Course Information
M W 5:30-7:00 PM
Instruction in English

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Course Description
Once one of the richest and fastest growing economies in the world, Argentina is now entrenched in the rankings of the less developed countries. Nevertheless, in the last decade it has grown at a fast pace, one that was hard to predict in the days of the 2001-2002 crisis. That a country that was viewed as a pariah, effectively shut out of the international financial markets, could recover from its worst crisis, is the topic of recent academic and political discussions. The course will provide a truly comprehensive perspective that will enable the students to analyze and understand the process experienced by the Argentine economy from the late 19th Century until the present days, focusing on the processes that led to the economic crisis at the turn of this century and the measures implemented to overcome it. In the current world crisis scenario, Argentina can thus serve as a case study of sorts.

Course Requirements
Class attendance is required of all students at UB. A 75% attendance to classes is mandatory to keep the regular student status. An electronic system keeps track of attendance. Students have to slide an electronic card every class to comply with the attendance policy. Class participation is very important; there will be several class discussions, which will rely heavily on student participation. Students are expected to conduct research for the final paper and consult the digital library (EBSCO) for that purpose. UB holds to the view that plagiarism constitutes intellectual theft and is a serious breach of acceptable conduct. Any student caught plagiarizing will immediately be given a “no credit” for all courses taken in the semester. There will be no make ups for classes falling on public holidays.

*For a better understanding of the comparable table for grading check online http://www.ub.edu.ar/studies-abroad/palas.php
Grading Policy

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Passing the final exam is mandatory in order to promote the course.

Required Textbooks and Materials
Luis Argüero, ed. Course Reader

Academic Calendar

Week 1
Monday August 1

Wednesday August 3
Brief description of Argentine economic performance in the long run, trends, cycles and current situation. Its socioeconomic performance compared to other Latin American countries.

Week 2
Monday August 8
Brief explanation of development economics’ fundamentals. Capital accumulation, growth and structural transformation.

Wednesday August 10

Week 3
Monday August 15 National holiday

Wednesday August 17

Week 4
Monday August 22
The early interwar period. The downturn in the terms of trade. Causes of the decrease in the rate of capital accumulation.

Wednesday August 24
Argentina from 1930 to 1946. Changes in economic policy: import substitution industrialization. Democracy, coup d’état and internal migration.
**Week 5**
**Monday August 29**
The new world’s economic scenario and its impact on Argentina. Neutrality and trade surplus during WWII.

**Wednesday August 31**

**Week 6**
**Monday September 5**
Political instability and economic failures. The armed forces and Marxism in Latin America: The spread of the Cuban revolution. The School of the Americas and involvement of the USA in Latin American politics.

**Wednesday September 7**

**Week 7**
**Monday September 12**

**Wednesday September 14**

**Week 8**
**Monday September 19**
[Midterm exam]

**Wednesday September 21**
[National Holiday]

**Week 9**
**Monday September 26**
The path to Argentine crisis (1999 to 2001). The schedule for oral presentations will be assigned.
New government and social unrest. The Vice President’s resignation. Migration.
Wednesday September 28
Debt, tax increases and the IMF. Peso’s rigidity and lack of a “competitive currency”. “Corralón” and “corralito”. Five presidents in ten days.

Week 10
Monday October 3
Wednesday October 5

Week 11
Monday October 10
National Holiday

Wednesday October 12

Week 12
Monday October 17
Oral presentations (25’ each)
Wednesday October 19
Oral presentations (25’ each)

Week 13
Monday October 24
Wednesday October 26

Week 14
Monday October 31
Vaca Muerta and Argentina’s shale oil and gas sector. Open discussion: Argentine economy in the 21st Century: Opportunities, threats and projections. Review for Final Exam
Wednesday November 2
Review for the final exam.
**Week 15**
"Students holding a *tourist visa* will not be allowed to take final exams, they have to go to the 17 Floor to clear the hold"

**Monday November 7**

**Final exam**

**Wednesday June 22**

Final Grade Sheet and signature of “Hoja de situación” (attendance is mandatory).

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**Bibliography**

Argüero, L.I. “Argentina 2003-2015: A review of the Kirchner era”, UB.

Bethell, L. *Argentina since independence*, Cambridge University Press.


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*(PALAS 310) Argentine Economy*