:
 - How many meals do you plan on eating outside your housing?
 - How important are clothes, souvenirs, or physical items to you?
 - Do you plan to take any weekend trips outside of planned activities? (transportation, food, activities, accommodations)
 - Snacks, toiletries, and discretionary
 - The basics: laundry, cell phone plan, medicine
- Students in Buenos Aires usually spend between \$50 - \$100 per week, depending on their personal habits (homestay or apartment)



Arrival and Discovery Week

What To Do When You Arrive:

- Pickup at Buenos Aires airport and transportation to housing is provided on January 22nd
 - Plan to arrive between 6AM - 5PM
- Get your luggage, exit baggage claim, and look for the Verto staff there (t-shirts and signs!) More info in your Student Portal
- Shuttle will leave every couple hours and take you to your new home

In-Person Orientation:

- Get ready for an exciting and informative week!
- Discovery week starts the day after arrival and your attendance is required
- We'll cover everything you need to know to get the best start to the program



Discovery Week

January 22nd to January 24th

- Required Attendance
- Full cohort, Care Team, and Small Group Sessions
- Informative sessions, chances to meet staff, professors, and fellow students
- Activities in the city and an excursions nearby
- Day Trip on Friday!
- Picnic lunches and free time too



STUDY CENTER VERTO BUENOS AIRES

What if ...

My Flight Is Delayed?

- Because you will have submitted your flight information via the student portal, our staff can track your flight
- Email: buenosaires@vertoeducation.org
- If you arrive after 5pm, Verto staff can help you with transit to your destination.
- **Emergency number:** +54 9 11 2464-7983

I Arrive Outside The Arrival Window?

- Check your Student Portal for “Arrival Guide”



PROGRAM- SPECIFIC EXPECTATIONS



Community Guidelines

Follow Your Code Of Responsibility:

- Community Values, Care Teams and Verto Discovery

Tips For Life In Buenos Aires:

- **Life in Buenos Aires:** a warm and welcoming people!
- **Safety:**
 - Don't make yourself a target by walking with airpods, flashing your phones, or carrying your wallet in your back pocket
 - Walk with friends after dark
 - Let others know where you're going
 - Use the independent travel form when traveling outside of Buenos Aires
 - Don't accept drinks from strangers
 - Carry a bag with a zipper and keep it in front of your body



Alcohol Safety

Following Your Code Of Responsibility:

- Because you are 18 years of age, you have reached the legal drinking age in Buenos Aires
- You are legally allowed to consume alcohol in Buenos Aires (not possess it in Verto facilities)
- You are NOT permitted to use alcohol in an irresponsible way or to abuse alcohol
- Being a “drunken American” wandering the streets puts you and your peers at risk and makes you a target
- Code of responsibility violations can lead to serious consequences up to dismissal



ACADEMIC EXPECTATIONS



Academic Facility:

Study Center:

- You will take courses at our Study Center located within the heart of Buenos Aires' commercial and social center.
- The facility includes classrooms, study space, indoor/outdoor common areas to hang out and study, air conditioning, and WIFI.



Things to keep in mind:

- Each course includes experiential learning activities that may take place on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays

Academic Facility:

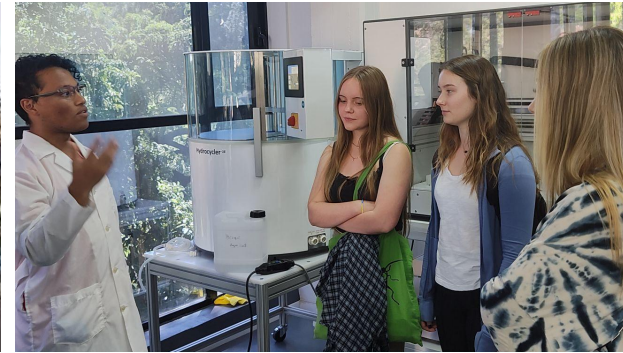
Course Related Activities:



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LIVING IN BUENOS AIRES



The Verto Experience:

YOUR CARE TEAM COORDINATORS



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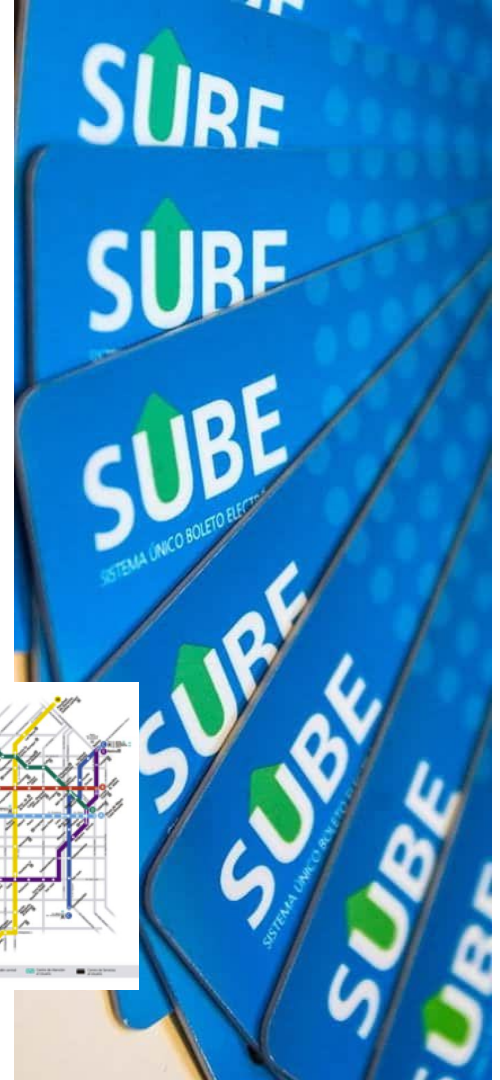


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Transportation

- Students use a SUBE Card
- Valid for metro, train and buses
- Uber & Cabify
- Plenty of walking and biking!



City Food

- Argentine cuisine is a blending of Mediterranean influences brought by the Spanish during the colonial period, and later by Italian and other European immigrants.
- Social gatherings involve sharing a meal. Sunday family lunch is considered the most significant meal of the week.
- Most regions of Argentina are known for their beef-oriented diet.
- Breakfast is small and consists of coffee (or mate) and pastry. In most parts of Argentina, lunch is the largest meal of the day. Dinner after 9pm.



City Spots



Program Excursions

- Tigre Delta (January 26th)
- Colonia, Uruguay
- Ranch Visit
- Iguazú Falls



NEXT STEPS & QUESTIONS



MARK YOUR ATTENDANCE

IMPORTANT: Report Your Attendance
before the end of the Session



(Required) Care Team Circle Date

January 17th at vertoeducation.org/orientation

Location Resources

- In Student Portal

To access, visit
bit.ly/vertoattendancesp24

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