

GREENHEART TRAVEL High School Abroad *Argentina*



Curriculum Guidelines



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OVERVIEW OF THE ARGENTINE SCHOOL SYSTEM

The school year in Argentina starts in March and ends in December. This means that Argentinean students have about 3 months of vacations (summer). In July the students have 15 days of vacation (winter). Argentinean school is compulsory until a student is 18 years old. In the final years of grade school, students must choose a focus of study (like humanities, science, or business).

Options of study will depend on each school. Classes in Argentina are offered in the morning or in the afternoon. In some schools, students have all day classes. The school in Argentina might be different from the school in your country. You will attend a secondary school for students ages 12 to 18. Most public schools in Argentina are co-ed, while some private schools are still single gender schools (boys or girls only).

Your classes will be taught in Spanish. When you don't understand something at school, you can ask your teachers. They will be patient and explain everything to you. You will quickly notice how much your Spanish improves!

Subjects

It's difficult to give you a clear view about the subjects taught in school because most of the schools are specialized in some subjects or prepare the students for their future studies in college. For example, there are schools that prepare students for further

studies in science, while other schools are more oriented towards history and culture. There are also technical schools students may attend after high school graduation.

One thing to remember is that Argentinean students can't choose elective courses. They have a course track they must follow, and they may only choose courses that fit within that track. There are also general education courses (e.g. math, history, language arts) that all students must take.

To pass a course, students must obtain a 6/10 or higher on their final grade. All Argentinean students have English at school and some also take French. Some students may take Portuguese or Italian. Exchange students in Argentina have 3 subjects that are obligatory: history, language and geography. Your coordinator will help arrange your schedule to make sure you are taking all required courses.

Schedule

Students go to school from Monday to Friday. Classes start at 7:15 AM and finish at 1:00 PM (13:00 hs). Some days students have classes in the afternoon. Most classes are 45 minutes long -- unless you are taking a "module". Modules are 1 hour and 30 minutes. There is a break of 15 minutes between each module. This schedule may change in some schools; your school may be organized in a different way.

Sample timetable of a secondary school student:

TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1	Philosophy	Research Project	Culture and Communication	Language and Literature	Philosophy
2	Philosophy	Research Project	Culture and Communication	Language and Literature	Language and Literature
3	Politics	Language and Literature	Geography	Research Project	Language and Literature
4	Politics	Language and Literature	Geography	History	English
5	English	Psychology	Economy	History	English
6	English	Psychology	Economy	Body Language	Culture and Communication
7	Culture and Communication	Ethics	Language and Literature	Body Language	Culture and Communication



School Uniform

In private schools, students have to wear the uniform mandated by the school. There are also public schools that require uniforms. Usually, exchange students in Argentina go to public schools. Your host family will show you your new school and inform you about their rules and the uniform. Whenever you have a question or you're not sure about something, don't hesitate to talk with your local coordinator. S/he is there to help you.

Exams and Results

The most important exams are at the end of the year (in December). Usually final grades are the cumulative average of the entire year's test results. As noted before, you pass the subject if the average score is 6 or above. (The scale goes from 1 to 10.) It's very important that you always inform your host parents about your grades (exams, report card) as you would your parents at home.

What Should You Do Next?

The best next step would be to meet with your high school guidance counselor or administration to discuss your interest in going abroad. Every school handles exchange students, transfer credits, and going abroad differently, so you should bring this

documents with you so they can get a better idea of what types of classes you would be taking abroad. During your meeting, you should ask about what credits you need to graduate and if any of those can be fulfilled from transfer credit abroad.

Application Process with Greenheart Travel

We don't usually recommend starting the application process before meeting with your guidance counselor because we want to ensure that you receive sufficient credit from your time abroad. Once you meet with them or have a better idea about the process, let us know and we can help you start the application! Our [application process is online](#) and happens in several steps.

In addition to completing an application, you will also be required to submit documents. You can be collecting the documents during the application process, but all documents will be due 14 days after you submit your deposit. The following documents will be required for all destinations:

- Letter of Recommendation (from a teacher, coach, or guidance counselor)
- Transcript
- Dear Family Letter (one written by student, one by a parent)
- Parent Questionnaire
- Medical Form
- Copy of your passport

There may be additional paperwork required for specific destinations. Your program manager will inform you of what those documents are during the application process.