

# Bienvenidos



## Welcome to ECELA Escuelas de Español en Latino América

Argentina, Chile and Peru are home to Latin America's highest standards of living. The excellent health and safety levels, combined with the diverse opportunities for excursions and the famous warmth of the Latin culture, make the South America an ideal place for your Spanish immersion course.

Whether you are an experienced student of the Spanish language or just beginning, ECELA provides the opportunity for rapid improvement and an ideal environment to immerse yourself in every aspect of the local culture.

Between our small classes and the need for the language in daily situations, you will rapidly advance by learning to use the language both inside and outside the school.

Cecilia Quezada  
Director



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# The ECELA Difference

There are literally hundreds of Spanish language schools in the world. So why do so many students choose us and recommend us to their friends? One reason is that we are always looking for new ways to improve our service, with most new innovations coming from suggestions of your fellow students.

### School Location Exchanges

Our schools are closely integrated so that students may switch locations easily. About half of our students study in multiple countries, so you will probably already have friends if you decide to cross borders.

### Our Accreditations

We are the only schools in Argentina and Chile admitted to IALC, the top language school quality association. Many education travel agents and universities worldwide have visited our schools and confirmed our program standards.

### Our Staff: At Home Feeling

Once you meet our team personally, you will know that you have made the right decision. Our warm school atmosphere will allow you to feel at home and we strive to be great hosts during your entire program.

### 12 Spanish levels

Effective learning with closely matched students.  
(Santiago, Buenos Aires and Lima)

### Free tutorial help

All students enrolled in ECELA's standard programs (20 hours minimum/week) have FREE access to extra help. The school's regularly scheduled tutorial sessions help you keep up with the program's fast pace.

### High-Speed & Wireless Internet Access

Our schools have multiple computers for FREE Internet use as well as connections (both wired and wireless) if you bring your laptop or PDA.



# Spanish Courses

Our Program focuses on conversational, grammar, reading and writing Spanish



## Group Lessons (20 hrs a week)

Our group classes have a maximum of 6 people to ensure personalized instruction. Students progress through the levels and every two weeks exams are given to re-assign advancing students into their new classes.

## Private Lessons (20 hrs a week)

Some students choose to take private lessons with a professor for more individualized attention. Private classes are also an excellent idea for professionals who seek a specialized vocabulary for specific situations. Individual (one-to-one) courses may begin any Monday.

## Group + Private (25-30 hrs a week)

Those students interested in a more intensive program have the option to take both group and private classes. You may also choose this option temporarily if you are having trouble with a certain concept and desire additional assistance.



International Association  
of Language Centres

### IALC Quality Assurance

ECELA is a member of IALC, International Association of Language Centres. Only language schools that maintain the highest level of foreign language education are accepted as members.

We are the first and only schools in Argentina and Chile approved by the organization.

# Levels of Instruction

12 Levels in Buenos Aires, Santiago and Lima - 7 Levels in Bariloche

**Beginner levels:** (1A, 1B, 2A, 2B) pronunciation, identifying people and things, present tense, family members, "ser" and "estar", interrogative pronouns, indefinite/definite articles, greetings, demonstrative adjectives, present progressive tense, "hay" and "tener", days and months, possessive adjectives. Reflexive verbs and pronouns, sports and activities, future informal ("ir"+), preferences and desires, "nunca"/"siempre", imperative tense, ordinal numbers, "tener que", "haber", "deber", prepositions of time and place, imperfect tense.

**Intermediate levels:** (1A, 1B, 2A, 2B) relative pronouns, interrogative pronouns, "para" and "por", past perfect irregulars, future imperfect, conditional tense, present subjunctive, uses of subjunctive verbs, "seguir" and "quedar", preterite perfect "estar"+ gerund, irregular subjunctive verbs. Preterite perfect subjunctive, passive voice, use of "se", verbs with preposition, adverbial expressions, diminutives and augmentatives, idiomatic expressions, preterite imperfect subjunctive, prepositional phrases, synonyms and antonyms.

**Advanced and Superior levels:** (AdvA, AdvB, SupA, SupB) Continuation of speech practice, perfecting spoken grammar, analysis of literature and composition. Rotation of conversation themes.

**Electives:** Spanish composition, literature, and culture.

### Special Interest (medical, business, law specific Spanish)

For a particular area of interest or concern, please see our page 6, on Special Interest Courses.

**Schedule:** Classes start every monday

### Suggested Group Start Dates

You may start every week of the year, however register early to ensure a spot.



# Special Interests

## Spanish-Medical Course

This program, suitable for all types of medical professional and students, combines the regular Spanish immersion course with medical-specific training.

In addition to the standard group and private classes, you will be able to "shadow" medical professionals twice a week in local clinics and take optional customized role-playing classes.

You can also combine your program in Argentina, Chile and Peru

### Testimonials

*I shadowed two doctors, both of whom were quite willing to explain everything they were doing. They were very approachable and informative. I enjoyed learning from them.*

Abilash Gopal, Medical Student - Tufts University

*I loved being able to shadow a pediatrician since I am very interested in Pediatrics.*

Kristin Laraja, Second Year Medical Student



## Spanish for Business & for Lawyers

Gain Business and legal oriented vocabulary and conversation skills.

Professionals with specific areas of interest in the Spanish Language have the opportunity to improve their conversation abilities in their respective field or simply to improve their abilities out of an interest in the language.

Individual courses may begin any Monday  
Class sessions are in the morning and in the afternoon.

## DELE Exam Preparation

Special immersion program to help students pass the DELE Spanish as a foreign language course.



### DELE Diploma

The Diploma de Español como Lengua Extranjera (DELE) is the official accreditation of degree of fluency of Spanish. It is recognized by the Ministry of Education and Culture of Spain and prepared and evaluated by the University of Salamanca. The exams are divided into three levels depending on Spanish level.

1. C.I.E: Certificado Inicial de Español
2. D.B.E: Diploma Básico de Español
3. D.S.E: Diploma Superior de Español

We are proud to be the DELE center of Chile and an associate of Cervantes.

# Academic Credits

For students interested in a more traditional semester or summer abroad program in Buenos Aires, Santiago, Bariloche or Lima, we offer university-credit programs.

Beginners and low-intermediates take class at our school while students at a high-intermediate or advanced level are able to take classes at the local university.



## Standard Programs plus College Credits

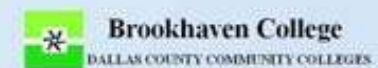
You will be able to get college credit from 4 up to 36 weeks of group, private or super intensive courses

## Summer Session

Actually the region's winter, the summer session is a four-week 4 credit program.

## Semester

Offered three times a year (Jan-May, Feb-June & Aug-Dec), this 16-week program allows 14-16 credits. Depending on Spanish level, you are able to take classes ranging from introductory language classes to economics, literature, and history classes all in Spanish for transfer credit at your home university.



# School Combinations



## Southamerican Schools

**Buenos Aires, Argentina - Santiago, Chile - Lima, Peru.**

This program allows you to share your Spanish immersion course between our Spanish schools in Buenos Aires, Argentina - Santiago Chile - Lima Peru. It is a great way to not only experience distinct cultures and accents, but to invigorate your studies with a change of surrounding.

## Bariloche Combinations

**Santiago or Buenos Aires + Bariloche**

Combine cosmopolitan Buenos Aires and/or Santiago with lakeside destination Bariloche, Argentina. This program lets you experience the cultural and excitement of the big city with the relaxed feel of a small, resort town.



**Option 1:**  
Classes - Accommodation and air ticket all included  
We have option of 4 up to 36 weeks.

Airfare and transfers included.  
We arrange all transportation and include the items in your invoice.

**Option 2:**  
Design your own program

Arrange your schedule and transportation independently.  
Purchase your transfers and flights separately when you are here.

# Special Offers

## Spanish & **Tango**

*Buenos Aires, Argentina*

Buenos Aires, the tango capital of the world, offers visitors the unique opportunity to experience tango in its homeland. We combine Spanish classes and tango lessons from some of the best teachers in their respective fields.

**Program Include:**  
Two Private Lessons  
Two Group Lessons

*It was obviously needed to try, taking tango classes to discover a very important part of the Argentine culture. I loved it and had a very pleasant and fun time"*

Heloise Roman, Suiza



## Spanish & **Ski/Snowboard**

*Bariloche, Argentina and/or Santiago, Chile*

Take advantage of the Southern Hemisphere's winter (June-September) to participate in a ski/snowboard study abroad adventure. Both Santiago, Chile and Bariloche are conveniently located near Andes ski resorts.

**Program Includes:**  
Spanish Classes: 16hrs group + 2hrs of private.  
Ski Program: 2 lift and transportation tickets

*The ski program helped me take advantage of the winter season in South America. It gave me a chance to practice my Spanish outside of class while enjoying one of my favorite sports.*

Jennifer Caris USA, 22



## Spanish & **Wine**

*Santiago, Chile*

Supplement standard Spanish class (20 hours/week group or private) with a wine-tasting course. Learn about Chile's famous vineyards and the effects of Chile's varied geography. Wine-tasting topics from recognizing smells to selection for meals.

*The time I spent in Santiago was amazing. I got to visit several vineyards and enjoy the fantastic wines offered in Chile. I took the wine program, with which I learned a lot and improved my Spanish skills at the same time. I would definitely recommend it to anyone.*

Mary Doherty, Ireland



# Accommodations



## Student Apartments

Our most popular housing option is the shared apartment, where you will live with other students.

We offer double and private rooms. No meal plan is available with the shared apartments, however you have kitchen access to prepare your own meals. Cooperation with other students is necessary as the common areas are maintained only once per week.

You may have a private or shared room, with a roommate selected by our staff.

## Host family

We recommend that students take advantage of the homestay option to practice Spanish and be exposed to local culture. Middle class families are carefully selected and provide each student with a private room. Do not assume that you are too old for a homestay as many of our students are older than their host "parents". For many of our students, their homestay is one of the most rewarding experiences while studying abroad.

Note: Homestay plus only in Chile



## Testimonials

*we had a great stay at Elsa's. It is a lovely and extremely clean place. Elsa always prepared us good breakfasts and dinners. We had a lot of fun getting to know her and the family who were all very kind to us.*

Josephine Clark, England

## Types of Accommodation

	Family Homestay	Shared Apartment
<b>Max Distance to School</b>	40 Minutes	30 Minutes
<b>Towels and Sheets</b>	Included	Included
<b>Meals</b>	Breakfast and Dinner	None
<b>Spanish Practice</b>	High	Low
<b>Social Opportunities</b>	Low	Medium
<b>Kitchen Acces</b>	No	Yes
<b>Typical Student Age</b>	17 to seniors	18 - 35

## Important:

All accommodations begin on Sunday and end on Saturday. They are only available for current full-time (20 hours/week) students.

## Our Guaranties:

- Double and private rooms
- Once a week linen change
- Access to common areas
- Receive phone calls
- Ongoing support



# Activities & Excursions

## Top 10 activities

- ◀ Hiking Volcanos
- ◀ Horseback Riding
- ◀ Rafting & Kayaking
- ◀ Dancing Lesson: Tango & Salsa
- ◀ Ski & Snowboarding
- ◀ Weekend Beaches Trips
- ◀ Famous "Fútbol" Games
- ◀ Vineyard Sampling Tours
- ◀ Cooking Classes
- ◀ Cultural events



Our Tourist Coordinators work full time to take you to the "can't miss" places.

You will have the chance for cultural events, outdoors sports and social activities.



### Our destinations:

We have different locations that offer beaches, mountains, cosmopolitan cities with modern infrastructures, amazing architecture, and famous Latin American nightlife!



## Adventure in Latin America

### Oficial Activies Monthly Calendar

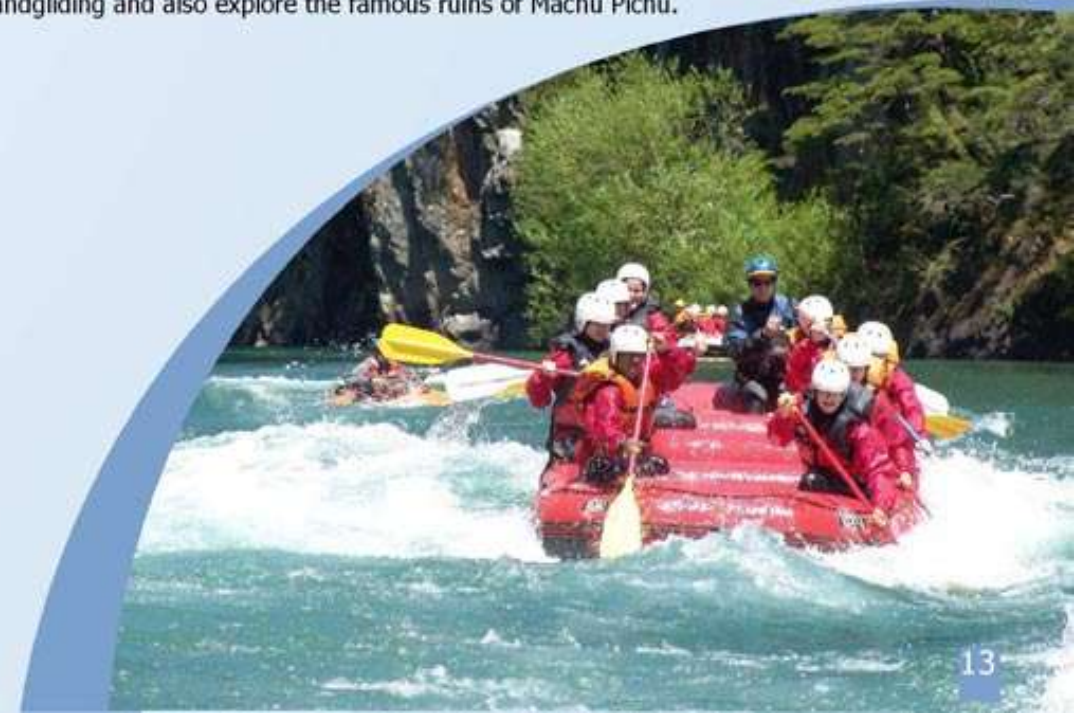
- Three activities a week (one free)
- One Full weekend excursion a month
- One day weekend excursion a month



### Argentina, Chile & Peru "at the end of the world"

The Andean borders of Chile and Argentina are prime locations for horseback-riding, skiing, trekking, and rafting plus beach and Patagonia trips.

From the north to the south of those countries still exist many pristine areas perfect for adventurous students: from Argentina's Iguazu Falls to Chile's Torres del Paine. In Peru you can learn surfing and handgliding and also explore the famous ruins of Machu Pichu.



# Argentina Buenos Aires

Often called the "Paris of South America", an intriguing combination of European sophistication and Latin charm makes Buenos Aires a truly world-class city.

Home of the tango, countless bars and cafes, and an active nightlife, Buenos Aires is an ideal city to explore while making use of Spanish language skills with gregarious local porteños.

From here you can visit the waterfalls of the impressive Iguazú Falls, nearby coastal Uruguay, and the snow-covered Andean peaks of Patagonia.



## City Highlights

**-River-Boca fútbol:** Watch impassioned porteños strive tirelessly for victory in Argentina's biggest rivalry. And those are just the fans.

**-Tango dinner shows:** Impressive performances in the world's tango capital.

**-Night life:** Explore the city's endless night options.



*Buenos Aires is lovely and friendly, an amazing city that never sleeps. The classes and teachers are well organized and the staff was very helpful.*

Nicholette Coxon, UK



**School Location**  
**Head quarter**  
Junin 1418, Recoleta  
Cap. Fed CP1113  
Buenos Aires, Argentina  
Tel: 54 (11) 4802-0794  
54 (11) 4802-2047

# Argentina Bariloche

Bariloche, situated lakeside in the Andes Mountains, is the tourist capital of South America's Patagonia region. From the town it is easy to arrange ski trips in the winter (June - September) and white-water rafting, climbing, and trekking throughout the year.

While many students prefer the big-city life in Buenos Aires and Santiago, Bariloche provides a quieter mountain resort atmosphere, with a slower pace and cleaner air. Most shops, bars, and restaurants are a short walk from the school or your housing.



## City Highlights

**Outdoor Sports Center:** Bariloche's convenient location lets you practice such activities as rafting, kayaking, rock climbing, mountain biking, and hiking.

**Cerro Catedral:** One of South America's most important ski-snowboard centers attracts visitors from around the world.

**Quiet, small town:** Pure mountain air and natural surroundings allow you to study in a relaxed environment.



*Bariloche is an extraordinary place. The mountains are nearby and the town is small and very attractive - you can walk everywhere. The large lake right along the town is the highlight.*

Jakub Klimczak, Poland



**School Location**  
Pasaje Gutierrez 843  
Bariloche, Argentina  
Tel: (54-2944) 428-935

# Chile Santiago

Considered in many ways Latin America's most progressive country, Chile offers modern amenities while still holding onto an important colonial and indigenous past.

An economic success story, Chile's first-class health and safety conditions lead our students to adjust easily and, with the help of friendly locals, find themselves comfortable exploring Santiago's big city attractions.

Santiago's central location makes it the ideal spot for those seeking adventures away from the classroom.

Nestled conveniently between the Andes and the Pacific Ocean, you can easily escape big city life in search of a different type of atmosphere.



## City Highlights

**Outdoor sports capital:** With the Andes nearby, Santiago is a great base for snowboarding, rafting, biking, horseback riding, and other adventures.

**Vineyards and wine tasting:** Chilean wine is exported around the world. Visit nearby vineyards and take courses on wine appreciation.

**Modern & Safe:** Chile has Latin America's highest standard of living and a very modern infrastructure.

*Professional attitude, friendly + well organized. I would be happy to recommend the school to prospective students. And please THANK our family for making our trip especially super! I am beginner, I feel I have gained a good start on grammar and can go home w/ a base to continue. I will visit again when I have more time and continue learning. Thank you!*

Jeff Colker, USA



**School Location**  
Román Díaz 297  
Providencia, Santiago  
Tel: (56-2) 264 96 04  
235 55 57

# Peru Lima

Lima, Peru's capital is a city full of history and culture, with colonial areas as well as modern developments. Close to the city are beaches suitable for surfing and mountains for trekking.

In Miraflores you can eat delicious Peruvian food while overlooking the ocean, visit artisan fairs, and chat with the friendly population.

Visiting the ancient ruins of Machu Pichu near Cusco is an experience you shouldn't miss.



## City Highlights

**Peruvian food:** many consider Peru to have the best food of Latin America. Try the seafood and the roasted chicken.

**Archaeological digs:** In and around Lima are more than 30 excavation sites containing ancient temples and pyramids

**Handgliding:** Soar with professional guides from the cliffs of Miraflores and over the ocean.



**School Location**  
Miraflores, Lima

*Lima, Peru is fantastic. I had a great time, the people are very friendly, I felt safe and the nightlife is very active. I would recommend Peru to anyone who is looking for an adventure and a Cultural experience.*

Jared Hucks, USA

# Our Students



## From all over the world

Our students represent a variety of countries, different professions, and have unique educational goals. Some students seek university credit through our affiliated Latin American universities, while many others are professionals seeking to overcome a language barrier or simply travelers desiring a solid Spanish foundation.

While you are never too old to join us, we do have a minimum age of 17 for students traveling without a guardian or without special permission.



# Frequently Asked Questions

## What age are your typical students?

We've had several pre-teens (accompanied by parents) as well as many adventurous seniors, so there is really quite a range. During the months of June-August the average age drops as a lot of students come during their vacations. The rest of the year is quite varied.

## Should I study in more than one school?

If you have four weeks or more, we definitely recommend it. Not only can you experience another culture, but the variety of accents is very helpful when developing listening skills.

## Which is the right accommodation choice for me?

To get the most Spanish practice and to experience the local culture, a homestay is the best choice. For a more social environment the shared apartments and residences are good options

## Is ECELA an accredited school?

- Yes. First, we are the only member of IALC (International Association of Language Centers) in Argentina and Chile. IALC is an organization run by some of the finest language schools around the world and we are proud to be recognized by our peers.
- Academically, our courses are approved by local universities so that college students can receive credit hours. Typically, one credit hour = one immersion week.
- Finally more than 50 study abroad agency around the world have chosen us as their school. You may contact us for a list of agencies in your country if you prefer to enroll through a third party.

## What can I do outside of class?

We always have a lot of school activities, which not only give you exposure to the culture, but also help you make friends with other students and staff. Even though your Spanish classes are less than full time, most likely you'll still find yourself very busy.

## How is the day structured?

The standard four hour class block includes two breaks, with a small snack and refreshments, for relaxing and meeting other students and staff. The breaks are very necessary for the teachers to recharge. We have morning and afternoon sessions.

## What should I bring for class?

We provide the text books, however you should bring a notebook, a Spanish dictionary and any favorite grammar reference materials you have.

## Any final advice before I leave?

1. Start learning about the culture of the country of your choice, to make easier the cultural chock.
2. Make sure that your passport is valid after the end of your program.
3. If you are under a medical treatment let us know.
4. Start training your ear to the Spanish, If you have access to Spanish radio or TV stations, play them in the background when possible. Even if you are a beginner, just hearing people speak Spanish will help, whether or not you understand it.
5. As the saying goes, bring half the clothes you think you'll need, but twice the money.

