

# University of Buenos Aires

## Buenos Aires, Argentina

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### Study Abroad Program Information Package

#### Fall 2017 and Spring 2018 Semesters

Important Dates (these dates are tentative and subject to change):

- February 21, 2017  
BU Law application deadline
- Mid-March 2017  
Selections made
- May 31, 2017  
UBA application and housing request  
deadline for Fall 2017
- First week of August 2017 (\*exact date  
TBD)  
Fall 2017 orientation
- Early August – Early December 2017  
(\*exact dates TBD)  
Fall 2017 semester program dates,  
registration through exams
- November 2017 (\*exact dates TBD)  
UBA application and housing request  
deadline for Spring 2018
- First week of March 2018 (\*exact date  
TBD)  
Spring 2018 orientation
- Mid-March – Early July  
Approximate Spring 2018 semester  
program dates, registration through exams

To receive 12 BU Law credits, BU Law students must take at least three courses (each meeting for 3 hours a week for two 1.5 hour meetings); and, in all cases, receive approximately the same number of contact hours as a 12-credit semester at BU Law. This course load is comparable to the average UBA student's course load. A courses taken must be approved by BU Law's Assistant Dean for Graduate & International Programs

UBA follows a numerical grading system that evaluates a student's performance from 0 to 10 (with 0 the lowest and 10 the highest mark). A student fails with marks of 0, 1, 2, or 3 – and passes with 4 or more.

None of the grades for the UBA semester will count toward your BU Law GPA or towards academic honors and awards (including the scholarly awards, graduation prizes or degree rankings, such as *cum laude*, *magna cum laude* and *summa cum laude*).

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We are pleased you are interested in Boston University School of Law's overseas exchange program with the Faculty of Law at the University of Buenos Aires, in Buenos Aires, Argentina (UBA). This package gives a general description of the program as well as details about some of its more important aspects. Carefully review this information before deciding whether to apply.

## I. Some Preliminary – and Important – Points

At the outset, we would like to stress several aspects of the program which may be relevant to your decision to apply.

- A. Timing: This is a one-semester program that will be offered in the Fall 2017 and Spring 2018 semesters.
- B. Credits: The program is designed to grant participating students 12 semester credits toward their J.D. degree.
- C. Academic Focus: The program focuses on international and comparative law. Therefore, the list of courses from which students choose is limited for the most part to international and comparative law subjects, and laws related to Argentina and Latin America.
- D. Eligible Students: The program is open to second- and third-year students only. First-year students cannot participate.
- E. Language: All courses at UBA are taught in Spanish. Therefore, Spanish fluency is required.
- F. Number of Participants: Up to four students can participate during the entire year. We may select fewer than four, but under no circumstances can we select more.

## II. Why Study Law at University of Buenos Aires?

### A. Why Argentina

Mention "Argentina" and images of soccer, tango, Pampas, and Evita may certainly follow. But the country is also a fertile backdrop to study international, comparative and foreign business law. Because of Argentina's multi-cultural and mixed European heritage, comparative law is an integral part of the country's domestic laws. As a result of Argentina's full membership in Mercosur, the South American counterpart to NAFTA, Argentine companies and firms are likely to become increasingly active and competitive players in the global economy. Likewise, more and more American companies and law firms are expected to be engaged in significant business transactions involving Argentina, which is now the eighth largest country in the world. Lastly, for those interested in public law topics, the country's attempts to face and redress its past human rights violations also present a fascinating backdrop to study human rights.

### B. The City of Buenos Aires

As Argentina's capital, Buenos Aires is the great cosmopolitan doorway to South America and one of the most fascinating and culturally rich cities on earth. With over 11 million inhabitants, it is one of the world's largest cities; and, according to some, a microcosm of Argentina as a whole and much of Latin America. Situated on the coast of the De la Plata River, Buenos Aires is home to one-third of the country's population and headquarters to almost all the country's national organizations – political, labor, agricultural, commercial and industrial. It is also the busiest and most elegant city in South America. Despite its modern construction and dynamic activity, it has managed to preserve old traditions – such as the famed tango. The city abounds with world-class attractions: monuments, churches, museums, art galleries and theatres; and numerous squares, parks and elegant gardens. Known as the "Paris of the South" because of its wide and expansive boulevards, frequent plazas, countless restaurants and myriad

cultural offerings, it is a natural choice as one of the most desirable places to study in all of Latin America.<sup>1</sup>

### C. Law Studies at the University of Buenos Aires

UBA is one of Argentina's most prestigious law faculties. Established in 1821, it is Argentina's oldest and largest law school, currently enrolling approximately 30,000 students in its undergraduate (bachelor of laws or "*abogado*" degree), graduate, and extension school programs. UBA offers the broadest selection of courses among any law faculty in Argentina. While the curriculum mostly includes single semester courses, many are offered twice a year, making it feasible for BU Law students to attend in either the fall or spring term. One of thirteen schools of the University of Buenos Aires, it is a public institution and part of Argentina's national university system, but is autonomous from the government.

Like legal education in Europe, law studies at UBA commence after high school and generally take approximately six years to complete. Studies are divided into three "cycles": the Common Basic Cycle (CBC) is the first year of study for all students at the university, consisting of six mandatory subjects concentrated in one academic area.<sup>2</sup> The second cycle, called the Common Professional Cycle (CPC), consists of 14 mandatory law courses. Classes meet twice a week for an hour-and-a-half each. Completing this cycle, which usually takes two and a half years, results in the equivalent of a bachelor of laws (LL.B.) degree.<sup>3</sup> The third cycle, the Professional Oriented Cycle (CPO), has three mandatory subjects (Public International Law, Civil and Commercial Corporations, and Family Law and Inheritance Law). UBA students then take 52 credits in a selected field of interest and in various departments (i.e., Social Sciences, Legal Philosophy, Professional Practice, etc.). Completing this cycle, which usually takes two and a half or three years, results in the diploma of "attorney-at-law" (*abogados*) and a certification in one of eight legal specializations (or, *orientaciones*), such as public law, private law, administrative law, labor law, and criminal law.

At UBA, CPC classes are large, with up to 70-75 students. CPO classes are like BU Law seminars, with 25 or fewer students. CPC classes are generally taught in lecture format, though students can be called upon. CPO classes are more like seminars and involve considerably more discussion.

UBA law school has approximately 900 faculty members. Faculty are appointed after public selection based on their backgrounds and teaching tests. The teaching is structured in chairs, as in European universities. UBA's law faculty is considered among Latin America's most distinguished. Generally, the "big name" professors teach CPO classes; on occasion, their teaching assistants teach the larger CPC classes. As with European law faculties, law professors at UBA often work as full-time practitioners. For more information, visit UBA's comprehensive website at <http://www.uba.ar> (Spanish).

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<sup>1</sup> Much of this material was adapted from the following web sites, which are rich sources of information on Argentina and Buenos Aires: <http://www.travel-destination.net/country-information.php?continent=6&country=2>, [http://lonelyplanet.com/destinations/south\\_america/buenos\\_aires/](http://lonelyplanet.com/destinations/south_america/buenos_aires/)

<sup>2</sup> For law students, the subjects are: Introduction to State and Society, Introduction to Scientific Thought; Law; Economics; Political Science; and Sociology.

<sup>3</sup> Classes include Jurisprudence (Legal Philosophy); Theory of State; Human Rights and Guarantees; Elements of Civil Law; Elements of Constitutional Law; Civil and Commercial Obligations; Civil and Commercial Contracts (full-year); Elements of Civil Procedure; Elements of Criminal Law and Criminal Procedure (full-year); Elements of Real Estate; Elements of Administrative Law; Elements of Labor Law and Social Security; Elements of Commercial Law; and Economic and Financial Analysis.

### III. The UBA Exchange Program

#### A. What the Program is – and isn't

The exchange program with UBA is designed to offer a serious study of international and comparative law in an international setting, one deeply involved in the economic development of one of the most rapidly developing areas of the world – Latin America. This is definitely not the same thing as a college semester abroad. If you are looking for a semester abroad with a light course load and plenty of time to sightsee, gorge on Argentine steak and tango the night away, this is not the program for you. This is not to say that you will have no time to sightsee and familiarize yourself with Argentine culture. You will. But we do want to emphasize that this program is much more academically rigorous than many overseas programs at the undergraduate level.

#### B. Number of Students

As noted above, we will be selecting up to four BU Law students to attend UBA (i.e., two for the fall and two for the spring, or some combination thereof).

#### C. Program Dates

Fall 2017 Orientation: Early August, 2017 (\*exact dates TBD)

Fall 2017 Semester Dates: Early August – Early December (\*exact dates TBD)

Spring 2018 Orientation: First week of March, 2017 (\*exact dates TBD)

Spring 2018 Semester Dates: Mid-March – Early July (\*exact dates TBD)

\*\*\* Dates are approximate. Final dates will be set during the Spring 2017 semester.\*\*\*

Important Note: UBA's "spring" semester runs late, considerably past BU Law's Spring semester. For 3Ls, this means that there is no guarantee that you will be able to complete your UBA studies prior to BU Law graduation, or receive final transcripts from UBA in time to meet bar certification requirements (which can be as early as mid-June). 3L students are therefore encouraged to consider the fall program.

Likewise, 2Ls who are interested in spring term studies at UBA will need to make special arrangements with their summer employers to begin work in early July. (Students have occasionally arranged to complete a portion of their "summer" clerkships in January/February, prior to going overseas.) While there may be flexibility to leave Argentina before the end of June if a student takes seminars for which papers are required, we cannot guarantee that you will be able to arrange to return to the US prior to the end of June, since it depends on the availability of seminar courses and the flexibility of the individual professors.

#### D. Course Offerings and Selections

As with BU Law's other exchange programs, the UBA program is designed to emphasize international and comparative law. Participating students will be able to select courses from any of UBA's cycles, though you will most likely find the most appropriate offerings at the CPC or CPO stages.<sup>4</sup> Popular CPO courses include: International Protection of Human Rights, Introduction to the Community Law of Mercosur, Private International Law and International Contracts. A description of these and other classes most often selected by UBA's foreign exchange students is included in ATTACHMENT A. Course lists for the upcoming semester are made available one month before the first day of classes.

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<sup>4</sup> While CPC courses are more basic and fundamental than CPO classes, certain CPC classes would be appropriate for BU Law students; for example, "Elements of Constitutional Law" would be comparable to an "Introduction to the Argentine Legal System;" and "Elements of Civil Law" would provide a basic introduction to the civil code which all UBA law students receive.

To receive 12 semester credits from BU Law, we expect participating students to take at least 3 courses (each meeting for 3 hours a week for two 1.5 hour meetings); and, in all cases, receive approximately the same number of contact hours as a 12 credit semester at BU Law. This course load is comparable to the average UBA student's course load.

#### E. Exams

UBA's evaluation methods depend on each professor, but generally they consist of written examinations and/or papers. In seminars, students are also evaluated on class participation. As with our other exchange programs, BU Law students will be evaluated in the first instance by the host institution's faculty. Upon successfully completing a course, BU Law students will receive a designation of "credit" for the course on their transcripts. The designation would include an asterisk or a footnote indicating that the actual grades are available upon request, and that they will be accompanied by an explanation of the host institution's grading system.

### IV. How to Apply

If you decide to apply, you must do three things:

1. Complete an application available online at [www.bu.edu/law/jd/studyabroad](http://www.bu.edu/law/jd/studyabroad), and submit all additional materials.
2. Complete an interview with Assistant Dean John Riccardi and Assistant Director Maureen Tracy Leo, scheduled through the Graduate and International Programs Office.
3. Complete an oral interview in Spanish with a member of the BU Law faculty or an LL.M. student from Argentina.

In screening applicants, we will look for such things as a strong academic record, a favorable faculty recommendation, serious interest in international and comparative law, and experience with different cultures and overseas travel.

The application deadline is February 21, 2017.

\* For first-year students applying to participate in their second year, we will be unable to make a final decision until after we have received your second semester grades in mid-summer.

### V. Spanish Language Requirement

Participating students must be fluent in both oral and written Spanish. Spanish language skills will be an important part of the final selection. We must do this for your own protection, as we want to be sure you will be able to handle the demands of the UBA courses and oral exams before you leave for Argentina. To that end:

1. Each finalist will be interviewed in English at BU Law by Assistant Dean John Riccardi and Assistant Director Maureen Tracy Leo, for about 45 minutes. Each finalist will then be interviewed in Spanish by a member of Boston University's faculty or an LL.M. student from Argentina to test for oral language skills.
2. The application asks for both a one-page essay in Spanish and information about your Spanish language background, which will be considered in the final evaluation.

## VI. Student Evaluation and Grades

Your exams will be graded in the first instance by UBA faculty in accordance with UBA's grading system. UBA follows a numerical grading system that evaluates a student's performance from 0 to 10 (with 0 the lowest and 10 the highest mark). A student fails with marks of 0, 1, 2, or 3 – and passes with 4 or more. The usual GPA is a 5.5, and professors rarely give grades above 8. Because of BU Law's and UBA's different grading standards, a direct translation to BU Law's letter grading system is extremely difficult. Participating BU Law students will therefore, upon successfully completing a course, receive a designation of "credit" for the course on their transcripts. This designation will include an asterisk or footnote indicating that the actual grade is available upon request, and that it will be accompanied by an explanation of the host institution's different grading system.

ACCEPTANCE OF ANY CREDIT OR GRADE FOR ANY COURSE TAKEN IN THE PROGRAM IS SUBJECT TO DETERMINATION BY BOSTON UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW. We expect, however, that all credits earned at UBA will count towards Boston University School of Law credits.

One final point about grading. None of the grades for the UBA semester will count toward your BU Law GPA or towards School of Law honors and awards (including the scholarly awards, graduation prizes or degree rankings, such as *cum laude*, *magna cum laude* and *summa cum laude*).

## VII. UBA's Program Director and Staff

The Program Director at UBA is Mrs. Isabel Sabato, who is the Undersecretary for International and Institutional Relations at UBA law school. She oversees all of UBA's international exchange programs.

Her address is:

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The main administrative contact for exchange students is Lucas Barreiros, the Coordinator for International Academic Programs. He is also supported by Mariela Moreira. They can be reached at:

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## VIII. Library Facilities

Information on UBA's library resources can be obtained from its website at [www.derecho.uba.ar/biblioteca/index.php](http://www.derecho.uba.ar/biblioteca/index.php) (all in Spanish).

## IX. Student Housing and Living Arrangements

UBA does not provide housing for its students, so you will need to secure your own housing arrangements. UBA will assist you in this endeavor by giving you contact information for local rental agencies and providing resources on the neighborhoods best suited for exchange students.

## X. Anticipated Tuition, Fees and Living Costs

Tuition is the same as the tuition at Boston University School of Law. Participating BU Law students will pay Boston University the normal tuition for a semester at BU Law. Housing in Buenos Aires is generally as expensive as Boston. UBA recommends budgeting at least \$1100/month for a one-bedroom apartment. Eating out, entertainment and transportation are approximately the same as in Boston. Meals in the student cafeterias cost around \$8 each. Total expenses per semester are estimated as follows:

Housing:	\$2,750 - \$4,400 (Unfortunately, short term rentals are expensive in Buenos Aires and foreigners have a hard time accessing the real estate market. For this reason, leases for foreigners are typically in dollars and more expensive than those for locals.)
Gas/Electricity:	\$115
Telephone:	\$140
Food:	\$1,750
Books & Supplies:	\$475
Local Transport:	\$400
Miscellaneous:	\$125

If you wish to travel during your semester in Argentina, this will increase your total expenses.

## XI. Provisions for Students with Disabilities

As far as we know, UBA is not yet fully-equipped to serve students with disabilities. If you are interested in the program and will need some special assistance due to a disability, please talk Assistant Dean John Riccardi, who will contact UBA to obtain information about potential arrangements.

## XII. Program Cancellation Information

We expect the program to go forward as planned and anticipate no obstacles to implementation. However, the ABA requires that we inform you about our contemplated course of action in case of cancellation or change and in case a State Department Advisory is issued for the program area.

### A. General Policy

In the highly unlikely event that the entire program has to be canceled, students selected for the program will be informed immediately by telephone and by mail, email, or in person, and notices of cancellation will be posted on the BU Law website. In addition, individual meetings will be arranged with any student who wishes one. If in the even more unlikely event that the Program is canceled after students have arrived in Buenos Aires, Associate Assistant Dean John Riccardi will contact all participating students by telephone, if possible, or by email.

Should particular courses be canceled or rescheduled, students selected for the program will be informed by email, telephone, or in person, and notices will be placed on the BU Law website.

### B. State Department Advisories

BU Law will supply participating students with State Department Consular Information Sheets for Argentina, which will include any information on "Areas of Instability." We do not anticipate that any State Department Advisory will issue for the Buenos Aires area; nor is there any particular reason to believe that such an eventuality will materialize. However, in case an Advisory does issue, we will take the following steps:

**In General** – If an Advisory is issued before students are selected for the program, notice will be posted on the BU Law website and all applicants interviewed for the program will be personally informed. If such an advisory is issued after students are selected or during the program term, all participating students will be notified immediately.

**Area of Instability** – If the State Department declares the site to be an Area of Instability, students will be allowed to withdraw from the program. If such an event takes place while the program term is underway, the student will be permitted to choose either a refund of fees billed by Boston University, in accordance with the University's refund schedule (this would exclude room, board, and any travel costs associated with getting to the host country prior to the date the site was declared an "Area of Instability"), or completion of the semester's study at Boston University School of Law if such is feasible. **WE CANNOT GUARANTEE THE OPTION OF COMPLETING THE SEMESTER AT BOSTON UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW (AND THUS NOT LOSING A SEMESTER'S PROGRESS TOWARD THE J.D. DEGREE).** This option is dependent on resources and the availability of course and independent study opportunities at BU Law. In the event that arrangements at the School of Law are not feasible, or the student elects a refund, the student will be refunded fees as above, in accordance with the University's refund schedule.

**Travel Warning** – If the State Department issues a Travel Warning for Argentina, the program will be canceled if the term has not yet begun, or terminated immediately if the term is already underway. If the program is canceled prior to commencement of the term, all students will be refunded in full all fees paid to Boston University (excluding any advance room, board, and travel costs associated with getting to the host country that have been paid). In addition, all students will be integrated into the regular semester at Boston University School of Law. If the program is terminated while underway, a participating student may choose either a refund of fees (except for room, board, and any travel costs associated with getting to the host country prior to the date the Travel Warning was issued), or completion of the semester's study at BU Law if such is feasible. See discussion of declaration of Area of Instability, above.

### XIII. Visa Procedures

Students are no longer required to apply for a student visa before traveling to Buenos Aires. The authorities now require the students to enter Argentina as tourists and obtain a student visa once in Buenos Aires.

United States citizens do not need a visa to enter Argentina as a tourist but will be charged a reciprocity fee at the airport because the US Embassy in Buenos Aires charges Argentine nationals who wish to obtain a US visa.

In order to obtain the student visa once in Buenos Aires without delay, a student must be certain to bring with them a number of documents. UBA typically sends the updated and specific information about this to the students well in advance however; in general, students will be required to bring with them a birth certificate from their country of origin and a certificate of criminal record from their country of residence.



## XIV. Program Reports

Please note that all BU Law students selected to participate in a study abroad program will be required to submit to the Graduate and International Programs Office, before their departure, a one-page statement defining their academic goals for the semester. In addition, to receive credit for foreign study, all students will be asked to submit:

1. Completion of a one-page mid-semester written report or survey, assessing their experiences in light of their academic goals and objectives
2. Completion of an end of program survey assessing a student's academic progress and attainment of educational goals.
3. A two-page report at the end of their program, evaluating their experiences.

Students will not receive academic credit until they submit these reports.

**Faculty of Law, University of Buenos Aires (UBA)**

**ATTACHMENT A  
CLASSES FOR EXCHANGE STUDENTS**

## Select Courses Open to Foreign Exchange Students at University of Buenos Aires Law School

### DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC LAW

#### **International Protection of Human Rights**

**3 credits – Prof. Mónica Pinto**

The class will consider the normative systems of human rights as well as the protection systems, underlying those procedures in force in the country. Through the analysis of different cases and with the help of selected materials, students will be guided through the examination and peculiarities of the main rules of human rights, namely the UN Charter, the declarations, human rights treaties and the main protection systems, such as the reporting system, the individual petition and the judicial recourse. Room will be made for the consideration of new items.

#### **Discrimination**

**2 credits - Prof. Fermin Ubertone**

The class has the main objective of improving the cognition of discrimination reality in a given society and to transmit the procedures available to the practitioner in order to alleviate the charge of persons and groups blamed by discriminatory policies. The main areas studied are inequality and discrimination; discrimination as commonly practiced in the country, affirmative action, National Constitution, International treaties and domestic laws relating to the problem of discrimination and its solutions. Students will be requested to do some research (interviews, statistics, reports).

#### **Introduction to the Community Law of Mercosur**

**4 credits – Prof. Miguel A. Ekmekdjian**

In this class, the legal sources and the main rules of Mercosur will be examined. The main subjects analyzed will be: the integration processes, the economic community and the community Law, regional and sub-regional integration, legal system of the Common Market of the South, its legal nature, its legal sources, its functioning, its influence on the member States, its relations with other economic groups, critical approach and perspective for the future.

#### **International Law in the Supreme Court's Jurisprudence**

**3 credits – Prof. G.R. Moncayo**

This class examines the jurisprudence of the Supreme Court through selected cases with the main purpose of assessing the influence of international law in the institutions of Argentine legal order. A previous theoretical overview of the legal order in force in the country and its main foundations as well as the amendments to the National Constitution and their effects on international treaties and customs, with special reference to international human rights treaties and integration treaties will be envisaged.

In this class, the student will get an in-depth knowledge of freedom of expression as stated by the practice of monitoring bodies- e.g. reports on individual petitions and advisory opinions- and will be provided with the necessary tools to draft petitions and to report on them.

**Judicial Guarantees in Criminal Procedure**                      **4 credits – Prof. Alberto Bovino**

An exhaustive analysis of the legal rules on judicial guarantees as embodied in the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights as well as in the American Convention on Human Rights in the light of the jurisprudence of the monitoring bodies with a comparative approach vis-à-vis the jurisprudence of the European Tribunal are the main subjects of this seminar.

**DEPARTMENT OF PRIVATE LAW**

**Conflict of Laws (Private International Law)**                      **4 credits – Prof. S.F. de Cárdenas**

This class poses a critical study of the main methodological trends in comparative conflict of laws with a view to improve the comprehension of the problems involved in the area of civil law, to identify the interests that are behind the rules and practices and to obtain a critical approach to the corpus juris. The principal subjects to be studied are: the historical development of conflict of laws with a comparative approach, international jurisdiction, international judicial cooperation, recognition and execution of foreign judgements, natural and legal persons, marriage, filiation, goods, extra-contractual liability, inheritance law.

**Domestic and International Arbitration**                      **2 credits – Prof. S.F. de Cárdenas**

The seminar focuses arbitration from its beginnings in the international arena to its more modern expressions in the investment and integration fields. The knowledge of legal rules, their enforcement and the practice resulting therefrom are the main subjects in analysis.

**International Contracts**                      **2 credits – Prof. S.F. de Cárdenas**

In this class, international contracts, their features, principles and legal regulation will be studied. Special attention will be paid to those more frequently used in Latin American practice as well as to the settlement of disputes systems.

**Intellectual Property Rights**                      **2 credits – Prof. Delia Lipszyc**

The class envisages filling the gap between a scarce knowledge intellectual property rights and its growing practice through the close analysis of legal rules providing a comparative approach.

**Industrial Property Law****2 credits – Prof. Delia Lipsyzc**

This class tends to provide the students with the knowledge of the basic institutions of industrial property law, their main features as well as the analysis of their regulation in other legal systems and their links with other disciplines.

**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCIAL LAW****Stock Market Operations****2 credits – Prof. Edgar Jelonche**

This class examines the more modern operations in stock markets and their legal regulation. Students are required to participate in class debates and to attend at least two sessions in the Stock Market of Buenos Aires.

**International Business Transactions****3 credits – Prof. Roberto Muguillo**

The seminar has the object of providing strong theoretical and practical knowledge on the given matter for the student to be in a position of solving problems relating to international business.

**Legal Aspects of Mercosur****2 credits – Prof. Raul Etcheverry**

With a view to providing the necessary theoretical and practical elements for the solution of legal problems within Mercosur, this class focuses the Asuncion Treaty and the law derived therefrom, its organs, the role of treaties, the development of trade, corporations, joint ventures and trade contracts.

**Legal and Institutional Structure of Mercosur****2 credits – Prof. Susana Zalduendo**

This class examines the institutional structure of the integration process: its organs, their functions and nature, the dichotomy supranationality and intergovernmentality through Aladi, Andean Community, Mercosur. It also focuses the legal structure of such processes through treaties, community law and domestic legislation, problems posed by the incorporation of such rules to national legal orders.

**External Relations of Mercosur****2 credits – Prof. Sandra Negro**

The class will provide information on the external agenda of Mercosur. Topics like the Custom Union of Mercosur and the WTO, Mercosur and the EU, Mercosur and other Aladi countries, the Free Trade Area of the Americas, Multilateralism and Regionalism will be analyzed.

**Corporations****2 credits – Prof. Victor Zamenfeld**

The class focuses corporations through a legal and economic perspective as embodied in domestic law and in comparative law, with special reference to Latin-American countries. A workshop modality will be implemented.

**Patents****2 credits – Prof. Jorge Kors**

The seminar proposes an in-depth study of domestic law 24.481 in the light of GATT and WTO regulations.

## DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINAL LAW AND CRIMINAL PROCEDURE

### **Crimes against Honor**

2 credits – Prof. Eduardo Bertoni

In this class, substantive as well as procedural aspects of crimes against honor will be studied. Particular emphasis will be put on the relationship between freedom of expression, information and press and the said crimes, especially in light of the jurisprudence of the European and Inter-American systems on human rights.

### **Criminal Law for Juveniles**

4 credits – Prof. Mary Beloff\*

(\* not offered in the semester March-June 2000)

The class proposes a different approach to the criminal law applied to juveniles with special emphasis on their situation in Latin America. The Tokyo Rules, the Riyadh Guidelines and the Beijing Rules will be analyzed. A proposal of a new model of criminal policy to juveniles will be studied.

### **Drugs and Social Control**

4 credits – Prof. Horacio Cattani

Drugs and their social and political influence in the world and especially in Latin America will provide the background on which criminal policy and domestic legislation will be studied.

## DEPARTMENT OF LEGAL PHILOSOPHY

### **Law, Identity and Democracy**

4 credits – Prof. Alicia Ruiz

This class focuses the incidence of legal speech in the construction of social and individual identities, fundamental rights and identity, the loss of the identity, social disintegration and the crisis of democracy.

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