

Argentine Visa Guide

This guide is a resource to help students understand the Argentine student visa process. This guide is accurate as of 2016; however, requirements and procedures are subject to change at any time without notice. It is vital that students refer to the Argentine consulates as the final authority on all immigration matters. This guide is not a substitute for consulate requirements.

It is the student's responsibility to research and follow any and all requirements to enter and study in Argentina.

This guide assumes that students have the following:

- U.S. or Canadian citizenship
- A current passport valid for at least one year after the program end date

If the student is not a U.S. or Canadian citizen, additional/alternate requirements may apply. Please check with the nearest consulate for final determination of requirements.

CEA cannot and will not intervene between students and the Argentine government, airlines, or other authorities.

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Section A: Checklist for Entry and/or Obtaining a Student Visa

1. Find (or apply for) your U.S. or Canadian passport

You will need a current U.S. or Canadian passport that:

- Is in good condition
- Contains at least one completely blank page
- Will remain valid for at least one year beyond the program end date

If you don't have a passport or your current passport doesn't meet these requirements, [apply for a new passport](#) as soon as possible. Keep in mind that it can take up to two months for a passport to be issued. Please ensure your passport information is entered in your MyCEA account to-do list as soon as it is available.

2. Book a round-trip flight

Before you book a flight:

- Be sure your program dates have been finalized
- Follow the Arrival Guidelines as indicated in [CEA Policies](#)
- Contact your Site Specialist if you are unsure of the date/time/airport you should fly in to or out of Argentina.

An Important Note about Airline Requirements:

Some airlines may have outdated or incorrect entry requirements listed in their databases. As a result, they may have different requirements to board their flights than the Argentine government actually necessitates for entry into the country. You should contact your airline before you book your flight to ensure you have the appropriate documentation to board.

If, upon check-in, an airline representative states you must have a visa prior to boarding your flight, you will have documentation from CEA to prove your compliance with Argentinian visa requirements. This will be provided to you via email by your Site Specialist one week prior to the start of the program.

3. Pay the Argentina reciprocity fee online prior to departure

Please refer to the [“How to Pay the Argentina Online Reciprocity Fee”](#) document in your MyCEA account for specific instructions on how to pay your fee online.

All U.S. and Canadian citizens are required to pay a fee prior to leaving the U.S. or Canada in order to enter Argentina. *Depending on program length and institution, some students will also be required to obtain a student visa after arrival in Argentina. Please see step 4 for more information.*

Important notes about the reciprocity fee:

- The fee is equivalent to \$160 (USD) and must be paid via credit card online with Visa, MasterCard or American Express prior to departure. It cannot be paid at the airport.
- It is valid for 10 years and multiple entries for **U.S. citizens**.
- It is valid for 5 years and multiple entries for **Canadian citizens**.
- After paying the online reciprocity fee, you will receive a bar-coded receipt that must be printed and taken with you to the airport. You will show your passport and receipt to the immigration official(s). The receipt will be scanned and your information checked, and your entry to the country will be duly registered.
- You may be asked to show proof of your round-trip flight.
- Do not lose your reciprocity fee receipt, as you must present it any time you go through Migrations.
- The reciprocity fee permits you to enter Argentina and stay for up to 90 consecutive days with a tourist visa.

4. Determine whether or not you need a student visa

The following guidelines are based on program length and institution.

Summer, Short-Term, or Semester Students – 90 Days or Less

- For U.S. and Canadian students whose program duration does not exceed 90 days, the reciprocity fee is sufficient; a student visa is not required.
- If you have made plans to travel independently before or after your program, thus causing your stay in Argentina to exceed 90 days, you must ensure you leave the country before 90 days has passed in order to renew your tourist visa.

University of Belgrano Semester Students – 90 Days or More

- For U.S. and Canadian students whose program durations exceed 90 days, the reciprocity fee is required to enter the country, and a student visa (transitory residence) must be obtained after arrival in Argentina. Students cannot obtain a visa prior to entering Argentina.
- Please follow the directions in Step 3 for initial entry into Argentina.
- After your arrival in Argentina, you will be required to apply for a student visa.
- During the first few days of your program, you will attend a mandatory orientation in which you will learn about the student visa process for U.S. and Canadian citizens. CEA onsite staff and/or representatives from the University of Belgrano will assist you with the steps, but it is ultimately your responsibility to follow through with the instructions to obtain the visa.
 - The University of Belgrano requires students to apply for a student visa in order to process transcripts. Your transcript will **not** be issued if you fail to obtain the visa.
 - You will not need any application documents (other than your passport and reciprocity fee receipt) prior to arrival in Argentina.
 - You will be required to pay for the Argentine Criminal background check (60 pesos) and the student visa (600 pesos). These fees may be subject to change.

CEA Buenos Aires Center Students – 90 Days or More

- For U.S. and Canadian students whose program durations exceed 90 days, the reciprocity fee is sufficient; a student visa is not required.
- Before 90 days has passed, you must leave Argentina temporarily, ensuring your passport is stamped upon both departure and re-entry.
- CEA organizes an excursion to Colonia del Sacramento, Uruguay, before the expiration of your first 90 days to accomplish this.
- Upon your return to Argentina, you will receive a new tourist visa valid for another 90 days.

Section B: CEA's Role in the Visa Process

CEA provides U.S. and Canadian students with the basic information necessary to determine Argentine entry and visa requirements. For additional information, you must contact your designated Argentine consulate and/or your airline.

CEA can provide a proof of enrollment letter upon written request for non-U.S. or Canadian citizens. We will need to know through which Argentine consulate you are applying for your travel documents. Please consult your consulate for current processing time and additional requirements.

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Section C: Student Visa FAQs

Q: What is a visa?

A: A visa is an official authorization affixed to a passport, permitting entry into and travel within a particular country or region. When visas are required, they are necessary travel documents, but they do not necessarily guarantee entry into a country.

Airline officials may require certain documentation, such as a visa and/or evidence of a return flight within a certain time period, to permit you to board your flight. The Argentine immigration official(s) at the point of arrival will review your documents and make a determination as to whether entry will be permitted based on the purpose of entry and the length of stay. There is no legal right to a visa.

Q: Do I need to obtain a student visa?

A: Please review [Section A4](#), which covers in detail which CEA programs require a student visa. This document is a guide only; all students should contact their designated Argentine Consulate with questions about visas as these offices have the final authority on what is ultimately required. It is your responsibility to ensure you have the appropriate documents to enter and study in Argentina.

Q: What documents do I need to travel?

A: In order to travel to Argentina, U.S. and Canadian citizens must have a current passport that is in good condition, has at least one completely blank page, and is valid for at least one year beyond the program end date. Note that some airlines may have additional requirements to board their flights, such as evidence of a return flight or onward travel within a certain time period; it is crucial that you contact the airline before booking your flight to determine what documentation is required to board the plane.

Q: Who do I contact with questions about the student visa?

A: If you are a U.S. or Canadian passport-holder, you may direct general student visa questions to your Site Specialist; however, all students should contact the Argentine Consulate which has jurisdiction over their state of permanent residency for the final authority on what is required for entry and study in Argentina. It is the responsibility of the student to research what documentation is required to board a flight to, enter, and study in Argentina.

- Non-U.S. or Canadian citizens studying with CEA are required to follow through on the immigration requirements set forth by the Argentine government/designated consulate.

Section D: Argentine Consulates in the United States

Listed below are the consulates, their states of jurisdiction, and their contact information.

Atlanta	
Alabama, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, South Carolina, Tennessee	
Address	245 Peachtree Center Ave NE, Suite 2101 – Marquis One Bldg., Atlanta, Georgia 30303
Phone	(404) 880-0805
Fax	(404) 880-0806
Email	catla@mrecic.gov.ar
Website	http://catla.cancilleria.gob.ar/en

Chicago	
Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, Wisconsin	
Address	205 N. Michigan Ave, Suite 4208/4209, Chicago, Illinois 60601
Phone	(312) 819-2610
Fax	(312) 819-2626
Email	cchic@mrecic.gov.ar
Website	http://www.cchic.mrecic.gov.ar/en

Houston	
Arkansas, Colorado, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas	
Address	2200 West Loop South, Suite 1025, Houston, Texas 77027
Phone	(713) 871-8935
Fax	(713) 871-0639
Email	info@consuladoargentino.net
Website	http://chous.cancilleria.gov.ar/en
Operating Hours	Monday-Friday 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Los Angeles	
Alaska, Arizona, California, Carolina Islands, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Washington, Wyoming, Pacific Islands	
Address	5055 Wilshire Blvd. Suite 210, Los Angeles, California 90036
Phone	(323) 954-9155
Fax	(323) 934-9076
Email	secon_clang@mrecic.gov.ar
Website	http://clang.cancilleria.gov.ar/en

Miami	
Florida, Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands (U.S.), Bahamas, Anguilla, Monserrat (U.K.), Cayman Islands (U.K.), Guadeloupe and Martinique (France)	
Address	1101 Brickell Ave. Suite 900 North Tower, Miami, Florida 33131
Phone	(305) 373-1889
Fax	(305) 373-1598
Email	cmiam@cancilleria.gov.ar
Website	http://www.cmiam.mrecic.gov.ar/
Operating Hours	Monday-Friday 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

New York	
Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Rhode Island, Vermont	
Address	12 West 56 Street, New York, New York 10019
Phone	(212) 603-0400
Fax	(212) 541-7746
Email	informes@cnyor.com
Website	http://cnyor.mrecic.gov.ar/en
Operating Hours	Monday-Friday 9:00 am to 1:00 pm; 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Washington, D.C.	
Delaware, Maryland, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia, Washington D.C.	
Address	1811 Q St NW, Washington D.C. 20009
Phone	(202) 238-6460
Fax	(202) 238-6471
Email	consular@embassyofargentina.us
Website	http://www.embassyofargentina.us/en/embassy-of-argentina-in-united-states-of-america.html
Operating Hours	Monday-Friday 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Section E: Argentine Consulates in Canada

Toronto	
Ontario (except the NCR), Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, British Columbia, Yukon, Northwestern Territories and Nunavut	
Address	5001 Yonge Street, Suite 201, Toronto, Ontario, M2N 6P6
Phone	(416) 955-9075
Fax	(416) 955-0868
Email	consarg@uniserve.com
Website	http://ctoro.mrecic.gob.ar/en/
Operating Hours	Monday-Friday 9:30 am to 12:30 pm

Montreal	
Quebec, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Isla Prince Edward Island, New Foundland & Labrador, Ottawa, NCR and all other provinces not covered by Toronto Consulate	
Address	2000 Peel, Suite 600, Montreal, Quebec, H3A 2W5
Phone	(514) 842-6582
Fax	(514) 842-5797
Email	cmrea@mrecic.gov.ar
Website	http://cmrea.mrecic.gov.ar/en/
Operating Hours	Monday-Friday 9:30 am to 12:30 pm