

SANTA BARBARA CITY COLLEGE

STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM

Intensive Spanish Language, Latin American Culture,
and World Literature

in

CHILE AND ARGENTINA



SEPTEMBER 11 - DECEMBER 6, 2009,
87 DAYS, 84 NIGHTS



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For the third time, Santa Barbara City College will be offering a semester program in Chile and Argentina. Both Chile and Argentina are countries of outstanding natural beauty, which boast many beautiful lakes, mountains, glaciers, hot springs, volcanoes and national parks. Chile and Argentina are also home countries to some of the most prominent writers in the world. The current political and social stability of these countries, in addition to the still relatively low cost of living and good rate of monetary exchange, make them interesting, safe and economic places for students. Program participants will spend approximately one month in Buenos Aires and two months in Santiago de Chile and will study Spanish language, Latin American culture, and world literature. Language instruction will be at the Institutes of the Latin Immersion Network in Santiago de Chile and Buenos Aires.

Program Highlights

- Guided city tours of Buenos Aires and Santiago de Chile
- Trips to art galleries, museums, and other sites of historic and cultural interest
- Excursions to El Valle del Elqui focusing on the life and works of Gabriela Mistral, Isla Negra, Valparaiso and Viña del Mar
- Service learning opportunity in Buenos Aires
- Homestays with two meals a day
- Classes in Spanish language, world literature, and art history
- Fourteen UC/CSU transferable semester units
- Optional travel to other countries during one-week semester break and after the program ends



Program Director

Born and raised in Arizona, **Professor Clara Oropeza** is a native Spanish speaker who works enthusiastically to bring Latin American culture, history, and literature to the community college experience. Her extensive travels throughout the region and her graduate emphasis in Latin American prose led her to design and customize SBCC's fall 2009 Argentina and Chile Study Abroad Program, for which she is program director. Professor Oropeza holds both baccalaureate and masters degrees in English Literature and she is the author of several published essays, including her most recent title *Dancing with Death: Baile con la Muerte*, available in SageWoman magazine.

Who Can Participate

All students interested in Spanish language and in learning about Latin American culture and history are encouraged to participate. Applicants do not need to be current students at SBCC. Program participants must be 18 years or older on the departure date. By the time of application, applicants must have completed at least 12 college units with a grade point average of at least 2.5 and should have completed English 110 (Composition and Reading) or equivalent with a grade of "C." We cannot accommodate family members and/or children who wish to go on the program in a non-student status.



Courses and Credits

All units are usually UC/CSU transferable. Check with your counselor for possible exceptions.

<i>Students must enroll in two of the following Spanish language courses</i>		
Spanish 101, 102, 103, 104, 150, and 160	Spanish Language	8
<i>In addition, all students enroll in the following two courses</i>		
English 232	World Literature	3
Spanish 138	Contemporary Culture of South America	3
Global Studies 104A	Preparing for Global Experience	1
Total Units		15

Application Procedure

Deadline for application: May 15, 2009. Apply early as the number of places is limited. Program is likely to fill before the deadline. If the program is full before the deadline, acceptance is not guaranteed. Applicants may be accepted after the deadline if space is available. Application forms are available at the SBCC Study Abroad Office, from Prof. Oropeza, and online at sbcc.edu/studyabroad. An interview with the program director will be scheduled upon receipt of your application and deposit. If you live outside the Santa Barbara area, you may be interviewed by telephone.

Information Meetings/Additional Information

You are invited to attend either of the following information meetings. Attendance at the meeting is not required for participation. Parents are welcome, too

Date	Time	Room
February 23, Monday	11:00 a.m.	H-241
March 24, Tuesday	4:00 p.m.	H-307
April 23, Thursday	11:00 am	H-241



HOUSING. The Latin Immersion Network language school arranges home stays with families. The housing coordinator does the best job possible to place you with a compatible family. Not all your requests may be met. Please be flexible. Most families have hosted students in the past. When you live with a host family, you will have a private room and two meals a day (continental breakfast and dinner).

SUGGESTED AMOUNT FOR PERSONAL EXPENSES. Though personal spending habits vary widely, we suggest taking at least \$750 - \$1000 for personal expenses.

REGISTRATION. We will send you registration materials so that you can register for the program courses. You will register online.

PRE-DEPARTURE MEETING. You will be required to attend pre-departure orientation meeting(s), which will be held in late August.

SBCC FEES. SBCC fees are not included in the program cost. Fees are assessed according to the schedule listed below. You are required to enroll in 14 units in the program.

Student Residency Status	Cost of fees per unit	For 6 units
A California resident	\$20	\$280
Not a California resident	210	2940
An international student	225	3150

Fees are subject to change.



Program Price Includes:

- Round-trip air transportation from Los Angeles to Buenos Aires, Buenos Aires/Santiago and Santiago to Los Angeles, on Lan Chile Airlines, in economy class, weekend travel, apex fare.
- Chilean landing/visa fees, currently \$100.00 USD upon entering Chile for all US passport holders, and Argentinian air departure taxes, currently \$18.00 USD.
- One night's accommodation in a hotel in Buenos Aires, price per person sharing a twin bedded room with private facilities, with breakfast.
- Twelve weeks (84 nights) single accommodation with host families in Buenos Aires and Santiago, one month in Buenos Aires and two months in Santiago and includes accommodations during one-week break in Santiago.
- During the home-stays, two meals a day (continental breakfast and dinner).
- Get-Acquainted dinners in both Buenos Aires and Santiago.
- Round-trip airport transfers in Santiago and Buenos Aires to accommodation (hotel and home-stay/apartment).
- Transportation by taxi or private car service from the hotel to the private homes or apartments at day of move-in in both cities.
- A total of eleven weeks Spanish immersion course, 12 hours of Spanish per week, up to 5 students per class, "closed instruction".
- Contemporary Latin Culture Classes taught by adjunct instructors will be taught for four hours per week in Santiago and for four hours per week in Buenos Aires.
- Utilization of the Institute's infrastructure in Santiago and Buenos Aires including computers and Internet access. Usage of internet limited to a maximum of 20 minutes per day per student.
- City tours of Santiago and Buenos Aires with private guide. Tours will also incorporate an introduction to bus and subway systems in each city as part of the tour.
- The following excursions by motor coach with local guides and admissions:
 - Full-Day Excursion in Buenos Aires.
 - A four day, one night excursion to El Valle del Elqui focusing on the life and works of Gabriela Mistral.
 - Full-Day Excursion to Isla Negra
 - Two Day, One Night Excursion to Valparaiso and Vina Del Mar.

- Standard Latin Immersion activities, such as visits to art galleries, wineries, museum trips, etc. in Buenos Aires and Santiago, which will be once per week in each of the two cities. This may include: Salsa - tango classes, Teatro Colon tour, El Tigre excursion, Concha & Toro winery visit, etc....
- Public transportation passes for and 4 weeks in Buenos Aires and 8 weeks in Santiago. Please note that in Buenos Aires the pass ONLY includes the subway, but in Santiago it includes both buses and the subway.
- Local taxes and service charges as related to accommodation and ground services.
- Travel Guard Travel Insurance. This insurance policy covers travel delay, missed connection, baggage and personal effects loss, baggage delay, medical expenses and emergency medical transportation. Additional optional cancellation insurance available at a nominal cost.
- Complete travel documentation.

Program Price Does Not Include:

Ground transportation to and from LAX, meals on overnight excursions, textbooks, SBCC fees, passport fees, lunch or dinner on overnight excursions, airport taxes (approx. \$90), meals during break, optional cancellation insurance, personal expenses, and any other items not specifically listed.

PROGRAM PRICES:

Prices are based on current (2009) agreements with suppliers of services such as hotels, airlines and others. Pricing based on current exchange rates.

Prices are subject to change.

The price is based on a minimum of 20 participants.

Homestay Single: \$7750 Land Only Homestay Single: \$6687

AIR TRANSPORTATION: TRC will provide a group flight at a cost of \$818 plus \$245 taxes and surcharges (taxes and surcharges are subject to change). You may make your own travel arrangements if you do not wish to travel with the group.

GENERAL TERMS & CONDITIONS

RESERVATIONS & PAYMENTS:

Deposit Required to register for this program: \$500
Balance Due: July 10, 2009
To find out how and to what extent your deposit/payment can be protected at no additional cost to you, see the section captioned 'National City® Travel Funds Protection Plan' elsewhere in this brochure.

CANCELLATIONS:

All cancellations must be submitted in writing to Tour Resource Consultants, are subject to the terms of the Agreement for Services with your educational institution. The cancellation date is the date on which Tour Resource Consultants receives the signed written notification of the intent to cancel at its place of business.

Date of Cancellation Cancellation Charges

Until June 10, 2009	\$300*
June 10-July 10, 2009	\$500*
July 11-August 11, 2009	\$1000*
August 12, 2009 - Departure	No Refund

*In addition to these fees, any cancellation charges imposed by the airlines or other suppliers of travel services will be assessed.

REFUNDS:

All refunds will be based upon the cancellation schedule provided above. No refunds will be made until payments are recovered by Tour Resource Consultants from its suppliers. No refunds will be made on any services, meals or accommodations resulting from a participant's absence from the tour itinerary or from the non-utilization of these program components by the participant.

TOUR PRICES:

All rates, quoted in U.S. dollars, are based upon the exchange rate reflected in the group's tour proposal. The tour price will be adjusted if group airfare reservations, air taxes/fuel surcharges, international tariffs or currency exchange rates are revised.

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS:

U.S. citizens are required to possess a valid passport for international travel. In some instances visas may be required. Holders of U.S. passports and passports of countries other than the United States should inquire about individual visa requirements from the consular offices of the countries in which they will be traveling. Tour Resource Consultants does not assume responsibility for obtaining passports or visas, nor responsibility if participants do not acquire the required documentation and must cancel participation in the program as a result. Cancellation fees stated above will still apply.

AIR DEVIATIONS:

Under certain circumstances, land and air deviations from the tour itinerary may be available. A deviation fee of \$100, PLUS the cost of the change, must be paid at time of request. Once you have registered at our website, <http://www.tourresource.com>, more information is available in the member's area on the link "Deviations."

PROPERTY DAMAGES:

Any damages to homestay, apartment or hotel premises will be the sole responsibility of the tour participant and participant agrees to indemnify and hold Tour Resource Consultants LLC harmless from such claims and damages.

ONLINE REGISTRATION:

Updated itineraries and important notices for your tour will be posted on the TRC website www.TourResource.com on a secure website specifically for this program. Please ask your study abroad administrator, professor or group leader for the unique tour code for this program. With this unique tour code, tour participants will then register securely online and make payments online at www.tourresource.com via credit card, debit card, or e-check, at no supplemental cost to the participant. The secure members area for your group will be accessible only to registered members of this tour. Once logged in to the secure members area you may view the updated itinerary and other important announcements and information about the tour. Please note that each website user must have their own email address. More details are available upon request.

MORE DETAILS OF INSURANCE INCLUDED IN TOUR PACKAGE

A basic travel insurance group policy covering medical emergencies, lost or delayed baggage, and emergency assistance is included in the land-only tour price. It is provided by a third-party insurance provider. Please note: this is not trip cancellation insurance. The specific coverage details are:

\$750: Trip Delay

Reimburses you up to \$150 a day for additional accommodations or travel expenses if you are delayed for more than 12 hours due to a covered reason.

\$1,000: Baggage & Personal Effects

Reimburses you if your luggage is lost, damaged, or stolen while you are on your trip.

\$250: Baggage Delay

Reimburses you for the purchase of essential items if your bags are delayed for more than 24 hours.

\$25,000: Medical Expenses

Covers necessary medical expenses up to one year after the sickness or injury, provided initial treatment was received while on the trip.

\$250,000: Emergency Medical Evacuation

Covers evacuation and transportation to the nearest adequate medical facility.

\$25,000: Accidental Death & Dismemberment

Pays for loss of life or limb if occurs within 365 days of an accident during the Insured's trip.

Optional Travel Guard Assist

Offers emergency assistance for your peace of mind anywhere in the world, including:

- advancement of funds to cover on-site medical expenses,
- telephone interpretation services in major languages,
- replacement of lost passport,
- assistance to locate local physicians, dentists or medical facilities,
- professionals to monitor your condition and contact your personal physician,
- evacuation to a hospital treatment facility or back home;
- 24-hour emergency hotline.

LiveTravel

24-hour hotline to track lost luggage and more!

Live messaging

Relay of any e-mail or phone message to family, friends or business associates

Emergency Cash transfers

Assistance in coordinating an emergency cash advance.

Pre-trip travel advisories

Around-the-clock access to passport, visa, inoculation and vaccine requirements; travel advisories; embassy and consulate contacts; travel health advisories; weather and currency information, all for your planned destination.

NATIONAL CITY® TRAVEL FUNDS PROTECTION PLAN

Effective August 1, 2008, Tour Resource Consultants LLC is a participant in the National City® Travel Funds Protection Plan ("Plan"). The Plan offers the opportunity to place your deposit/payment into an escrow account maintained by the Trust and Financial Services Division of National City Bank ("NCB"). NCB is a banking subsidiary of National City Corporation, whose shares are traded on the New York Stock Exchange.

True Escrow Protection.

Tour Resource Consultants LLC has voluntarily agreed to deposit 100% of all cash, check or credit card payments received by the Tour Operator from you or your group directly into the NCB escrow account. This means that such funds will be separate from the operating funds of Tour Resource Consultants LLC. The Plan differs from some so-called escrow agreements where a tour operator opens a bank account in its own name as trustee. At the request of the Escrow Agent Tour Resource Consultants LLC has also agreed to allow an independent Certified Public Accountant to review its financial receipts records for various dates randomly selected by the CPA during the prior year. You or your travel agent may obtain a copy of the CPA's report upon delivery of a written request to Escrow Agent.

How Deposits/Payments received are Protected under the Plan.

When NCB receives your funds, they will be deposited into a NCB escrow account. If Tour Resource Consultants LLC is providing air transportation on a scheduled air carrier as a part of the tour package, NCB will pay the air carrier for your ticket in advance of your scheduled departure date in accordance with the instructions of the Tour Operator. After your scheduled return date according to NCB's records (and after the Tour Operator should have rendered the services to you), NCB will deliver the remaining funds to Tour Resource Consultants LLC and/or providers of travel services. In the unlikely event that the air carrier or the Tour Operator defaults or ceases to operate, you must file a refund claim with NCB for that portion of your funds which are still in the escrow account. Your claim must be filed as soon as possible but no later than 2 business days after your scheduled return date.

What is not protected under the Plan.

The Plan does not protect you or any provider of travel services from loss (monetary or otherwise) resulting from the following:

- Your cancellation or interruption of your trip for any reason including death, injury, illness of you or a family member.
- Any delays in delivering any of the travel services.

- Any disputes involving the Tour Operator or any provider of travel services regarding the type or quality of services promised or rendered.
- Funds (including credit card payments) not received and collected by NCB.
- Travel agent payments through a miscellaneous charge order (MCO) unless Tour Resource Consultants LLC advances its own funds into the NCB escrow account to cover the MCO or the proceeds of the MCO are received by NCB prior to the date of your departure.
- Failure of you or your travel agent to make a timely claim for a refund in the unlikely event of a default by the airline or Tour Operator.
- The air carrier ceases to operate after NCB has paid for your airline ticket.
- The payment of funds to your travel agent for services not provided by Tour Resource Consultants LLC, including in some cases, airline tickets.
- Various types of travel insurance programs are available to protect you from some of the above losses. The Plan does not guaranty payment to any party which provides travel services to you.

Plan Summary:

This is only a summary of the Plan. The obligations of NCB with respect to deposits/ payments received by NCB are governed solely by the terms of an Escrow Agreement by and between Tour Resource Consultants LLC and NCB.

Effective until December 31, 2009

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