Universidad ORT Uruguay
Intensive Spanish Summer Program
(Advanced Beginners)

Program Dates for 2011: January 24th - February 18th
Deadline: 5th September 2010

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 4 weeks, starting on the 24th of January until the 18th of February 2010. 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 program includes:

- Intensive Spanish Course for advanced beginners (SPN 120)
- Lessons about Uruguayan culture and society (all classes are taught from Monday to Thursday between 9-12pm, at ORT Pocitos campus)
- Daytrip to Colonia del Sacramento
- Daytrip to the East Coast
- Additional activities in the afternoon and evenings (theatres, museums, parks, beaches, Murga, tango, etc.)
- Special requests can be taken into consideration (enterprise visits, voluntary work weekends, 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.) but, should space permit, students from other faculties will be permitted to participate, provided the credit they gain from the program can be applied to their degree.

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

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

**Timing and Duration of Program**

The program will run for four weeks, January 24th – February 18th, 2011. Students must be present for the entirety of the course, including the whole of the first and last days.

**Accommodation**

Participants will be accommodated at youth hostels and hotels. Since ORT does not offer on-campus residences, we recommend the **Unplugged Hostel**, which is a modern, fully equipped hostel located one block from campus and just a few blocks from the beach (includes breakfast, WiFi, shared bedrooms, common areas, BBQ, etc.) [www.unpluggedhostel.com](http://www.unpluggedhostel.com)

**Credit**

Students participating in the course will be enrolled into the Unit SPN120. All students must be enrolled for this credit, and standard tuition fees (HECS or full fee) are payable to Macquarie for the enrolment. 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 you pass, will not affect your 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 2.0 or higher
- 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 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](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

Travel Grant

Each eligible student participating on the program will receive a Macquarie travel grant of $2,000. These grants will be paid directly into students’ Australian bank accounts, provided they attend all compulsory information sessions and complete all required application and other documentation by the deadlines stated on those documents.
Students enrolled in a Certificate in Languages are not eligible for travel grants.

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 1,950 AUD. We expect final fees to be confirmed by the end of August.

This fee includes:
• Shared accommodation in the Unplugged hostel www.unpluggedhostel.com
• Unplugged Hostel is a modern, fully equipped hostel located one block to the campus and close to the beach
  It includes breakfast, WIFI, shared bedroom (4 students per room) common areas and BBQ
  Accommodation will be covered from January 23rd to February 19th
• Daytrip to Colonia del Sacramento
• Daytrip to the East Coast
• Additional activities in the afternoon and evenings (theatres, museums, parks, beaches, Murga, tango, etc.)
• Travel insurance

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

Students should expect to also pay the following amounts:
1. $110 Macquarie short term program application fee. For more information on this fee please visit [http://www.international.mq.edu.au/goingabroad/shortterm/costs](http://www.international.mq.edu.au/goingabroad/shortterm/costs)

2. Tuition fee for the SPN 120 unit at Macquarie

Details on payment will be given once students have been accepted into the program.

**Additional costs**
- 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) 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](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/](https://www.international.mq.edu.au/goingabroad/)

You will be asked for:
- Your application type (“Student Exchange”)
- Your personal details
- 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 5th September 2010.

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

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