



Leadership

Semester programs in Córdoba, Argentina

Semester I: March – June

Semester II: August – November

Introduction:

To fulfill our purpose, at Viator we strive to develop moral character as well as leadership knowledge and competencies in our students. We aim to awake honest, caring, and socially responsible leaders. We view leadership as a form of stewardship and seek to inspire students to use their abilities to lead themselves and serve society in an ethical sustainable way.

Education for leadership mandates development of critical and analytical skills. A capable leader must be able to identify roots problems. He or she needs skills to determine what practices and ideas to discard, what to preserve, and what to change. Education for leadership requires for students to enhance their interpersonal skills as well. An effective leader serves, collaborates and cooperates with others in achieving common and mutual goals while promoting and nurturing other leaders.

Educating people about leadership requires a multidisciplinary program. Out of multiple modes of inquiry and different knowledge bases, students acquire freshly synthesized conceptual frameworks that guide critical thinking and inform the practice of leadership in relevant contexts. In addition to mastering appropriate knowledge, this also requires the ability to collect and interpret information and to isolate what is relevant for addressing particular problems and achieving larger goals. We understand critical thinking as a way to develop vision and to engage in imaginative problem solving.

At Viator, students are motivated to develop basic leadership skills and reflective capabilities so they can participate in meaningful opportunities to lead and thereby learn by doing.

Academics:

Leadership Semester Programs are design for college/university level students. All classes combine theory with practice so that students will gain a sense of leadership as reflective praxis. Our teaching methods extend beyond the traditional classroom. While maintaining high standards of classroom teaching, we incorporate experiential learning. Classroom exercises and simulations offer students opportunities to acquire feedback about their efforts to learn and lead students to reflect upon their behavior, their interactions with others, and the dynamics of social groups.

REQUIREMENTS

- Non-English native speakers should have an English proficiency equivalent to: TOEFL Paper Based: 600 overall with TWE of 5.0 / Computer Based: 250 overall with essay rating of 5.0 / Internet Based: 100 overall with a writing score of 23.
- 2.8 GPA

CREDITS CRITERIA

A semester credit hour requires fifteen 50-minute sessions of classroom instruction, plus 30

hours of complementary assignments.

COURSES

All courses are higher education level, taught in English, and fully accredited. Applicant should register for the **Leadership courses**, and choose up to 2 of the **Complementary** listed courses. Each course has 64 contact hours (4 credits). A minimum of 8 students is required to open a course, and no more than 20 students are allowed in each section.

Leadership Courses Names and Descriptions:

1. Leadership Principles and Ethics
2. Practice of Leadership Development

Complementary Courses Names and Descriptions:

1. Global Process of Economic Integration (in English)
2. Global Political Issues: Latin America (in English)
3. Argentinean and Latin-American culture (in Spanish)
4. Spanish language (according to level)

TRAINERSHIP.

During the Program, students will have the option to serve as volunteer in one of the local NGO's related to Viator.

GRADING SYSTEM

10	Excellent	Superior work	A
9/8	Very Good	Meritorious work	B
7/6	Good	Work without merit	C
5/4	Satisfactory	Acceptable work	D
3-0	Unsatisfactory	Failure	F

TRANSCRIPTS.

After successful completion of the Program, each student receives a transcript showing, the course name, the total contact hours, grades and the number of earned credits for each course. Viator and Fasta University jointly certify leadership programs.

It is advisable for students to make sure that their home universities will accept the transfer of credits.

Student´s Life:

ORIENTATION.

In order to help the students feel at ease with their new surroundings and with the academic system, an orientation period is scheduled for the beginning of each program

ROOM AND BOARD.

Accommodation and food will be arranged, at your choice, with a local family or with students in an apartment.

EXCURSIONS/TOURS.

Each program includes two one-day-long outings to places near Córdoba of historical or cultural interest such as: Alta Gracia, Carlos Paz, Santa Catalina, Jesús María, Mina Clavero, Nono, Dique La Viña, La Candelaria, Candonga, etc.

Administrative Details:

COST

The total costs of the Semester Leadership Program is 6,500= U\$\$.

The programs fee includes tuition, room and board, organized group excursions, reception at the airport and some cultural activities. Additional funds should be budgeted for books, supplies, local transport, and personal expenses.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

Fees should be paid to Viator Foundation in accordance with the following schedule:

Application Fee: U\$S 50=

Confirmation fee. Upon acceptance, a partial payment of: 500= U\$S

The balance will be due 45 days before arrival date for each program: 6000= U\$S

PAYMENT METHODS

Payments must be in US dollars.

All fees must be paid using any of the following methods:

1. Check to: Viator Foundation / 513 South Post Oak Lane, Apt 4 / Houston, TX 77056
2. Bank wires / Online Banking
3. E-check
4. Western Union
5. PayPal



With your *Acceptance letter* you will receive the required information according to your suitable method of payment. Please, be aware that you are responsible for any fees associated with the payment method you choose.

REFUND POLICY

Application and confirmation fees are non refundable.

If the applicant withdraws from the program forty days or more prior to the date it begins, he/she is entitled to a full refund corresponding to the fees paid for tuition room and board. If the applicant withdraws from the program thirty-nine days or less prior to the date it begins, he/she is NOT entitled to any refund corresponding to tuition fees, but will receive a refund of the money not committed paid for room and board.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Viator Foundation works for social and cultural development; therefore, we devote part of our funds to help students who are interested in taking our courses but cannot afford them. Any student who cannot pay the total amount corresponding to any program may apply for financial assistance and/or a scholarship, filling up the *Application and Financial Aid* form. Viator Foundation will grant such assistance after carefully considering each application according to funds availability. Scholarships and financial assistance are mainly devoted to students coming from developing countries. In no case, full scholarships will be granted and under no circumstances can we provide funds for traveling. We encourage students to find outside funding and we can provide a letter of support for you. Please consult your home university for funding opportunities. A large percentage of participants receive funding from their home universities to attend our program.

OTHER FINANCIAL AID

Some students have arranged financing from private sponsors, such as organizations with interests in the international arena. Students may choose to consult Peterson's Financial Resources for International Study or similar guides to organizations that offer economic help. Students may also independently investigate potential sources of financial assistance. You may be able to find additional information at the following website: www.finaid.org

HEALTH CARE.

The health care system in Argentina provides basic universal health care for all. However, it is mandatory obtaining travel health insurance and it is highly recommended that students bring a copy of their own medical records.

Enrollment:

In order to enroll, please do as follows:

1. Select the corresponding form and follow the instructions.
2. Scan a photograph of yourself to include with the form.
3. Pay the Application fee of 50U\$

Once you have completed these three steps we will inform you by mail.

» [Regular Application](#)

» [Application and Financial Aid](#)

Forms are quickly processed. You will get an answer within a week.

Thank you for your interest in Viator programs.

We look forward to sharing with you the academic experience you have just selected.

Location: Advantages of our geographical location

VILLA ALLENDE.

Is a small town closely linked to Córdoba, the capital city of the province, which lies only 16 km away. Córdoba downtown can be quickly reached thanks to an efficient and agile transport system. Villa Allende is situated in a mountain range called Sierras Chicas and the Pan de Azúcar Mount (1260 mts.) is its main geographical reference. It offers the visitors a picturesque landscape and the relatively small community transmits hospitality although the shops, the elegant houses, and the recreation areas prove that Villa Allende is a vigorous and willing to advance small town.

See more in:

www.cordobaturismo.gov.ar/Localidades.aspx?IdLocalidad=20214

www.cordoba-laweb.com.ar/MAPA/vallende.html

CORDOBA.

Was founded in 1573 and it is well known for being a place where progress, culture and education have always been protagonists. One of the first American universities was created here in 1613 and this is one of the reasons why Córdoba has always been proud of its history and of its academic tradition, which, in time, made her deserve the name of *La Docta*.

The city is a cultural and architectural icon even since colonial times and it is one of the most important cities from inland Argentina. Because it is situated in the centre of the country it is midway to many other regions of tourist attraction such as Cuyo, the northern provinces and the Iguazú Falls.

See more in:

www.welcomeargentina.com/cordoba/fotografias.html

www.argentinaturistica.com/informa/corimapaciudad.htm

Dates

2008	SEMESTER I MARCH-JUNE	SEMESTER II AUGUST - DECEMBER
Application deadline	November 30th, 2007	April 30th
Acceptance letter	December 30th, 2007	May 30th
Confirmation Fee	Upon acceptance	Upon acceptance
Balance deadline	January 15th	June 25th
Arrival date	Sunday, March 2nd	Sunday, August 10th
Orientation period	March 3rd-7th	August 11th-15th
Classes begin	March 10th	August 18th
Break / Vacation	May 19th – 23rd	September 22nd -26th
Classes end	June 20th	November 28th

2009	SEMESTER I MARCH-JUNE	SEMESTER II AUGUST - DECEMBER
Application deadline	November 28th, 2008	April 30th
Acceptance letter	December 28th, 2007	May 30th
Confirmation Fee	Upon acceptance	Upon acceptance
Balance deadline	January 15th	June 25th
Arrival date	Sunday, March 1	Sunday, August 9
Orientation period	March 2nd – 6th	August 10th – 14th
Classes begin	March 9th	August 17th
Break Vacation	May 18th – 22nd	September 21st – 25th
Classes end	June 19th	November 27th