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Universidad ORT Uruguay Intensive Spanish Summer Program

Expected Dates: January 23rd - February 10th 2012 (final dates TBC)

Deadline: September 11th 2011

Overview

Are you eager to learn Spanish and experience Latin American lifestyle? Universidad ORT has designed a special Intensive Spanish Summer Program for students from Macquarie University. Participants will not only learn and practice their Spanish at one of the Uruguay's most renowned universities, but will also immerse themselves in a different culture and unique lifestyle in Montevideo, one of Latin America's safest capital cities.

Program description

Universidad ORT offers an intensive Spanish course with a workload of 48hrs during a period of 3 weeks, final dates to be confirmed. In addition to the language program the participants will be introduced to the Uruguayan culture and lifestyle and participate in a variety of extracurricular activities.

The programs in ORT are a great option for advanced beginners and advanced students.

Programs offered on summer:

- ✓ Courses for advanced beginners (SPN 120).
- ✓ Courses for advanced students (SPN 320).

The program includes:

- Intensive Spanish Course for advanced beginners (SPN 120) and advanced level (SPN320)
- Lessons about Uruguayan culture and society
- Daytrip to Colonia del Sacramento
- Daytrip to the East Coast
- Additional activities in the afternoon and evenings (theatres, museums, parks, beaches, Murga, tango, etc.)

Student Profile

This program is specifically designed for Spanish language students at Macquarie University. The short term programs are primarily for students undertaking a study program with a language major at Macquarie University (BA/BIntStud/Dipl.Lang.). Only in exceptional circumstances, students from other faculties who have been studying a language at Macquarie will be permitted to participate, provided the credit they gain from the program can be applied to their degree.

Student Numbers

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Advanced beginners – SPN120

A maximum of 10 Macquarie students can participate in the course.

A minimum number of six Macquarie students are required to participate in this program in order to run the course.

Advanced level – SPN320

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Outcome

- Advancement of Spanish language skills
- Language immersion in Uruguay
- Acquisition of credit points towards a Macquarie award program

Timing and Duration of Program

The program will run for three weeks, dates to be confirmed. Students must be present for the entirety of the course, including the whole of the first and last days.

Accommodation

Participants will be accommodated in a student residence close to the campus.

Credit

- ✓ Students participating in the course will be enrolled in SPN 120 or SPN 320 according to the proficiency in the respective language
- ✓ All students must be enrolled for this credit, and standard tuition fees (HECS or full fee) for the enrollment are payable to Macquarie.
- ✓ The cost of enrolment at Macquarie is not included in the logistics fee.
- ✓ Students cannot enroll themselves into the unit until they have been accepted into the program and a waiver has been entered.
- ✓ The results will be recorded as “satisfactory” or “fail” and, provided they pass, will not affect their GPA.

Selection Criteria

- Students must be enrolled in a relevant Macquarie University degree award program at the time of application and also at the time of travel
- Students must have a satisfactory level of academic achievement with an expected Macquarie University GPA of a 2.5 or higher. In exceptional circumstances, students with a GPA of 2.0 - 2.5 may be considered for short term programs only on the advice of the Head of The Department of International Studies. Students should in the first instance contact Carolina Rodriguez carolina.rodriguez@mq.edu.au to outline their case for consideration.
- Students must receive credit points towards their MQ degree for their participation in this program
- Priority will be given to students that are currently enrolled in a degree with a language

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- major at Macquarie University
- Students' eligibility will be assessed according to the guidelines in the Student Mobility Policy. http://www.international.mq.edu.au/goingabroad/important/student_exchange
 - Students will be selected to participate in the program based on academic merit, references and personal statement
 - Students enrolled in a Certificate in Languages only are not eligible for travel grants
 - Students enrolled in non award programs are not eligible to participate in the short term programs

Language students in their first year may participate in an in-country unit without having fulfilled the 18cp requirement on the following conditions:

- They are enrolled in a Bachelor degree program at Macquarie
- They are enrolled in both Semester 1 and Semester 2 units for their chosen language
- They obtain a recommendation from the Department of International Studies
- The short program they are participating in is one that has been specifically designed for students going between 1st and 2nd semester language units
- The program offered is specifically established for a group of students that do not comply with the regular policy. If this is the case, it will be clearly advised in documentation about the program

Mobility Scholarships

Mobility Scholarships from Macquarie International are intended to assist students in participating in student mobility programs. While the grants will assist in meeting program expenses, they are not intended to cover all costs and cannot be processed on demand. Grants are processed after the pre-departure session, and so applicants may need to be able to meet the costs of the program independently of the travel grant, where a grant cannot be processed in time for travel.

- Eligible students participating in the program will receive a Macquarie mobility scholarship of \$2000
- You do NOT need to apply for the scholarship separately. Those accepted into the program will be assessed automatically.

OS – Help

In the event that you should require additional financial assistance, the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) has announced the provision of loans to assist Australian students undertake some of their study towards their undergraduate degree overseas. The scheme is known as OS-HELP.

See further information on this link

http://www.international.mq.edu.au/goingabroad/process/accepted_exchange

Cost

The Logistics Fee for this program is estimated to be **1,800 AUD**. We expect final fees to be confirmed by the end of August.

This fee includes:

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Macquarie International will provide:

- Travel insurance
- Pre-departure session
- Lonely planet guide – South America

Universidad ORT does only have a small cafeteria with a very limited menu; however, there is a variety of pubs and restaurants nearby.

Additional costs

Students should expect to also pay the following amounts:

- ✓ **\$110** Macquarie short term program application fee. For more information on this fee please visit <http://www.international.mq.edu.au/goingabroad/shortterm/costs>
- ✓ Tuition fee for the SPN 120 unit at Macquarie
- ✓ Airfare - \$1,500-2,500 depending on time of booking
- ✓ \$500 must be considered for meal expenses.

How to Pay Relevant Fees

Application Fees (110 AUD) and Logistics fees can be paid in two ways:

In person

EFTPOS and Credit Card payments can be made, in person, at the MiShop on level 1 of building E3A. Please note that except in exceptional circumstances, it is not possible to make cash payments.

Online

Go to <http://www.international.mq.edu.au/mishop>

Select "Events for Exchange students" on the left-hand menu. Then, select the International Exchange Program Application Fee and add it to your cart to pay online.

Further application on the logistic fees payment process will be sent by email to successful candidates.

How to Apply

The application form is online at:

<https://www.international.mq.edu.au/goingabroad/>

You will be asked for:

- Your application type ("Student Exchange")
- Your personal details



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- Your passport details
- Emergency contact details
- Your current study details
- Your university preferences and the units you hope to study at those universities
- A supporting statement, i.e., why do you want to go on exchange and what qualities do you think you have that will make you a good choice for the exchange program?
- Contact details for two referees

Remember to click the 'Submit' button to submit your application.
It should take around 20 – 30 minutes to complete the application. You can log out and log back in to finish it at a later date if necessary, but please remember to submit it by the deadline.

Evaluation

Students will be required to complete an online evaluation for Macquarie International..

Deadline

Student applications are due to Macquarie International by the **11th September 2011.**

Notes for International Students

International students must still comply with Australian visa conditions for class attendance and pass rates whilst overseas – general requirements for international students, as dictated by the ESOS Act, must still be met.

For more information please visit

http://www.immi.gov.au/business-services/education-providers/third_country_exchanges.htm

International students are permitted to travel home before and/or after their program.

Further Information

Students should direct initial enquiries to:

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Consultation hours:
Mon -Tues –Thurs (From 10a.m. to 12p.m. and
from 2p.m to 4 p.m.)