

## Argentina: Social Movements and Human Rights

*Opportunities by Major*

### International/Global/Cultural Studies:

- Study Argentina's social movements and the country's past and current struggles to guarantee human rights for its diverse populations.
- Live in Buenos Aires, a diverse cosmopolitan city immigrants and cultures including Chinese, Cape Verdean, Bolivian, Peruvian, Paraguayan, Colombia, Korean.
- Study the challenges and progress in relation to immigrant rights.
- In Mapuche communities, you will observe indigenous groups' battles for rights and recognition by the Argentine government and their fight for land and territory within the framework of community land rights.
- With both theoretical and experiential components, learn to draw connections from concepts to case studies and actual issues in concepts that include decolonizing, territory, social economy, and popular education.
- Discuss program themes directly with local university faculty, development practitioners, government officials, and local community and labor groups.
- Conduct an internship/ISP with an NGO working on labor, indigenous, immigrants or environmental rights.

### Political Science/Economics/Business:

- Learn about environmental and anti-mining movements, social movements and social economy, political participation, demonstrations and youth organizations, popular education, identity, and diversity in social movements.
- Understand the agents of political and economic change in national and regional contexts.
- Examine the present international system of human rights protection and the use of legislation as a tool for social transformation, as human rights issues are continually redefined in Argentina.
- Analyze the 2011 Argentine Bankruptcy Law and the banking crises and the effects on financial inequality.
- Consider Peronism and its present day meaning.
- Develop new perspectives on global questions of economic relations and the role of finance in international politics.
- Become familiar with the international system of human rights protection.
- Examine the business of agriculture and the social movements against agrochemicals in the industrial belt of the Parana River.

- Learn about the tensions between the mining industry and glacial law protection and analyze opposition to mining projects due to environmental impacts.
- Experience the intersection of human rights, environment, and economic development in Argentina.
- Visit the city of Rosario and learn the role the province of Santa Fe plays in the Argentine strategy related to the global trade of commodities (soy, oil, biodiesel) and the exports from its port.
- Learn about the consequences of the real estate boom, development of agribusiness, pollution and environmental struggles, and the development of drug trafficking.
- Conduct an independent study project related to the role of political actors and parties in economic policy-making.

#### **Latin America Studies/History:**

- Become familiar with the various social movements and human rights organizations in Latin America as well as Argentina's political, economic, and social history.
- Develop an understanding of Argentina's long struggle to guarantee its diverse populations' human rights, defined broadly to include civil and political rights, and economic, social and cultural rights, as well as the so-called "solidarity rights."
- Examine the history of Argentina to facilitate the contextualization of the struggle for human rights that have taken place in the country during the past few years.
- Analyze the representation of Afrodescendants in Argentine history, culture, media, and identity in the 21st Century.
- Consider the construction of collective memory regarding the military dictatorship in art, film, memorials, oral history, music, etc.
- Learn about the urban, peasant, and indigenous social movements in northern Argentina, and the differences between and similarities with other Argentine and Latin American social movements.
- Visit the magnificent Quebrada de Humahuaca valley, a UNESCO World Heritage site recently declared "Historic Patrimony of Humanity," and consider the impact tourism has on preserving cultural and economic stability in this community.
- Conduct an internship/ISP with an NGO working memory and memorialization.

#### **Anthropology/Sociology/Social Work:**

- Visit grassroots organizations fighting for human rights and social welfare such as the Madres de Plaza de Mayo, memorials of the dictatorship such as ESMA and Parque de la Memoria.
- Travel to and learn from the poorest areas of the country in the Northwest provinces. Largely deprived of economic development resources, communities in this region are struggling to survive and maintain their cultural traditions.
- Consider opportunities and implications of social and economic change in multiple scales: individual, family, community, nation, and region.
- Analyze alternative strategies to assist the inclusion of people with mental illness into society.
- Observe the youth cultural movement combining art and activism and utilizing creativity to change society.
- Discuss institutional racism and discrimination in the access to academic and employment opportunities.

- Learn how stigmatization and discrimination affects the cycle of homelessness in the Constitution neighborhood of the Autonomous City of Buenos Aires.
- Choose from volunteer opportunities in Buenos Aires, including opportunities at a shelter for victims of domestic violence, a cultural center for children and muralists, a school, or a community health center. Community service components are also integrated into the program's excursions.
- Conduct an internship/ISP with an NGO working with art as a tool for social transformation or on LGBTQI and human rights in Argentina.

#### **Peace and Conflict Studies/Social Justice/Human Rights:**

- Gain a firsthand look at Argentina's prolific and dynamic social movements from your base in the vibrant capital city of Buenos Aires.
- Visit organizations and social movements related to migration, feminism, Afro-Argentines, LGBTQ issues, state violence victims, alternative communication, popular education, environmental rights, indigenous communities, and youth activism.
- Learn from workers taking on factory bosses, indigenous peoples fighting to maintain their livelihood and organizing to retain their land, identity, and natural resources.
- Study the relationship between social movements and human rights, from theoretical and applied perspectives.
- Students will become familiar with the contents of special protection rights, such as the rights of women, immigrants and indigenous people, the right to communication, the right to the city, and environmental rights.
- Discuss topics that endanger respect for human rights including discrimination, racism, and state violence.
- Observe the culture of protest and resistance among youth in Argentina.
- Learn about the territorial struggle of the Mapuche during an excursion to Patagonia
- Develop a deeper understanding about the social discrimination suffered by Bolivian migrants and their integration into the labor market.
- Visit the Salt Flats (Salinas Grandes) and mining projects to see how the neighboring communities have organized themselves in protest.
- During an excursion to Patagonia, consider the conflicts surrounding land access and occupation from a human rights perspective.

#### **International Development:**

- Study neoextractivism and neodevelopmentalism, including territory and environmental rights, and anti-mining movements.
- Explore the world of non-governmental organizations and analyze the roles played by NGOs and other organizations, as well as by broader social movements, in Argentina's struggle to attain and uphold human rights for its diverse citizens.
- Analyze the interests, strategies, and interactions in combating labor exploitation in sweatshops and the case of Bolivian migrants who work there.
- Learn about the concept of development in the soy model during an excursion to Rosario and the social and economic effects on the life of producers.

- Study at one of the top think tanks in Latin America, the Centro de Estudios de Estado y Sociedad (CEDES).
- Explore Bariloche, a beautiful city boasting abundant natural resources and stunning landscapes, while also learning about the “other Bariloche” which reveals the discrimination and poverty endured by many of the city’s poor.
- Visit a recycling cooperative created to provide opportunities within the community and consider the role of environmental movements in preventing the erosion of natural resources.
- Experience a broader definition of sustainable management and development as a cultural and environmental issue while visiting the picturesque Nahuel Huapi national park.

#### **Spanish/Language Studies:**

- Deepen your knowledge of Spanish, an important language that will prepare you for work in many countries throughout this region and the world.
- Learn the terms and expressions needed to discuss human rights and social movement issues to conduct field research, and to interact in settings related to the program themes.
- Analyze the communication methods of the Mapuche in the Patagonia and the effects of globalization on language.
- Understand the dynamics of languages and cultures based on historical context and Argentina today.
- Earn 3 credit in Spanish with the opportunity for independent, self-guided instruction if you are a native/fluent student.
- Most coursework including readings, assignments, and discussions are conducted in Spanish, extending language learning beyond the language course.
- Outside of the classroom students will be immersed in Spanish with their homestay families, during excursions, and during the Independent Study Period.
- Students will be encouraged to take advantage of the myriad daily opportunities in a Spanish-speaking environment that provide a source of constant learning.
- Language courses are delivered in interactive, small-group formats; there are typically no more than seven students to a class.
- Gain experience with Spanish in a professional setting by conducting an internship.

#### **International Education:**

- Understand the arguments for the development of education as social capital in rural communities.
- Learn about popular education and teaching for social justice.
- Consider the obstacles and challenges in implementing integral sexual education in schools.
- Engage with human rights through the lens of education.

#### **Women/Gender Studies:**

- Learn about the access and barriers to sexual and reproductive health services in Buenos Aires.
- Observe feminist activist art in public spaces in Argentina and Latin America and the influence of women’s social movements.

- Meet with members of the renowned Madres de la Plaza de Mayo movement.
- Consider solutions to sex trafficking in Argentina by looking at abolitionist versus regulationist strategies.
- Study the Gender Identity Law of 2012 and the evolution of the construct of gender in Argentina.
- Analyze indigenous women's experiences with the healthcare system in the Buenos Aires
- Consider human rights through the lenses of gender and reproductive health.
- Deepen understanding regarding access to justice in cases of domestic violence and the development of femicide as a social problem in Argentina.
- Learn about social movements such as “Ni Una Menos” working to find solutions to gender-based violence.
- During an excursion to Salta, you will visit an organization focused on women’s rights and participate in discussions on gender at the National University of Salta, our host institution.
- Through visits to the local community center where Mapuche women create and sell artisanal crafts, you will learn about traditional ways of working and living.
- Understand the challenges and experiences of Peruvian and Paraguayan domestic workers in Buenos Aires.
- Conduct an internship/ISP with an NGO working with women’s rights.