The Academic Program
IFSA-Butler offers the Argentine Universities Program (AUP) which allows you to take courses from just one or as many as four Buenos Aires universities: Universidad Católica Argentina, Universidad de Buenos Aires, Universidad del Salvador, or Universidad Torcuato Di Tella. All university classes are taught in Spanish and integrated with full degree-seeking students. Some of the strongest departments available at the four Buenos Aires universities are history, political science, economics, international studies, international business, philosophy, social science, and literature.

The AUP program also matches each student with a tutor who is trained to help with language and academic questions. Students and tutors are paired by academic discipline and meet at least once a month.

Course Information
Required Courses
There is a mandatory Spanish Language & Argentine Culture course designed especially for IFSA-Butler students. This program course is taught by an Argentine professor.

Optional Special Courses
You can also elect to take a program course offered by IFSA-Butler. These courses are specifically designed for IFSA-Butler students on the AUP. All courses are held at the IFSA-Butler program office and are taught by university faculty in Spanish. Past program courses have included: Contemporary Argentine History: State and Society, Argentine Foreign Policy, Argentine and Latin American Literature, Art and Politics in Contemporary Argentina.

Spanish Equivalent Information: In consultation with the Department of Spanish and Portuguese, the office of International Academic Programs (IAP) has established the following guidelines for assigning Spanish course equivalents:

Spanish 223 and 224
Students should make an effort to take at least one of these classes on the UW-Madison campus before studying abroad if at all possible since they provide good background. In addition, these survey level courses are difficult to find abroad. If students have not had these classes prior to leaving, the Spanish department recommends either looking for a similar survey-type class (see below for further details) or taking these classes when you return to Madison. If students decide to take a survey-type course abroad, they should find out what the department teaches in the particular class and look for as close a match as possible (see below for further details). Students should check with Professor Paola Hernandez (pshernandez@wisc.edu) before taking the class. If students decide to take Spanish 223 and/or Spanish 224 when they return to UW-Madison, they may receive credit for a more advanced literature class (ie. Spanish 326) and then return to take Spanish 224. Students who take this route still find the survey-level classes interesting.

Spanish 223
In order to receive a course equivalent for Spanish 223, students must complete an intermediate level class that covers issues that shape the national cultures and the cultural practices of the Hispanic world.
The course should place emphasis on diversity, emergence of new imagined communities, cultural hybridity, and social movements with a historical framework. Any course (or combination of courses) considered for civilization credit should deal with a wide variety of cultural aspects, and should combine social science with study of the humanities (for example, not sociology or economic only, not art, music, or literature by themselves).

Spanish 224
In order to receive a course equivalent for Spanish 224, the course should concentrate on analyzing basic literary forms, conventions, genres, and representative short texts in Spanish. Note that Spanish 224, *Introduction to Hispanic Literatures*, is a course that provides an introduction to reading and analyzing literary works, with special emphasis on development of oral and written skills for the discussion literature.

*Other Spanish Courses*
Students who are studying (or have studied) in Buenos Aires should communicate with Paola Hernandez (pshernandez@wisc.edu) concerning credit and equivalents. You should include in your email/correspondence the following information:
- Your phone number (this is particularly true if you are in Madison)
- Hours that you may be reached (this is particularly true if you are in Madison)
- Most advanced Spanish language and literature classes you have taken at UW-Madison
- Reference to the particular program you are (were) on and how long you are (have studied) abroad

**Make sure to let the office of International Academic Programs know of any course equivalents promised by the Spanish Department. We will need this information in writing from whoever approved the equivalent.**

**SPANISH MAJORS ON THE UW-MADISON CAMPUS**
UW-Madison students majoring in Spanish must keep the following information in mind:

1) You must take at least 15 credits of the upper level work in the Spanish major “in residence” (that means, here on campus or in programs sponsored by UW-Madison). All Spanish courses numbered 300 or above count toward this requirement.

2) You must take at least 6 credits of Spanish at the 300 level or above while physically present at UW-Madison.

If you would like more information or clarification on the Spanish major, please contact Karen Thompson (kthompson3@wisc.edu), Undergraduate Spanish Advisor. For course equivalent issues please contact Professor Paola Hernandez, (pshernandez@wisc.edu) and for questions about practical issues on this program contact Erin Polnaszek (eepolnaszek@studyabroad.wisc.edu).

**Registration**
IAP will register you for a special “Study Abroad Course” for the term(s) you will be studying abroad; therefore, it is not necessary for you to register on the UW-Madison campus. This is a temporary registration, which will be converted into graded UW-Madison credit after the completion of your program.
You will then register for classes on-site with the assistance of on-site staff. Registration for the program is often said to be one of the more frustrating experiences at first since there is no online system and you are dealing with multiple institutions. Try to remain patient through the process and be sure to ask the IFSA Butler staff in Buenos Aires for help if you have questions.

Course Equivalent Requests and My Study Abroad
Each course you take abroad must be assigned a UW-Madison “equivalent” course in order for your grades and credits to be recorded on your UW-Madison transcript. In order to establish UW-Madison course equivalents for your study abroad courses, you will submit a Course Equivalent Requests through your My Study Abroad account. Detailed information on the UW course equivalent process that you will use through your My Study Abroad account is available in the IAP Study Abroad Handbook.

Credits
Conversions
Each IFSA-Butler credit is equivalent to one UW-Madison credit. The course “Castellano Avanzado y Cultura Argentina” is worth 3 credits. Courses at the Universidad de Buenos Aires (UBA) are worth 6 UW-Madison credits, and courses at the Universidad Torcuato Di Tella are usually worth 5 UW-Madison credits. Courses taught at the other universities and program courses are worth 3 credits each. If you enroll in a Directed Research course at the Universidad de Congreso, that will be worth 6 credits.

Limits and Load
Students are required to enroll each semester as full-time students and complete a minimum of fifteen credits and a maximum of eighteen credits. UW students can request permission to enroll in a minimum of twelve credits by contacting the Academic Coordinator at IFSA-Butler. If you need permission from IAP, please contact your Study Abroad Advisor.

Pass/Fail/Drop/Audit
Please refer to the IAP Study Abroad Handbook for academic policies.

Grades and Grade Conversions
The grading scale for the IFSA-Butler AUP program is listed below. Please note that these are subject to change. The grades will be reported by IFSA-Butler and will therefore reflect their grading scale (please see below) and will then be converted to the following grades at the UW-Madison.

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Transcript:
Please note that it can take 4+ months after you complete your program for IAP to receive your transcripts from IFSA Butler. This means that we will not be able to finalize your study abroad courses
until this time. If you are graduating and are applying for graduate schools/professional careers IAP can provide a letter verifying that you are waiting on your study abroad courses to use as a way forward.