

CAS Spring 2026 - June 4-16, 2026
Buenos Aires, Argentina & Colonia, Uruguay



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CAS Study Abroad Program Coordinators



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Study Abroad Team

- **Traveling faculty**

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- Professor Karlena Ochoa

SAGE: Study Abroad and Global Engagement
<https://extension.fullerton.edu/studyabroad/>



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Teaching & Traveling Team

Professor JudelMay Mariano

- First name pronunciation: Judel (Ju as in Jupiter, del as in Del Taco) May (like the month)
- I go by Professor Mariano or Profé
- CAS Dept: 9th year teaching; 3rd year as faculty advisor, 1st year Study Abroad Lead Coordinator
- Hobbies: traveling, the great outdoors, reading cozy fantasy books, cooking and baking, learning and practicing languages (*currently working on Spanish and Japanese*), good food, and playing video games.



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Traveling Faculty Team

Professor Diana Robles

- Professor Diana Robles, transitioning out of CAS Study Abroad Coordinator (In 2026 it will be 24 years at CSUF and I will RETIRE)!
- CAS Faculty teaching for 23 years
- Love to travel (at least 4 times/yr)
- Argentina was my 1st study abroad program as student at CSULA in 1986-40 years ago!
- Hobbies:
 - ~Enjoy documentaries on Netflix
 - ~Love to research retirement locations to visit and live!
 - ~Obsessed with coffee!
 - ~Bucket list-taking a world cruise!
- Currently Teaching, CAS 394



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Traveling Faculty Team

Dr. Karlena Ochoa

- **Call me Professor Ochoa!**
- Assistant Professor teaching: CAS 200, CAS 301, CAS 325A
- Received my Ph.D. at the University of Oregon — *Go Ducks!*
- **Research:** Learning through play & working with families to support development
- **Hobbies:**
 - Doing anything outdoors with my partner & our dog Bullseye 🐶
 - Beach days, hiking, camping, and exploring new places
 - Traveling — can't wait to explore Argentina!
 - Coffee lover — always looking for new coffee shops to try



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Program Dates

- In Spring 2026, those selected will be permitted into the International CAS 394 or 474 or 494 (or 499 if you have *finished all practicum*) course.
- In Summer 2026, you travel to Argentina: **Intimate Partner and Family Violence Prevention & Reconciliation** overarching topic.
- Dates for Argentina travel: After the semester ends, June 4th – 16th, 2026
- *Do not need to pay for Summer semester enrollment*
 - *If graduating, must be a Summer, not Spring grad*
 - *Practicum course grade submitted after Argentina trip*



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Eligible Students

- Child and Adolescent Studies majors and minors who have successfully completed **CAS 101 and CAS 201** (*the prerequisites for any of the CAS practicum courses*).
- Students planning a Spring graduation should **only** apply if they can move their grad term to Summer 2026 since the travel will happen in June after grades are due. **Summer graduation** is fine (*walk in SP*).
- Check with a CAS Advisor if you are considering this study abroad program and graduation.



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Components of study abroad

A practicum/service-learning course with required hours (60 hours):

This is Not Voluntourism (we are service learning/practicum students)

This is an Educational experience:

We are in an Educational travel role and representing CSUF/CAS

We are culturally humble:

We are traveling together as a class and learning about Argentina & Uruguay

A Faculty/student collaboration:

This is a journey and transformational experience for each student!



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CSUF Practicum Class

- By early December 2025, selected students will be given a permit to enroll in either 394, 474, or 494 taught by Profé Mariano (*do you need CAS 464/454? Speak with a CAS Advisor*).
Fridays 10:00-11:50 am, Hybrid Format (meet 2-3x mo)
 - Course assignments & participation in travel
 - Pre-Post activities aligned with the international experience (60 hrs of practicum)
- If you have completed both practicum courses, you could enroll in 499 for 1 unit
 - Attend required course meetings
 - Complete a special project to fulfill class requirement (video?)



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CAS Required Practicum hours

- You are required to complete 60 hrs of service learning (*practicum*) which will be completed with the practicum class and the travel
 - Approx 15 hours preparation in class before Argentina
 - Approx 45 hours while traveling in Argentina

CICE/CAS Info Session required for all practicum students:

<https://hhd.fullerton.edu/cas/current-student/practicum/index.html>

CAS Short-term Study abroad website:

<https://hhd.fullerton.edu/cas/current-student/study-abroad/index.html>



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Third-Party Provider

<https://www.arcosabroad.com/>

ARCOS previously a widely used study abroad program, SOL Education Abroad, now is ARCOS Learning Abroad (CSUF approved vendor). We traveled with the same team for over 10 years to Costa Rica.



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Will be expected to work with...

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Child and Adolescent Studies

1) CAS Study Abroad Practicum Class

2) CSUF Study Abroad & Global Engagement (SAGE)



3) ARCOS



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-South American country
that views itself as European
(German & Italian influence)

-Flight is about the same as
going to Europe

-Major Historical Sites &
Tango dance

-Spanish (Official Language)

-Religion: Predominantly
Catholic & Christian

-National motto: "In Unity
and Freedom", Eva Perron

-Incredible culinary culture

Argentina and Uruguay



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Tentative Travel Itinerary

Date	Activity
WED, 6/3/26-Leave US & Arrive THURS, 6/4/26 to Buenos Aires	Welcome to hotel in Buenos Aires, Argentina. Airport pick-up and transport. After settling in hotel, head out the city for a welcome lunch. Dinner on your own-free evening
FRI, 6/5/26	ARCOS Safety Orientation, Buenos Aires City tour I, Puerto Madero, La Boca, & Caminito, lunch included, free evening
SAT, 6/6/26	Buenos Aires City tour II, Plaza de Mayo, & Palermo, free evening
SUN, 6/7/26	Cultural Activity: San Telmo Antique Fair, free evening
MON, 6/8/26	Service Learning & debrief. Cultural Activity: Walking tour-Barrio Recoleta & Cemetery
TUES, 6/9/26	Service Learning & debrief. Cultural activity: Cooking class-empanadas
WED, 6/10/26	Service Learning & debrief. Guest speaker-Restorative justice and Social Worker
THURS, 6/11/26	HUSR ARRIVES. Service Learning and debrief. Conversatorio about Argentine family life, etc. Cultural Activity: Tango performance (Café Tortoni) & dinner with HUSR
FRI, 6/12/26	Service Learning and debrief. Activity with HUSR
SAT, 6/13/26	Cultural Activity: Excursion El Tigre with HUSR, free evening
SUN, 6/14/26	Cultural Activity: Visit Colonia, Uruguay (UNESCO World Heritage Site) via ferry, walking tour, Old Town, lighthouse, free evening in Buenos Aires
MON, 6/15/26	Personal purpose workshop & debrief. Farewell lunch
TUES, 6/16/26	FREE DAY, Check-out, Free morning and transport to airport from Buenos Aires to USA



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Service Learning Activities (practicum hours)

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Buenos Aires, Argentina Service and Debrief Sessions

In Buenos Aires

- CAS students will be working with students in elementary schools, visiting Social Services programs that work with IPV. Debrief each day.
- Conversation with parents, adolescents, and/or young adults about parenting and family life.
- Staying in hotels while in Buenos Aires.
- Post-travel debrief Zoom meeting: Monday, June 22, 2026 @ 10 am



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Prepare Activities (Lesson Plans)

- During your practicum course, you are responsible for developing 2-3 lesson plans and activities to implement abroad.
- You are required to take with you all lesson plans/activities materials.
- In the past, as a group, we have participated in as many as 20 classes.



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Cultural Activities: Argentina and Uruguay



Visit Barrio Recoleta & cemetery- affluent & historic neighborhood

Attend a cooking class to make empanadas and have lunch

Visit El Tigre Delta- comprised of hundreds of tiny islands, the Tigre is about 20 miles northeast of Buenos Aires and the main attraction is the delta itself (formed where five rivers come together).

Attend a Tango dance show

Visit Colonia, Uruguay by ferry. Located in Southwest area on the shores of the Rio de la Plata estuary (right across Buenos Aires)

And more...

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Spain 2025 <https://youtu.be/rJcm6OP2RqQ?si=CGylTwMoq54S21xS>

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 **Original Program fee: \$3190**

With IRA Support: \$500

<p>Includes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lodging • Most Meals (approx. 24 meals) • Cultural Activities • Service-Learning Experiences • Airport Transfer in Argentina • Transportation • Travel Insurance • T-shirts and more... 	<p>Does NOT Include</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Airfare (ARCOS can help) • SP26 Tuition • Passport Fees • Immunizations • Personal Costs • Teaching Materials • Some meals on your own (Approx 10 meals)
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IRA (Instructionally Related Activities) Funding helps support student travel through student fees.

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If interested in joining...APPLY

- Applications are NOW open
 - Complete the SAGE application online: <https://fullerton-sa.terradotta.com/index.cfm?FuseAction=Programs.ViewProgramAngular&id=10378>
- **Application Deadline:** Sunday, 11/30/2025 by 11:59 PM (*due end of Fall Break week*).
- Be detailed in your application
- **CHECK YOUR CSUF EMAIL WEEK OF 12/1 for decision**
- **If offered:**
 - **Initial Deposit** \$250 due Friday, 12/12, by 5 pm @ the Cashier's Office in person after acceptance into the program
 - **ONLY** 24 students will be accepted for this trip



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Study Abroad Website

<https://extension.fullerton.edu/studyabroad/>

Program search for CAS International Outgoing (enter) CSUF: CAS International Internship in Buenos Aires, Argentina (Spring 2026/Summer 2026)"
<https://fullerton-sa.terradotta.com/index.cfm?FuseAction=Programs.ViewProgramAngular&id=10378>

The screenshot shows the Study Abroad website's search interface. The top right features a large "STUDY ABROAD" banner with the text "International Programs & Global Engagement" and the CSUF logo. Below the banner is a search bar with the placeholder "Programs : Search (advanced)". A tooltip explains the search function: "Use the form below to search for programs based on one or more criteria. The list boxes allow you to select multiple values within them by holding the Ctrl/Cmd key while clicking. When values are selected from more than one list box, programs are returned that match the criteria in all of the boxes selected. If a value is selected from a list box, that list box will return results that fit any of the selections within that list box. If searches are not yielding enough results, try reducing the number of list boxes you select from." Below the search bar are buttons for "List All", "Simple Search", "Advanced Search", "Featured Programs", "Course Search", and "Map Search". The main content area shows a search result for "cas" with "Outgoing" selected. The result table includes columns for "Program Name" (cas) and "Show" (Outgoing).



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Tips for Application

- Leave ample time to complete
- Provide thoughtful responses
- Be descriptive and compelling
- No typos
- **Stay address (TBD-leave blank)**
- Enroll in another practicum class in case you are not accepted
- Submit by the due date (Sunday, 11/30/2025)!



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When Accepted



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- Program Participants will be selected by a committee and notified via email within the first week of December 2025
- You'll get key information and next steps. Do not ignore these emails. **READ** the entire email.
- You will receive the registration code for the course via email:
 - You will not find the course in the university catalog
 - You should enroll in the appropriate practicum section (**CAS 394, 494, 474 or 499**)
- Conduct checks will be seen by Study Abroad Office and CAS. Explain any issues in the application.



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When Accepted Cont'd

You must complete post-decision questionnaire:

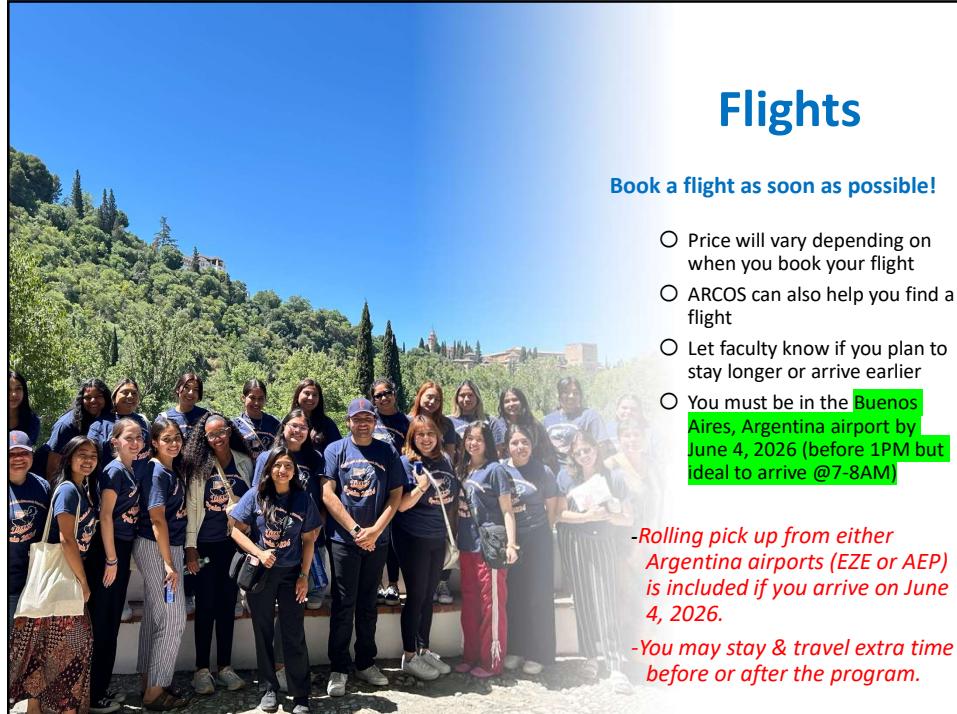
- Insurance Enrollment Questionnaire which asks about the information of where you can be reached while abroad and the contact information of the program coordinator there, **just write in TBA**.
- We will provide that information once you are accepted.
- Do you have a passport? Can you get one in time?
- You may need to complete an ETIAS or EES (EU) form:
https://travel-europe.europa.eu/ees/what-ees_en
- Travel vaccines:
<https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/page/travel-vaccines>



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Flights

Book a flight as soon as possible!



- Price will vary depending on when you book your flight
- ARCOS can also help you find a flight
- Let faculty know if you plan to stay longer or arrive earlier
- You must be in the **Buenos Aires, Argentina airport by June 4, 2026 (before 1PM but ideal to arrive @7-8AM)**

-Rolling pick up from either Argentina airports (EZE or AEP) is included if you arrive on June 4, 2026.

-You may stay & travel extra time before or after the program.

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Is this Program for Me?

It depends...

- Vacation vs. Educational trip
- Flexible vs. non-flexible
- Stress/anxiety -Types of lodging
- Teaching or student activities



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Questions?

- For Program Questions:

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